

# Sit Minnesota Tax-Free Income Fund

Sit Investment Associates

Sit Mutual Funds

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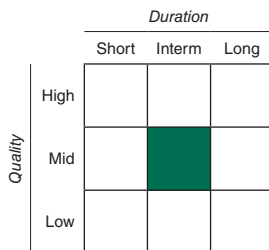
## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund seeks high current income that is exempt from federal regular income tax and Minnesota regular personal income tax consistent with preservation of capital.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in municipal securities that generate interest income that is exempt from federal regular income tax and Minnesota regular personal income tax. In selecting securities for the Fund, the Adviser seeks securities providing high current tax-exempt income. In making purchase and sales decisions for the Fund, the Adviser considers their economic outlook and interest rate forecast, as well as their evaluation of a security's structure, credit quality, yield, maturity, and liquidity.

## INVESTMENT STYLE



## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

The Fund is managed by a team of investment professionals led by:

Paul J. Jungquist, CFA, 24 years

## INVESTMENT ADVISER

Sit Investment Associates, Inc.

- Founded in 1981
- Employee-owned firm
- \$12.8 billion in assets under management
- Sole business is investment management
- Based in Minneapolis, Minnesota

## FUND DETAILS

Ticker: SMTFX  
 CUSIP: 82979K-10-0  
 Inception Date: 12/1/93  
 Expense Ratio: 0.80%

## FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

|   | Annualized Returns |             |             |             |             |                 |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
|   | 3 Month            | 1 Year      | 3 Year      | 5 Year      | 10 Year     | Since Inception |
| <b>Minnesota Tax-Free Income</b>          | <b>0.72</b>        | <b>1.03</b> | <b>2.30</b> | <b>4.03</b> | <b>5.84</b> | <b>4.60</b>     |
| Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Muni Bond Index | 1.58               | 1.69        | 1.47        | 2.00        | 3.13        | 4.18            |

Performance figures are historical and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will vary, and you may have a gain or loss when you sell shares. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Contact the Fund for performance data current to the most recent month-end. Returns include changes in share price as well as reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Management fees and administrative expenses are included in the Fund's performance. Returns for periods greater than one year are compounded average annual rates of return.

## TOTAL RETURN BY CALENDAR YEAR (%)

|  | 2009         | 2010        | 2011         | 2012        | 2013         | 2014        | 2015        | 2016        | 2017        | YTD 2018    |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Minnesota Tax-Free Income</b>               | <b>22.04</b> | <b>3.18</b> | <b>10.64</b> | <b>7.24</b> | <b>-3.10</b> | <b>9.91</b> | <b>3.54</b> | <b>0.14</b> | <b>5.83</b> | <b>1.03</b> |
| Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Bond Index | 7.40         | 3.40        | 6.93         | 2.97        | 0.81         | 3.19        | 2.43        | -0.39       | 3.14        | 1.69        |

## YIELDS (%)

|                  |      | Tax-Equivalent 30-Day Yields |      |
|------------------|------|------------------------------|------|
| 30-Day SEC Yield | 2.96 | 44.83% Tax Rate              | 5.76 |
|                  |      | 46.63% Tax Rate              | 6.00 |

The SEC yield reflects the rate at which the Fund is earning income on its current portfolio of securities. Tax-Equivalent Yields represents the yield that must be earned on a fully taxable investment in order to equal the yield of the Fund on an after tax basis at a specified tax rate. The effective combined federal and Minnesota rates include the federal 3.8% net investment income tax for the top two tax brackets and a Minnesota tax rate of 9.85%.

## QUALITY RATINGS (%)

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| AAA                       | 11.2 |
| AA                        | 28.4 |
| A                         | 15.4 |
| BBB                       | 9.2  |
| Less than BBB             | 6.0  |
| Non-Rated                 | 26.8 |
| Cash and Other Net Assets | 3.0  |

## Assessment of Non-Rated Securities

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| AAA          | 0.0  |
| AA           | 0.0  |
| A            | 1.7  |
| BBB          | 4.2  |
| BB           | 19.4 |
| Less than BB | 1.5  |

## PORTFOLIO SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Multi Family Mortgage     | 20.3 |
| Single Family Mortgage    | 17.9 |
| Hospital / Health Care    | 15.9 |
| Education/Student Loan    | 13.5 |
| General Obligation        | 7.4  |
| Municipal Lease           | 5.3  |
| Other Revenue             | 4.9  |
| Utility                   | 3.6  |
| Sectors Less Than 3.6%    | 8.2  |
| Cash and Other Net Assets | 3.0  |

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Fund Assets (Millions):          | \$575.3    |
| Average Maturity:                | 16.2 Years |
| Duration to Estimated Avg. Life: | 4.8 Years  |

Mutual fund investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

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 any 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 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.

More information on these risks considerations, as well as information on other risks to which the Fund is subject, are included in the Fund's prospectus. The prospectus may be obtained by calling Sit Mutual Funds at 1-800-332-5580 or at [www.sitfunds.com](http://www.sitfunds.com). Read the prospectus carefully before investing. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing.

Fund holdings, sector allocations (as % of market value) and portfolio characteristics may change at any time and are not investment recommendations. 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. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. **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 the Adviser 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.

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.