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# Aquila Churchill Tax-Free Fund of Kentucky

## State Specific Municipal Bond Fund

Portfolio information as of September 30, 2018



**AQUILA**<sup>®</sup>  
Churchill Tax-Free  
Fund of Kentucky

### OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

- Seeks to provide the highest level of income exempt from regular federal and state income taxes, as is consistent with preservation of capital.
- Invests primarily in municipal obligations issued in Kentucky.
- Invests in investment-grade bonds; those in the four highest rating categories, or determined to be of comparable quality.

### INVESTOR PROFILE

The fund may be suitable for investors seeking:

- income exempt from both federal and state regular income taxes
- a high quality portfolio of municipal bonds
- a portfolio of intermediate average maturity

### SYMBOL AND CUSIP

|         |       |           |
|---------|-------|-----------|
| Class A | CHTFX | 03842A707 |
| Class C | CHKCX | 03842A806 |
| Class Y | CHKYX | 03842A871 |

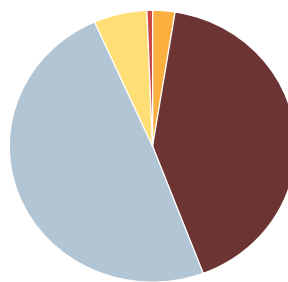
### FUND FACTS

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Inception Date             | 5/21/1987  |
| Investment Advisor         | Aquila Investment Management LLC   |
| Lead Portfolio Manager     | Royden Durham<br>Since 9/2011  |
| Co-Portfolio Managers      | JT Thompson<br>Since 4/2017<br>Tony Tanner, CFA <sup>®</sup><br>Since 3/2018 |
| Dividend Distribution      | Monthly  |
| Minimum Initial Investment | \$1,000  |

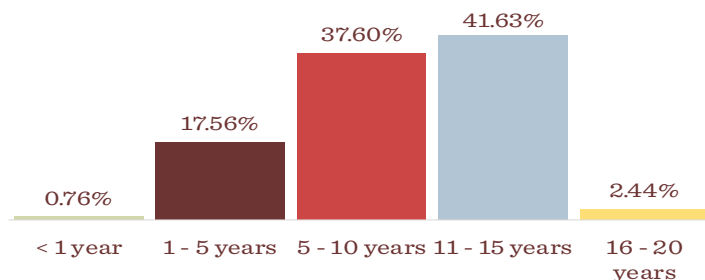
### PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

|   |         |                             |        |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Total Fund Assets (\$millions)                  | \$195.5 | Average Coupon              | 4.63%  |
| Number of Holdings                              | 152     | General Obligation Bonds    | 4.59%  |
| Weighted Avg Maturity (years)                   | 9.20    | Revenue Bonds               | 95.41% |
| Modified Duration to Worst (years) <sup>1</sup> | 4.36    | Subject to AMT <sup>2</sup> | 9.75%  |
| Effective Duration (years) <sup>1</sup>         | 4.97    |                             |        |

### CREDIT RATINGS<sup>3</sup>



### MATURITY ALLOCATION



### TOP FIVE SECTORS

| Description             | Percentage |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Kentucky State Agencies | 25.60%     |
| Hospital                | 14.31%     |
| School Building         | 12.71%     |
| Higher Education        | 10.18%     |
| Turnpike/Highway        | 8.39%      |

Information regarding holdings is subject to change and is not necessarily representative of the entire portfolio.

Mutual fund investing involves risk; loss of principal is possible. Investments in bonds may decline in value due to rising interest rates, a real or perceived decline in credit quality of the issuer, borrower, counterparty, or collateral, adverse tax or legislative changes, court decisions, market or economic conditions. Fund performance could be more volatile than that of funds with greater geographic diversification.

<sup>1</sup>Modified and effective duration both measure the value of a security in response to a change in interest rates. Effective duration also takes into account the effect of embedded options.

<sup>2</sup>Alternative minimum tax (AMT).

<sup>3</sup>Independent rating services (such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch) assign ratings, which generally range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest), to indicate the credit worthiness of the underlying bonds in the portfolio. Where the independent rating services differ in the rating they assign to an issue, or do not provide a rating for an issue, the highest available rating is used in calculating allocations by rating. Pre-refunded/Escrowed bonds are issued for the purpose of retiring or redeeming an outstanding bond issue at a specified call date. Until the call date, the proceeds from the bond issuance are typically placed in a trust and invested in US Treasury bonds or state and local government securities. Non-rated bonds are holdings that have not been rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

**This material must be preceded or accompanied by a copy of the Fund's current prospectus. Before investing in the Fund, carefully read about and consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other information found in the Fund prospectus.**

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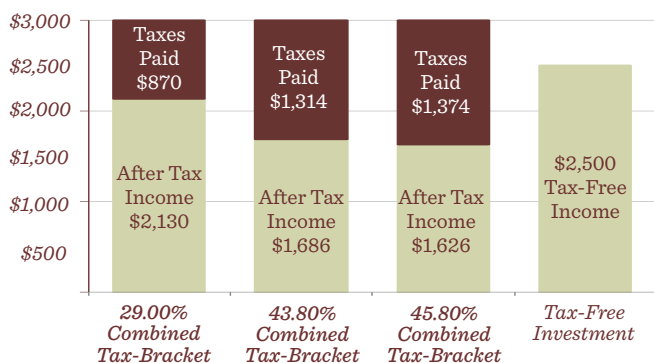
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### THE APPEAL OF DOUBLE TAX-FREE INCOME <sup>4</sup>

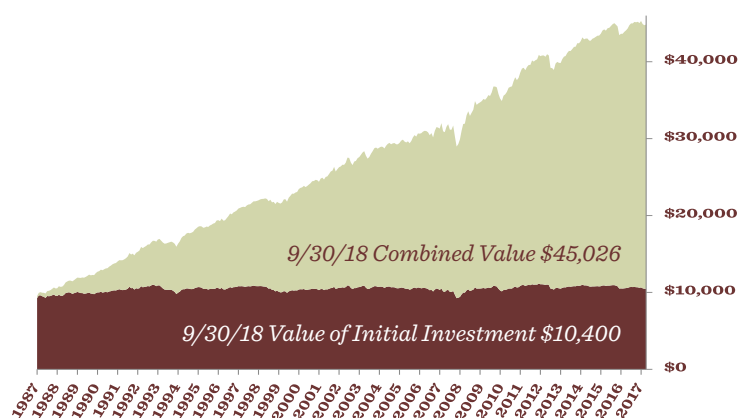
On a one year hypothetical investment of \$100,000, you would have earned:

\$3,000 from a taxable investment yielding 3% annually and retained the after tax portion, or \$2,500 on a tax-free investment yielding 2.5% annually.



### GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT <sup>5</sup>

Investment at fund inception (5/87), reinvesting dividends at NAV



### PERFORMANCE STATISTICS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

|   | SEC Yield <sup>6</sup> | Distribution Rate <sup>7</sup> | CUMULATIVE RETURN |        |            | AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURN |            |           |                 |         | Inception Date | Max Sales Charge | Max CDSC | Expense Ratio |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|----------------|------------------|----------|---------------|
|   |                        |                                | 3rd Qtr 2018      | YTD    | 1 year     | 3 year                | 5 year     | 10 year   | Since Inception |         |                |                  |          |               |
| A Shares NAV                                  | ---                    | 2.28%                          | -0.10%            | -0.60% | 0.08%      | 1.31%                 | 2.53%      | 4.26%     | 5.06%           | 5/21/87 | ---            | ---              | 0.75%    |               |
| A Shares MOP                                  | 2.58%                  | 2.19%                          | -4.13%            | -4.55% | -3.89%     | -0.06%                | 1.69%      | 3.84%     | 4.92%           | 5/21/87 | 4.00%          | ---              | 0.75%    |               |
| C Shares w/o CDSC                             | 1.84%                  | 1.43%                          | -0.31%            | -1.23% | -0.77%     | 0.45%                 | 1.66%      | 3.38%     | 3.18%           | 4/01/96 | ---            | ---              | 1.60%    |               |
| C Shares w/ CDSC                              | ---                    | ---                            | -1.31%            | -2.21% | -1.75%     | ---                   | ---        | ---       | ---             | 4/01/96 | ---            | 1.00%            | 1.60%    |               |
| Y Shares                                      | 2.84%                  | 2.43%                          | -0.16%            | -0.49% | 0.23%      | 1.46%                 | 2.68%      | 4.42%     | 4.21%           | 4/05/96 | ---            | ---              | 0.60%    |               |
| Lipper Ranking: Other State Muni <sup>8</sup> |                        |                                |                   |        | 103 of 265 | 120 of 225            | 145 of 208 | 47 of 184 |                 |         |                |                  |          |               |
| Lipper Percentile <sup>8</sup>                |                        |                                |                   |        | 39th       | 53rd                  | 70th       | 26th      |                 |         |                |                  |          |               |

Performance current to the most recent month-end is available at: 800-437-1020 or [www.aquilafunds.com](http://www.aquilafunds.com).

|  | 2003    | 2004    | 2005    | 2006    | 2007    | 2008   | 2009    | 2010    | 2011    | 2012    | 2013    | 2014    | 2015    | 2016    | 2017    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>CLASS A: ANNUAL CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURN AT NET ASSET VALUE</b> | 4.50%   | 4.49%   | 2.39%   | 4.02%   | 2.38%   | -5.05% | 16.05%  | 1.38%   | 9.64%   | 5.53%   | -2.20%  | 7.71%   | 2.28%   | -0.04%  | 3.87%   |
| <b>CLASS A: YEAR-END NET ASSET VALUE</b>                             | \$10.69 | \$10.74 | \$10.57 | \$10.61 | \$10.31 | \$9.42 | \$10.51 | \$10.26 | \$10.84 | \$11.07 | \$10.49 | \$10.90 | \$10.51 | \$10.52 | \$10.65 |

Performance data represents past performance, but does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate; shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost; current performance may be lower or higher than the data presented. Class A shares have a maximum sales charge of 4.00%; Class C shares have no initial sales charge, but a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge applies to Class C shares redeemed within 12 months of their purchase date. Class Y shares have no initial or contingent deferred sales charge. Class A MOP returns reflect deduction of the maximum 4.00% sales charge; Class A NAV returns do not reflect deduction of the sales charge and would be lower if that charge were reflected. Class C returns without CDSC do not reflect deduction of the 1% CDSC applicable in the first 12 months; if applied, the CDSC would reduce the performance quoted.

<sup>4</sup>Hypothetical yields are for illustrative purposes only. The illustration assumes a hypothetical fixed rate of return at the specified tax rates, and does not reflect the performance of an actual investment in any security. The combined effective tax rates represent the 24%, 35% and 37% 2018 federal income tax rates combined with the highest state income tax rate at the corresponding income level and the Net Investment Income Tax (NIIT) where applicable. NIIT, is a 3.8% tax established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that applies to the lesser of (1) net investment income or (2) a taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) in excess of an applicable threshold amount.

<sup>5</sup>The Fund seeks to provide as high a level of income exempt from state and federal income tax as is consistent with capital preservation. For certain investors, some dividends may be subject to Federal and state income taxes, including the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Please consult your professional tax advisor.

<sup>6</sup>The 30-Day SEC yield is a mutual fund's yield, calculated as required by the SEC, based on the earnings of the fund's portfolio during a 30-day period, divided by the offering price per share at the end of the period. This calculation reflects an estimated yield to maturity. It should be regarded as an estimate of the fund's rate of investment income, and it may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate.

<sup>7</sup>The Fund's distribution rate is the percentage at which a mutual fund has distributed income to its shareholders. It is calculated by dividing a fund's annualized dividend amount by its current offering price.

<sup>8</sup>Lipper category is as of 9/30/2018 for the Class Y share and may not accurately represent the current composition of the portfolio. Lipper rankings are based on total return without sales charge relative to all share classes of funds with similar objectives as determined by Lipper. Lipper ratings are not intended to predict future results, and Lipper does not guarantee the accuracy of this information.

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