# Strategy Overview – Fourth Quarter 2019 **Taxable Fixed Income**

The Taxable Fixed Income strategy is a portfolio of U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade fixed income securities, with a bias towards corporate bonds. Bonds are diversified by maturity across the yield curve, and the average duration is maintained in the short to intermediate range.

Strategy Overview Performance Objective	Statistics	RMB Taxable Fixed Income <sup>1</sup>	Barclays Intermediate U.S. Government/	Barclays 1-5 Yr U.S. Govt/Credit		
<ul> <li>Steady income from short- and intermediate-term bonds</li> </ul>	Number of Holdings	20	<b>Credit</b> 4,911	2,902		
Low total return volatility	Average Yield	1.97%	1.93%	1.77%		
Investment Approach  Fundamentally driven, relative value strategy	Average Duration	3.29	3.91	2.66		
<ul><li>Fundamentally driven, relative value strategy</li><li>Bias towards corporate bonds</li></ul>	Average Coupon	2.74%	2.65%	2.45%		
Portfolio Profile	Average Credit Rating	AA	AA	AA		
<ul> <li>Large, frequent bond issuers</li> </ul>	Maturity on Distribution					
• U.S. dollar denominated, investment grade bonds	0-3 Years	48.47%	37.96%	57.70%		
<ul> <li>Primarily bonds maturing in 10 years or less</li> </ul>	3-5 Years	19.21%	27.30%	41.43%		
<ul> <li>Low turnover – focus on best issuers</li> </ul>	5-7 Years	14.06%	18.57%	0.87%		
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Investment Philosophy	Quality Distribution					
Our long-term, fundamental fixed income philosophy is centered on capital preservation and	AAA	37.71%	65.35%	70.45%		
income. We seek to achieve this through:	AA	14.25%	4.29%	4.78%		
Quality	Α	38.55%	11.79%	10.74%		

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- In our view, risk is underpriced when things are going well, our analysis adjusts for this bias
- We examine potential event risk, including regulation and shareholder activism

## Liquidity

- Larger companies, typically multiple \$1B issues
- Top 2/3 of universe by spread over the Treasury yield curve

### **Concentrated portfolio**

- Assures our clients' assets are focused in what we believe are our best ideas while still being adequately diversified
- Enables us to thoroughly research each holding

U.S. Treasury Securities	32.28%	61.45%	65.59%					
Corporate Bonds	62.33%	30.63%	25.25%					
Government Related	0.00%	7.92%	9.16%					
Cash	5.38%	0.00%	0.00%					
Source: APX, Bloomberg, Barclays. Data as of December 31, 2019.								

9.49%

Sector Weights

18.57%

14.03%

Taxable Fixed Income repre sentative account data. The represents an account with a performance history of at least 10 years where RMB Capital has full discretion to manage the account. Any chosen representative account must be plus or minus 5% of the asset weightings by sector to the model account and have at least \$500,000 in asset under management in the account.

Performance	Q4 19	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
RMB Taxable Fixed Income Composite (net of fees)	+0.25%	+5.77%	+5.77%	+2.72%	+2.14%	+2.56%	+3.27%
Barclays 1-5 Year Govt/Credit	+0.50%	+5.01%	+5.01%	+2.54%	+2.03%	+2.12%	+2.97%

#### <sup>1</sup>Strategy Inception: April 1, 2005.

Performance is net of the RMB Asset Management's management fee charged to client accounts and transaction costs. Performance presented is not net of RMB's Wealth Management advisory fee (if applicable). Performance for periods longer than one year is annualized. Data is as of December 31, 2019. These materials are confidential and may not be reproduced or redistributed to any other party. Past performance is not indicative of future results, and there is a risk of loss of all or part of your investment.



#### **RMB Asset Management**

#### Taxable Fixed Income Strategy// Annual Disclosure Presentation

**Organization** | RMB Capital Management, LLC ("RMB Capital") is an independent investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and was established in 2005. The GIPS firm is defined as RMB Asset Management ("RMB AM"), a division of RMB Capital Management, LLC. Previously, the firm was defined as RMB Capital and was redefined on January 1, 2016 to only include the asset management business due to the difference in how its investment strategies and services are offered. RMB AM claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. RMB AM has been independently verified for the period April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2018. Verification assesses whether: (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis; and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composition presentation. The Taxable Fixed Income composite has been examined for the period of April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2015. The verification report is available upon request. RMB AM maintains a complete list and description of composites, which are also available upon request.

**Description** | The Taxable Fixed Income Strategy reflects the performance of fully discretionary bond accounts, which have an investment objective of providing clients with regular income and capital preservation and, for comparison purposes, is measured against the Barclays 1-5Yr Government Credit Index and Barclays Intermediate Government Credit Index. The product is primarily invested in high-grade, non-callable U.S. government, agency, and corporate bonds. Credit exposure is diversified across corporate sectors and avoids significant concentrations of industry risk. The use of laddered maturities enables the portfolio to reduce duration risk and provide increased liquidity. The Taxable Fixed Income Composite was created on April 1, 2005. An account is included in the Composite on the first day of the first full month the account is under management. An account is removed from the Composite as of the last day of its last full month. Account performance is based on total assets in the account, including cash and cash equivalents. Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer managed by RMB. Valuations and returns are computed and stated in U.S. Dollars.

#### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO STATED BENCHMARK

		Composite	site Assets Annual Performance Results								
Year End	Total Firm Assets as of 12/31 (\$M)	USD (\$M)**	# of Accounts Managed	Composite Gross-of-Fees (%)	Composite Net-of-Fees (%)	Barclays 1-5 YR Gov't Credit Index (%)	Barclays Inter. Gov't Credit Index (%)	Composite 3-YR ST DEV (%)*	Barclays 1-5 YR Gov't Credit Index ST DEV (%)	Barclays Inter. Gov't Credit Index ST DEV (%)	Composite Dispersion (%)
2018	4,291.7	144.6	106	1.04	0.71	1.38	0.88	1.50	1.35	2.09	0.19
2017	3,610.6	109.1	91	2.06	1.74	1.27	2.14	1.47	1.30	2.11	0.20
2016	3,047.5	95.2	85	1.81	1.50	1.56	2.08	1.57	1.35	2.22	0.43
2015	3,706.0	171.8	399	1.32	1.00	0.97	1.07	1.58	1.18	2.10	0.15
2014	3,312.9	184.6	427	2.56	2.23	1.42	3.13	1.63	1.06	1.94	0.35
2013	3,248.5	179.4	444	-0.69	-1.00	0.28	-0.86	1.88	1.17	2.11	0.38
2012	2,585.9	198.7	472	3.20	2.87	2.23	3.89	2.12	1.32	2.16	0.44
2011	2,218.0	181.2	398	6.07	5.72	3.14	5.80	2.88	1.62	2.55	0.45
2010	1,881.9	135.7	348	5.23	4.90	4.08	5.89	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.10
2009	1,613.9	129.9	328	6.66	6.32	4.62	5.24	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.10
2008	1,113.6	121.9	283	3.38	3.09	5.14	5.08	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.00
2007	1,420.6	139.1	298	8.62	8.29	7.27	7.39	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.60
2006	1,070.2	93.0	220	3.43	3.10	4.24	4.08	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.60
2005**	811.9	82.3	212	1.62	1.40	2.10	2.47	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*The 3 year ex-post standard deviation is not presented prior to 2011 because it is not required. \*\* Results shown for the year 2005 represent partial period performance from April 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Fees | Effective January 1, 2011, RMB's asset management fee schedule is as follows: 0.35% on the first \$3.0 million, 0.325% on the next \$2.0 million, 0.300% on the next \$5.0 million, 0.275% on the next \$15.0 million, and 0.250% over \$25.0 million. Actual asset management fees charged by RMB may vary. Composite performance is presented on a gross-of-fees and net-of-fees basis and includes the reinvestment of all income. Gross-of-fees returns means it is net of transaction costs but gross of asset management fees, custodian fees and withholding taxes. The payment of actual fees and expenses would reduce gross returns. The compound effect of such fees and expenses should be considered when reviewing gross returns. The net returns are reduced by all actual fees and transactions costs incurred. The composite includes accounts that pay asset-based pricing for trading expenses. The maximum fee is 15 basis points per year; however, many accounts pay lower amounts due to household break-point relief. Returns for those accounts prior to 3/1/19 do not reflect the deduction of asset-based pricing, and are therefore gross of trading expenses. These accounts represent approximately 65% of composite assets. In addition to an asset management fee, some accounts pay a wealth management fee based on the percentage of assets under management to RMB Capital. The annual composite dispersion is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the Composite the entire year. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

Minimum Market Value Threshold | Prior to 2016, the composite had a minimum value threshold of \$100,000 to be included in the composite. After 2016, the composite minimum changed to \$500,000.

**Comparison with Market Indices** / RMB compares its Composite returns to the market index Barclays 1-5 Year Government Credit Index, an index of all investmentgrade bonds with maturities of more than one year and less than five years, and to the Barclays Intermediate Government Bond Index, an index measuring the performance of all U.S. corporate securities that have a maturity of greater than one year and less than ten years. These indices represent unmanaged portfolios whose characteristics differ from the Composite portfolios; however, they tend to represent the investment environment existing during the time period shown. The returns of the indices do not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs. The investment strategy and types of securities held by the comparison indices may be substantially different from the investment strategy and types of securities held by your account in the Composite. Benchmark returns presented are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

**Other** | Past performance is not indicative of further results, and there is a risk of loss of all or part of your investment. Historical rates of return may not be indicative of future rates of return. Individual client performance returns may be different than the composite returns listed. Total Firm Assets as of 12/31 for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012 have been revised to exclude assets from personal trading accounts that were included in previously reported figures.

