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Munis Set for Comeback After Worst First Half in Five Years.

Takeaways

- Municipal bonds are poised to recover from their worst half relative to US Treasuries in five years as juicy yields and cheap valuations attract buyers.
- Investors in the top federal tax-bracket can secure a 4.5% yield on the longest-dated munis, 1.7 percentage points more in yield compared with Treasuries on an after tax-basis, according to AllianceBernstein Holding LP.
- Daryl Clements, a portfolio manager at AllianceBernstein, said that munis are "setting themselves up nicely at a time when demand is picking up" due to high yields, a steep curve, and cheap valuations relative to Treasuries.

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A surge in municipal bond supply and weaker demand for longer maturities have pushed benchmark 30-year muni yields to levels not seen since 2013, excluding brief spikes in April and a bond selloff in October 2023.

Investors in the top federal tax-bracket at the beginning of the month were able to secure a 4.5% yield on the longest-dated munis, 1.7 percentage points more in yield compared with Treasuries on an after tax-basis, versus a 5-year average of 0.97 percentage points, according to AllianceBernstein Holding LP.

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