



## TOTAL RETURN FUND

OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING<sup>‡</sup>

Morningstar rated the Lord Abbett Total Return Fund class A share 3, 3 and 4 stars among 858, 784 and 561 Intermediate-Term Bond Funds for the overall rating and the 3, 5 and 10 year periods ended 3/31/2018, respectively. Morningstar Rating for other share classes may have different performance characteristics. See additional information on next page. © 2018 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information.

## LOWER EXPENSES - CLASS A

**Fund Expense Ratio<sup>1†</sup>** 0.67%  
**Category Average<sup>2</sup>** 0.81%

## GOAL

The Fund seeks to deliver current income and the opportunity for capital appreciation by investing primarily in U.S. investment grade corporate, government, and mortgage- and asset-backed securities, with select allocations to high yield and foreign debt securities.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Average Effective Duration: 5.8 Years

Average Life: 8.1 Years

Number of Issues: 624

## FUND SYMBOLS/CUSIPS

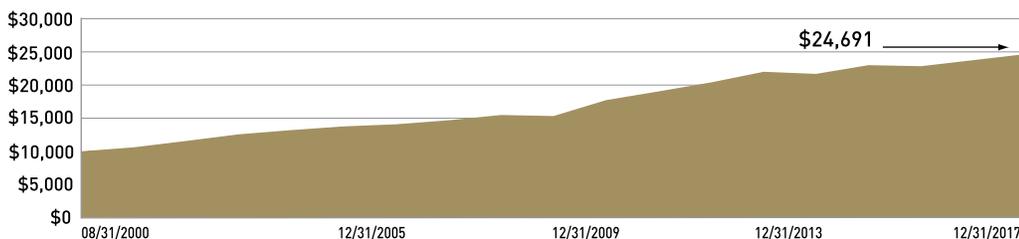
Class A:	LTRAX	543916845
Class C:	LTRCX	543916829
Class F:	LTRFX	543916399
Class F3:	LTROX	54401E135
Class I:	LTRYX	54400U106
Class R2:	LTRQX	543916381
Class R3:	LTRRX	543916373
Class R4:	LTRKX	54401E614
Class R5:	LTRTX	54401E598
Class R6:	LTRHX	54401E580
Class T:	LRETX	54401E283

Not all share classes are available to all investors. Please see prospectus for more information.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) AS OF 03/31/2018

CLASS A SHARES	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	EXPENSE RATIO <sup>1</sup>
Net Asset Value (without sales charge)	-1.51	1.11	1.34	1.94	4.50	0.67%
Maximum Offering Price (with 2.25% sales charge)	-3.73	-1.19	0.59	1.47	4.27	

## GROWTH OF \$10,000



Based on a hypothetical Class A Share investment of \$10,000 on 08/31/2000, at net asset value and includes the reinvestment of all distributions. Data as of 12/31/2017.

## CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURNS AT NAV (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
NAV	-1.22	15.67	7.59	7.20	7.73	-1.40	6.12	-0.64	4.05	3.82

Reflects the percent change in net asset value (NAV) of Class A shares and includes the reinvestment of all distributions. Performance is shown for each calendar year. Performance of Class A shares with sales charge reflects the reinvestment of all distributions and includes initial maximum sales charge. Certain purchases of Class A shares without a sales charge are subject to CDSC. The CDSC is not reflected in the performance shown. Returns for less than one year are not annualized. Instances of high double-digit returns were achieved primarily during favorable market conditions and may not be sustainable over time.

**Performance data quoted reflect past performance and are no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that shares, on any given day or when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. You can obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end by calling Lord Abbett at 888-522-2388 or referring to lordabbett.com.**

\*Among 59 qualifying fund families. Based on net total return of the one-year period ending 12/31/2017. **Barron's Best Mutual Fund Families**, March 10, 2018, Lord Abbett Funds ranked 3 out of 59, 1 out of 54, and 1 out of 50 mutual fund families within the taxable bond category for the 1-, 5- and 10- year periods ending 12/31/2017, respectively. Barron's Best Mutual Fund Families, February 11, 2017, Lord Abbett Funds ranked #1 in the Taxable Bond Category among 61 fund families based on the net total return of the one-year period ending 12/31/2016, respectively. Barron's Best Mutual Fund Families, February 6, 2016, #21 in the Taxable Bond Category among 67 fund families based on the net total return of the one-year period ending 12/31/2015. Barron's Best Mutual Fund Families, February 7, 2015, #1 in the Taxable Bond Category among 65 fund families. Based on the net total return of the one-year period ending 12/31/2014. Barron's Best Mutual Fund Families, February 8, 2014, #3 in the Taxable Bond Category among 64 fund families. Based on the net total return of the one-year period ending 12/31/2013. Barron's Best Mutual Fund Families, February 11, 2013, #2 in the Taxable Bond Category among 62 fund families. Based on the net total return of the one-year period ending 12/31/2012. Barron's Best Mutual Fund Families, February 6, 2012, #4 in the Taxable Bond Category among 58 fund families. Based on the net total return of the one-year period ending 12/31/2011. **The Total Return Fund Class A share rankings** within the Lipper Core-Bond Funds Average as of 03/31/2018 for the one-year time period was 52% (262/512); five-year, 27% (106/398); and 10-year, 9% (26/307). Source: Lipper Analytical Services. Lipper Funds Average ranking reflect all share classes within the category and are based on total return and do not reflect the effect of sales charges.

<sup>1</sup> Reflects expenses for the Fund's fiscal year end and is subject to change. Fund expenses may fluctuate with market volatility. A substantial reduction in Fund assets (since its most recently completed fiscal year), whether caused by market conditions or significant redemptions or both, will likely cause total operating expenses (as a percentage of Fund assets) to become higher than those shown.

<sup>2</sup> Reflects the average net expenses of Class A shares of all funds within the Lipper Core Bond Funds Category based on Lipper data available.

**A Note about Risk:** The Fund is subject to the general risks associated with investing in debt securities, including market, credit, liquidity, and interest rate risk. The value of an investment in the Fund will change as interest rates fluctuate in response to market movements. When interest rates rise, the prices of debt securities are likely to decline, and when interest rates fall, the prices of debt securities tend to rise. The Fund may invest in high yield, lower-rated debt securities, sometimes called junk bonds and may involve greater risks than higher rated debt securities. These securities carry increased risks of price volatility, illiquidity, and the possibility of default in the timely payment of interest and principal. The Fund may invest in foreign or emerging market securities, which may be adversely affected by economic, political, or regulatory factors and subject to currency volatility and greater liquidity risk. The Fund may invest in derivatives, which are subject to greater liquidity, leverage, and counterparty risk. These factors can affect Fund performance. The Fund's portfolio is actively managed and is subject to change.

## INVESTMENT TEAM

## Team Leader(s):

Kewjin Yuoh, Partner  
24 Years Industry Experience

Andrew H. O'Brien, CFA, Partner  
20 Years Industry Experience

Steven F. Rocco, CFA, Partner & Director  
17 Years Industry Experience

Robert A. Lee  
27 Years Industry Experience

## Supported By:

61 Investment Professionals  
15 Years Avg. Industry Experience

## FUND BASICS

Total Net Assets(\$B):<sup>3</sup> \$3.8

Inception Date: 08/31/2000 (Class A)

Capital Gains Distribution: December

Dividend Frequency: Monthly

Minimum Initial Investment: \$1,500

<sup>3</sup> Includes all share classes.

EXPENSE RATIOS<sup>1</sup>

Class A:	0.67%
Class C:	1.31%
Class F:	0.57%
Class F3:	0.36%
Class I:	0.47%
Class R2:	1.07%
Class R3:	0.97%
Class R4:	0.72%
Class R5:	0.47%
Class R6:	0.36%
Class T:	0.72%

<sup>1</sup>Class I share the net expense ratio 0.39%. The net expense ratio takes into account contractual fee waivers/expense reimbursements that currently are scheduled to remain in place through 03/31/2019. For periods when fees and expenses were waived and/or reimbursed, the Fund benefited by not bearing such expenses. Without such fee waivers/reimbursements, performance would have been lower.

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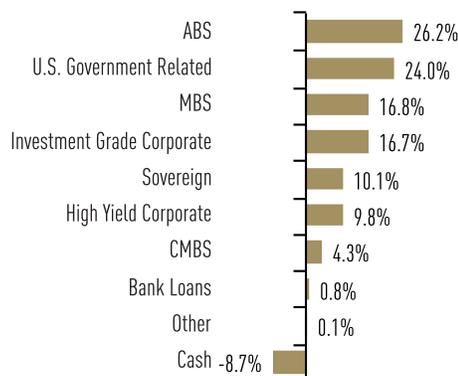
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## TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

U.S. Treasury Note/Bond	12.0%	FNMA Conventional Long T. 30yr	2.1%
FNMA Conventional Long T. 30yr	6.9%	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	2.1%
U.S. Treasury Note/Bond	3.6%	U.S. Treasury Note/Bond	2.0%
Japan Bank for International Cooperation/Japan	2.6%	U.S. Treasury Note/Bond	2.0%
GNMA II Single Family 30yr	2.2%	U.S. Treasury Note	1.8%

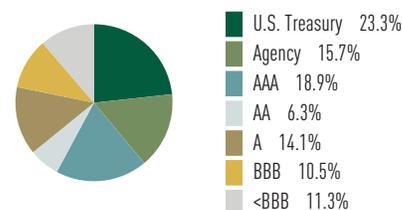
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## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN



Allocations are reported as of the date a security transaction is initiated; however, certain transactions may not settle until several days later. Accordingly, cash may appear as a negative allocation as a result of forward-settling instruments such as currency forwards, certain mortgage-backed securities, and treasury futures. "Other" may include municipal bonds and non-index holdings.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Effective Duration** is the change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1% change in market interest rates, taking into account anticipated cash flow fluctuations from mortgage prepayments, puts, adjustable coupons, and potential call dates. Duration is expressed as a number of years, and generally, the larger a duration, the greater the interest-rate risk or reward for a portfolio's underlying bond prices. Where applicable, securities, such as common or preferred stock, convertible bonds and convertible preferred stock, ETFs and ADRs, and CPI swaps and related futures, are excluded from these calculations.

**Average Life** measures how long it will take, on average, to receive the repayment of the principal amount on a debt security. Average life is often used in connection with mortgage-backed securities as a measurement of the length of time, on average, before the underlying mortgages are paid, refinanced, or otherwise retired.

**Lipper Core Bond Funds Average** is based on a universe of funds with similar investment objectives as the Fund. Source: Lipper Analytical Services.

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Barron's, "Best Fund Families of 2017," March 10, 2018. Barron's rankings are based on asset-weighted returns in five categories — US equity funds; world equity funds; mixed equity funds; taxable bond funds; and tax-exempt funds. To be included for Lipper/Barron's Fund Survey, each fund in the survey must have had at least three funds in Lipper's general equity category, one world equity category, one mixed-asset, two taxable-bond funds and one national tax-exempt bond fund. Rankings also take into account an individual fund's performance within its Lipper peer universe. Each fund's return was measured against those of all funds in its Lipper category, resulting in a percentile ranking which was then weighted by asset size, relative to the fund family's other assets in its general classification. Lipper calculated each fund's net total return for the year ended December 31, 2017, minus the effects of 12b-1 fees and sales charges. Barron's Fund Family Rankings are awarded annually.

<sup>†</sup> The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Ratings do not take into account the effects of sales charges and loads.

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