



**QUARTERLY
COMMENTARY
Q1 2024**

ROBINSON | TAX ADVANTAGED INCOME FUND

FIRST QUARTER COMMENTARY

The Robinson Tax-Advantaged Income Fund (the “Fund”), as measured by the Fund’s Institutional Class (ROBNX), returned 4.13% in the first quarter of 2024, well ahead of its benchmark, the Bloomberg Short-Intermediate 1-10 Years Municipal Bond Index, which returned a negative 0.36% for the quarter. Following is the first quarter and trailing 1-, 3- and 5-year attribution analysis for the Fund relative to its benchmark index:

	<u>Q1 '24</u>	<u>1-Year</u>	<u>3-Years*</u>	<u>5-Years*</u>
NAV Return	+ 0.68%	+ 5.28%	- 2.13%	+ 1.39%
Less: Duration Hedge	+ 1.30%	+ 2.35%	+ 3.54%	+ 0.95%
Less: Expense Ratio	- 0.34%	- 1.35%	- 1.30%	- 1.28%
General Change in Discounts	+ 2.57%	- 0.71%	- 2.70%	- 0.77%
Security Selection	<u>+ 0.04%</u>	<u>+ 1.65%</u>	<u>+ 3.56%</u>	<u>+ 2.52%</u>
ROBNX Return	+ 4.13%	+ 7.22%	+ 0.98%	+ 2.80%
Bloomberg Short-Intermediate 1-10 Years Municipal Bond Index	- 0.36%	+ 2.07%	- 0.04%	+ 1.34%

*Annualized

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The Fund seeks to neutralize the impact changes in risk-free interest rates may have on the underlying holdings of the tax-exempt closed-end funds (CEFs) it holds. The Fund does this through carefully weighted short positions in various U.S. Treasury bond futures contracts. The net result is to isolate, as much as practical, the inherent credit spreads of the underlying investment grade portfolio of municipal bonds. The Fund’s hedging strategy also isolates tax-exempt CEF discounts. Both of those turned out to be huge benefits for the Fund’s quarterly return. The CEFs in which we invest managed to earn 0.68% for the quarter based on those funds’ net asset values; those funds’ prices increased yet another 2.57% (i.e. discounts narrowed); and, our short positions earned an additional 1.30% for the quarter as Treasuries underperformed the municipal bond market.

At the end of the quarter, the Robinson Capital Management’s Market Cap-Weighted National Tax-Exempt CEF Composite maintained on Bloomberg was at -10.3%. The Fund’s weighted average discount was -11.3%, and the historic average discount for those same CEFs was -4.8%. From a historical perspective, despite the improvement last quarter, discounts remain at generously wide levels. We believe that is changing. The Fed has basically made it clear that the current yields available from money market funds are almost certainly the peak yields of this cycle. While the timing of the Fed’s next move is in question, the direction of that move is not. Retail investors are finally looking to lock in some of these attractive longer-term yields. According to the Investment Company Institute, tax-exempt mutual funds have seen positive inflows each week of this year—that hasn’t happened since 2021.

We started the quarter with the market anticipating six to seven 25 basis point rate cuts by the Fed this year, with the first one likely occurring in March. Not only did that not happen, the bond market is now anticipating only three 25 basis point cuts this year, and probably not beginning until June or July. What changed? A slowdown in improvements on the inflation front, and continued strength in the economy, particularly employment data. This isn’t a bad thing, as it appears the Fed, at least for the time being, has managed to achieve the historically elusive soft landing.

Regardless of a soft landing or a recession for the overall economy, we fully expect the shape of the yield curve to continue its migration back to normalcy, i.e. positively sloped with longer-term yields higher than short-term yields. The soft landing scenario, which took hold in the first quarter, would suggest that longer-term yields move higher as short-term yields stay put. That’s exactly what happened in the first quarter as the Fed stayed on hold with short-term rates and longer-term yields increased 0.30%. Should the economy slow down, we would expect much of the re-steepening of the yield curve to come from declining short-term yields. Our Fund is fully positioned for a steepening of the yield curve, and it clearly benefitted in the first quarter when the yield curve steepened 30 basis points. With the current spread between 3-month Treasury-Bills and 30-year Treasury-Bonds at -1%, and the 40-year historic average spread +2%, we are less than 10% of the way back to normal. If long rates continue to go higher (soft landing scenario) our interest rate risk hedges should provide possible downside mitigation while our risk assets should continue to perform well, and our variable rate assets will benefit from a “higher for longer” Fed. If short rates begin to decline (slowing economy and/or recession scenario), the cost of leverage for our closed-end fund holdings will decline, distribution yields will increase, and discounts will likely narrow.

Following are our top 5 reasons for **WHY NOW** for the Robinson Tax-Advantaged Income Fund in these uncertain times:

- 1. Income:** the Fund's income distribution yield is 0.75% higher than the intermediate tax-exempt bond market, as measured by the Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Index, with considerably less net interest rate risk.
- 2. Recession Mitigation:** historically, municipal bonds have been a potential "safe haven", second only to U.S. Treasuries, for investors worried about a slowing economy.
- 3. Inflation Mitigation:** the Fund's hedging strategy should continue to potentially neutralize the negative impact should there be a reemergence of inflation.
- 4. Upside Potential:** the Fund's holdings of tax-exempt CEFs have a weighted average discount of -11.3% versus the historic average discount for those same CEFs of -4.8%. The endgame for discounts is they go to zero.
- 5. Consistency:** the Fund had positive returns for trailing 3-months, 1-year, 3-year, 5-year and since inception, whereas the underlying tax-exempt bond market, as measured by the Fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Index, has only been positive in three of those periods.

PERFORMANCE AS OF 3/31/24

	Q1 2024	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Ann ITD*
ROBNX	4.13%	4.13%	7.22%	0.97%	2.80%	2.96%
ROBAX	4.07%	4.07%	6.95%	0.75%	2.54%	2.71%
ROBAX w/ load	0.15%	0.15%	2.89%	-0.52%	1.77%	2.08%
ROBCX	3.87%	3.87%	6.12%	-0.02%	1.78%	1.95%
Bloomberg Short-Intermediate 1-10 Years Municipal Bond Index	-0.36%	-0.36%	2.07%	-0.04%	1.34%	1.68%

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STANDARDIZED 30-DAY SEC YIELD - 3/31/24

	ROBNX	ROBAX	ROBCX
SEC Yield	3.68%	3.34%	2.81%
Unsubsidized Yield	3.64%	3.30%	2.76%
Tax-Equivalent Yield	6.31%	5.88%	4.57%
Unsubsidized Tax-Equivalent Yield	6.24%	5.81%	4.50%

Subsidized 30-Day SEC Yield is based on a 30-day period ending on the last day of the previous month and is computed by dividing the net investment income per share earned during the period by the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period. This subsidized yield is based on the net expenses of the Fund of which the yield would be lower without the waivers in effect. Negative 30-Day SEC Yield results when accrued expenses of the past 30 days exceed the income collected during the past 30 days. Unsubsidized 30 Day SEC Yield as well as Unsubsidized Tax-Equivalent Yield are based on total expenses of the Fund. Tax-equivalent yield is for illustrative purposes only and assumes a 40.80% Federal marginal tax rate, and does not take into account any other taxes. Each individual's actual tax burden will vary.

This communication must be preceded by or accompanied with a copy of the Fund's current [prospectus](#).

RISKS AND OTHER DISCLOSURES:

An investment in the Fund is subject to risk, including the possible loss of principal amount invested and including, but not limited to, the following risks: **Market Risk:** the market price of a security may decline, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular issuer, company, or asset class. **Fixed income/Interest rate risk:** A rise in interest rates could negatively impact the value of the Fund's shares. Generally, fixed income securities decrease in value if interest rates rise, and increase in value if interest rates fall, with longer-term securities being more sensitive than shorter-term securities. **Municipal Bond risk:** The underlying funds in which the Fund invests will invest primarily in municipal bonds. Litigation, legislation or other political events, local business or economic conditions or the bankruptcy of the issuer could have a significant effect on the ability of an issuer of municipal bonds to make payments of principal and/or interest. Changes related to taxation, legislation or the rights of municipal security holders can significantly affect municipal bonds and may cause them to decline in value. **Closed-end fund (CEF), exchange-traded fund (ETF) and open-end fund (Mutual Fund) Risk:** The Fund's investments in CEFs, ETFs and Mutual Funds ("underlying funds") are subject to various risks, including reliance on management's ability to manage the underlying fund's portfolio, risks associated with the fund's portfolio, risks associated with the underlying securities held by the underlying fund, fluctuation in the market value of the underlying fund's shares, and the Fund bearing a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of each underlying fund in which the Fund invests. **U.S. Treasury Futures Contracts Hedge Risk:** To the extent the Fund holds short positions in U.S. Treasury futures contracts, should market conditions cause U.S. Treasury prices to rise, the Fund's portfolio could experience a loss; and should U.S. Treasury prices rise at the same time municipal bond prices fall, these losses may be greater than if the hedging strategy not been in place. **Recent Market Events:** Periods of market volatility may occur in response to market events and other economic, political, and global macro factors, such as governmental actions to mitigate the Covid-19 pandemic, and the recent rise of inflation, could adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments. **Management and Strategy:** the evaluation and selection of the Fund's investments depend on the judgment of the Fund's Sub-Advisor about the quality, relative yield, value or market trends affecting a particular security, industry, sector or region, which may prove to be incorrect. **Leveraging Risk:** The underlying funds in which the Fund will invest may be leveraged as a result of borrowing or other investment techniques. As a result, the Fund may be exposed indirectly to leverage, and may expose the Fund to higher volatility and possible diminishment of long-term returns. In addition, future regulations may hinder or restrict an underlying fund's ability to maintain leverage; which in turn may reduce the total return and tax exempt income generated by the underlying funds and may cause a reduction in the value of the Fund's shares. **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that the Fund's income will be exempt from regular federal income taxes. Events occurring after the date of issuance of a municipal bond or after an underlying fund's acquisition of a municipal bond may result in a determination that interest on that bond is subject to federal income tax. The Fund's opportunistic trading strategies may also result in a portion of the Fund's distributions to shareholders being characterized as capital gains. **Portfolio Turnover Risk:** The Fund's turnover rate may be high. A high turnover rate may lead to higher transaction costs, a greater number of taxable transactions, and negatively affect the Fund's performance. **High Yield ("Junk") Bond risk:** The ETFs and Mutual Funds in which the Fund invests may invest in high yield ("junk") bonds which involve greater risks of default, downgrade, or price declines and are more volatile and tend to be less liquid than investment-grade securities. **Liquidity Risk:** There can be no guarantee that an active market in shares of CEFs and ETFs held by the Fund will exist. The Fund may not be able to sell some or all of the investments it holds due to a lack of demand in the marketplace or other factors such as market turmoil, or if the Fund is forced to sell an asset to meet redemption requests, it may only be able to sell those investments at a loss. **Derivatives Risk:** The Fund and the underlying funds may use futures contracts, options, swap agreements, and/or sell securities short. Futures contracts may cause the value of the Fund's shares to be more volatile and expose the Fund to leverage and tracking risks; the Fund may not fully benefit from or may lose money on option or shorting strategies; swaps may be leveraged, are subject to counterparty risk and may be difficult to value or liquidate.

Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against a loss.

Credit Spreads are the difference between the quoted rates of return on two different investments, usually of different credit qualities but similar maturities. **Income Distribution Yield** is a measurement of cash flow paid by an exchange-traded fund, real estate investment trust, or another type of income-paying vehicle. **Safe Haven** is a type of investment that is expected to retain or increase in value during times of market turbulence. **Basis Points** is one hundredth of 1 percentage point. **Treasury Bills** is a short-term U.S. government debt obligation backed by the Treasury Department with a maturity of one year or less. **Treasury Bonds** a government bond issued by the US Treasury.

The Bloomberg Short-Intermediate 1-10 Years Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of municipal bonds with time to maturity of between one and ten years.

One cannot invest directly in an index.

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