

XMPT

VanEck CEF Muni Income ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF offers a unique way of accessing the municipal bond market; XMPT invests in closed end funds that in turn invest in munis; an approach to this asset class that has both potential advantages and drawbacks. XMPT features impressive diversity of exposure, and also offers investors a way to gain access to some of the world's most successful muni bond managers through a single ticker. Moreover, because the methodology is designed to overweight CEFs trading at a discount to their NAV, this product may be able to deliver attractive current returns. XMPT will be most appealing to investors in a higher tax bracket given the nature of the underlying holdings. This ETF can be used in a number of different ways; it could have appeal as a tactical tool for establishing short term exposure to this segment of the bond market, and could also be useful as a longer-term core fixed income holding.

Investors should note that some of the underlying CEFs employ leverage, which can lead to both enhanced returns and higher volatility. The primary drawback of XMPT is the hefty expense ratio. Although the management fee charged by Van Eck is reasonable, the fund-of-fund structure creates another layer of fees that are effectively borne by investors in this product. There are several options in the National Munis ETFdb Category that are considerably cheaper, including the ultra-popular MUB. That ETFdb Category also features a number of options for fine-tuning muni bond exposure, whether it be by maturity or credit quality.

ESG Themes and Scores

N/A

ESG Rate

N/A

Global Percentile

N/A

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	XMPT	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	0.78%	0.18%	0.66%
3 Month	-0.81%	-0.02%	0.24%
YTD Return	2.47%	1.01%	1.58%
1 Year Return	11.90%	5.39%	5.46%
3 Year Return	7.29%	4.04%	2.68%
5 Year Return	-1.12%	0.75%	0.30%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
NEA	Nuveen AMT-Free Quality Municipal Income Fund of Benef	7.40%
MHD	BlackRock MuniHoldings Fund Inc	7.38%
MQY	BlackRock MuniYield Quality Fund Inc	6.46%
NAD	Nuveen Quality Municipal Income Fund of Benef.Interest	6.38%
NVG	Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Credit Income Fund of Benef	6.24%

Vitals

Issuer	VanEck
Brand	VanEck
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	1.97%
Inception	Jul 12, 2011
Index Tracked	S-Network Closed End Municipal Bond Fund Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Total Bond Market
Asset Class	Bond
Asset Class Size	N/A
Asset Class Style	N/A
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Fixed Income: U.S. - Government, Local Authority/Municipal Investment Grade
Category	Government, Local Authority/Municipal
Focus	Investment Grade
Niche	Broad Maturities
Strategy	Multi-factor
Weighting	Multi-Factor

