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Advanced Public Funds Investing Case Study

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Steps to building an investment program





Segmenting the Portfolio for Optimal Structure



- Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)
- Matching maturities to known expenditures
 - Common money market
 instruments
 - Agency Discount Notes
 - Commercial Paper
 - Certificates of Deposit

- Target generally to a higher duration to enhance the potential to increase earnings
 - Invest in all securities allowed by Code and the Agency's policy, such as:
 - \circ U.S. Treasury Securities
 - U.S. Agency Securities
 - High-Grade Credit



- 2. What are the investment constraints
 - a. State Statutes and/or Code
 - b. Investment Policy
 - c. Government's risk tolerances
 - d. Investment staff experience

3. What strategies can be implemented that achieve stated objectives and are compliant with constraints

Defining Investment Objectives



Safety?

- Preserve capital?
- High credit quality?
- Political considerations?
- Liquidity?
 - LAIF or other pools?
 - Short maturity investments?
 - Marketable securities?

Return?

- Earnings target?
- Growth of portfolio?
- Good relative performance?

Yield versus Total Return



1. Yield

- a. Snapshot in time earnings rate expressed on an annualized basis to measure future interest income earnings
- b. Assumes reinvestment at the same rate
- c. Presumes no changes in the portfolio

2. Return

- a. Measures value added to the portfolio over a specified period of time
- b. Book Return: includes **INTEREST INCOME** as well as **REALIZED** gains and losses
- c. Total Return: includes **INTEREST INCOME** as well as **REALIZED AND UNREALIZED** gains and losses

Strategies for Different Needs

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Liquid Funds Strategy

- Emphasis in increasing *interest income*
- Generally designed to meet or surpass an earnings target
- Mostly hold-to-maturity, but may include sales before maturity
- Long-Term Funds Strategy
 - Encompasses *interest income* as well as *fair value appreciation*.
 - Designed to grow the City's funds over time
 - Assumes periodic sales before maturity to rebalance the portfolio









Fair Value Doesn't Necessarily Change Budgets But Definitely Moves Financial Position







Four Key Elements of Investing Fixed-Income Funds



Constraining portfolio duration relative to the benchmark

Strategic allocations to key sectors, with value-based rotation

Positioning securities along the yield curve to capture value across maturities

Selecting bonds that are undervalued and offer the greatest potential for risk-adjusted return

External Factors



1. Economic Environment

- a. Expanding/contracting
- b. Employment
- c. Inflation
- d. Monetary Policy
- e. Fiscal Policy

2. Market Environment

- a. Shape of yield curve
- b. Interest rate expectations
- c. Spread analysis

- 3. Global Environment
 - a. Economic
 - b. Markets
 - c. Geo-political



1. Interest rate analysis

- a. Interest rate trend
- b. Shape of yield curve
- c. Direction of yield curve (e.g. steepening; flattening, inverting)

2. Selecting securities

- a. Identify securities with good relative value
- b. Examine characteristics of bond
 - Coupon, maturity, credit quality, options
- c. Construct a portfolio that maximizes return/yield given a targeted level of risk



Measures price sensitivity of a bond to changes in interest rates

Invest in \$1MM Tsy. 2.25% 2/15/23



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\$1,011,250



Portfolio #1: \$50 million and 2.0 duration

If rates <u>increase</u> 2.25%, then (\$2,250,000) Loss

\$50 million x 2 x 2.25% x -1 = \$50 million x -4.5% = (\$2,250,000)

If rates <u>decrease</u> 2.25%, then \$2,250,000 Gain

\$50 million x 2 x 2.25% x 1 = \$50 million x 4.5% = **2,250,000**

Portfolio 2 = \$50 million and 1.0 duration

If rates <u>increase</u> 2.25%, then (\$1,125,000) Loss

\$50 million x 1 x 2.25% x -1 = \$50 million x -2.25% = **(\$1,125,000)**

If rates <u>decrease</u> 2.25%, then \$1,125,000 Gain

\$50 million x 1 x 2.25% x 1 = \$50 million x 2.25% = **\$1,125,000**

Risk/Return Trade-off With Longer Duration Mandates



Annual Benchmark Study Period Ending December 31, 2021			
	ICE BofA 0-3 Yr US Treasury	ICE BofA 1-3 Yr US Treasury & Agency	ICE BofA 1-5 Yr US Treasury & Agency
0-6 months	13.50%		
6-12 months	17.03%		
1-3 years	69.47%	100.00%	62.17%
3-5 years			37.84%
5-10 years			
Treasury	100.00%	96.64%	96.58%
Agency		3.36%	3.42%
Corporate			
Modified Duration 12/31/2021	1.40	1.82	2.57
10 Year Annualized Total Return	0.99%	1.10%	1.35%
10 Year Standard Deviation	1.13%	1.28%	1.68%
Sharpe Ratio	0.32	0.37	0.43
Qualitative Risk Objective	12/31/2001 - 12/31/2021	12/31/2002 - 12/31/2021	12/31/2001 - 12/31/2021
Negative Quarterly Return Occurrences	13	14	19
2 Consecutive Negative Quarterly Return Occurrences	2	3	2
Negative Return For Year Occurrences	1	1	2
Worst Year Total Return	-0.37%	-0.55%	-1.09%

Source: ICE BofA Indices.

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- **1.** Alter portfolio's duration (sensitivity to rate changes) based on interest rate forecast
 - a. Increase duration if rates are expected to fall and decrease duration if rates are expected to rise (relative to the benchmark)
 - b. Degree to which the duration is permitted to diverge from the benchmark can be limited by the policy

- 2. Portfolio is realigned through swapping to achieve duration target
- **3.** Challenge: forecasting interest rates is very difficult. must be right on each of the following:
 - a. Direction
 - b. Timing
 - c. Magnitude



1. Position portfolio to capitalize on expected changes in the yield curve

2. The duration and spacing of the maturity of bonds will have a significant impact on the total rate of return (TRR) over a short horizon

3. Three Yield Curve Strategies

- a. <u>Bullet</u> maturity of the bonds in the portfolio are highly concentrated at one point on the curve
- b. <u>Barbell</u> securities are concentrated at 2 extreme maturities
- c. <u>Ladder</u> equal amounts at each maturity. For example, equal amounts maturing each month or quarter













Sample Portfolio—WWYD???





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