



MANAGED MUNICIPAL LADDERS

MUNICIPAL LADDERS: AN INSTITUTIONAL APPROACH

*Lord Abbett brings more than 30 years of municipal bond-investing experience to help you meet the challenges of today's market by offering a suite of professionally managed **Municipal Ladder** portfolios.*

PROFESSIONALLY SELECTED AND MONITORED PORTFOLIO

In-depth credit analysis of securities, and portfolio customization, is performed by a team of dedicated investment professionals.

ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONAL INVENTORY AND PRICING

A broad market presence provides access to a wide range of municipal securities at wholesale pricing.

A STRATEGY FOR RISING INTEREST RATES

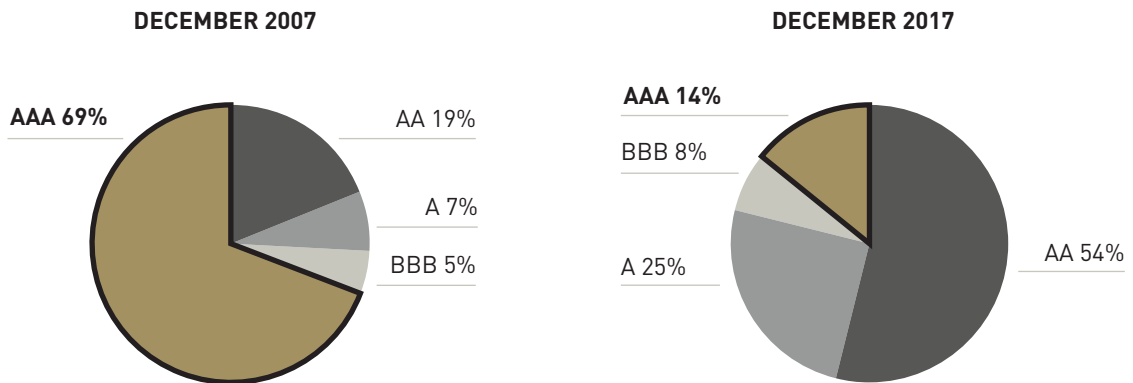
A favorable structure in a rising rate environment: as yields on new bonds adjust upward with rates, the tax-free income stream may rise.

THREE REASONS WHY PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT MATTERS

1. THE LOSS OF BOND INSURANCE LEAVES FEWER 'AAA' RATED BONDS

A team of dedicated professionals provides in-depth credit analysis of securities.

Municipal Bond Market: Breakdown by Rating

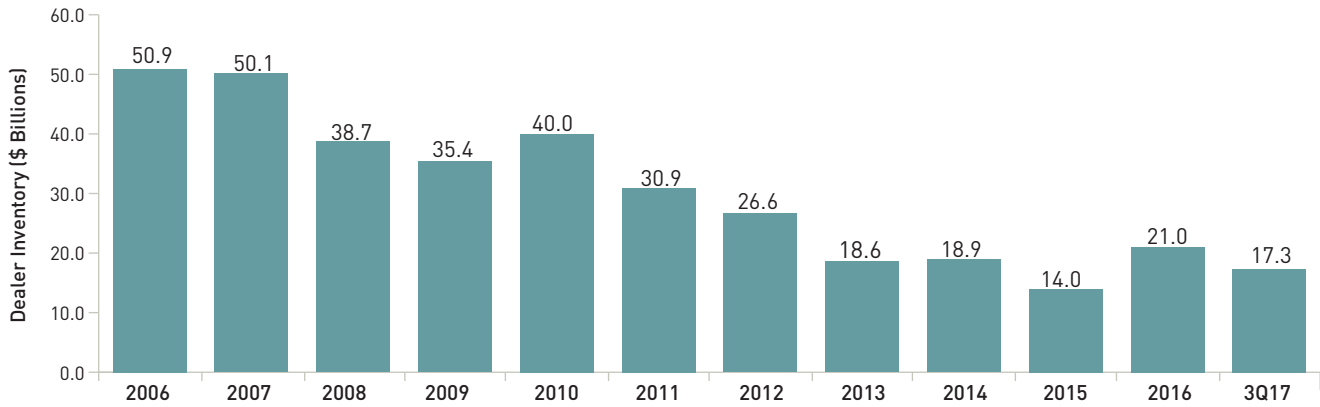


Source: Barclays Municipal Research. Breakdowns are as of 12/31/2007 and 12/31/2017, respectively. Credit quality is median credit quality of various rating agencies.

Please note: Credit ratings are derived from the major U.S. credit rating agencies. Bonds included in the index must be rated by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, Standard & Poor's, or Fitch. Income from municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Federal, state, and local taxes may apply. For illustrative purposes only and does not represent any specific account managed by Lord Abbett or any particular investment.

2. REDUCED DEALER INVENTORY HAS MADE BONDS SCARCE

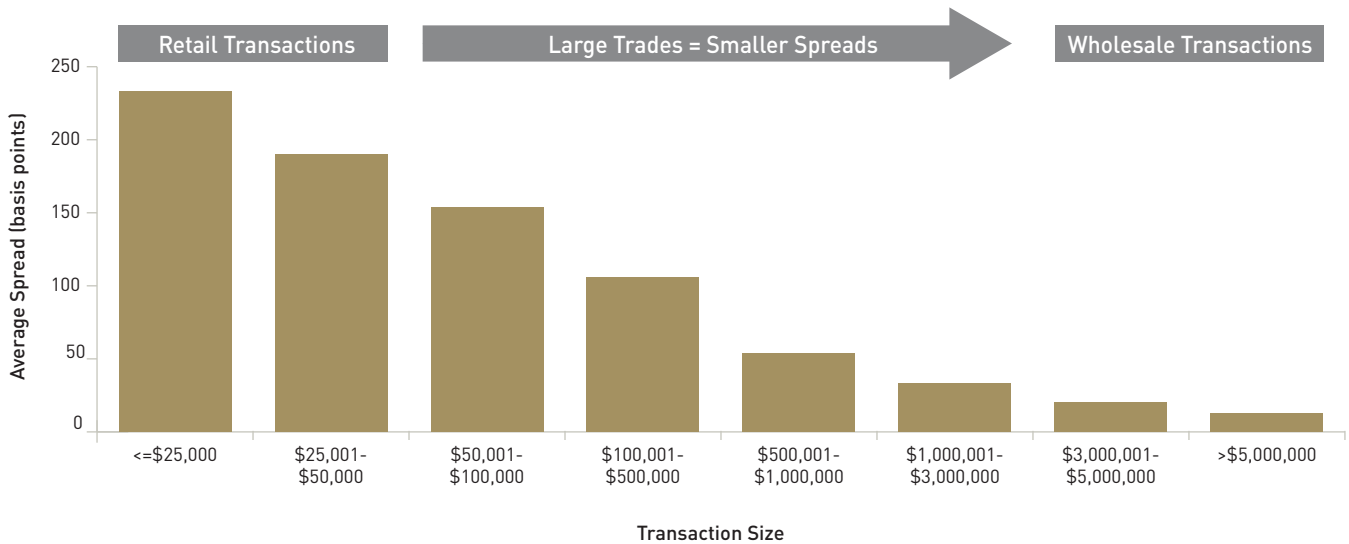
We have a broad market presence that provides access to a wide range of municipal securities.



Source: Federal Reserve. Brokers and dealers, municipal debt outstanding, NSA. Most recent data released on 12/07/2017.

3. INSTITUTIONAL PRICING ADVANTAGE

As a high-volume buyer, we can purchase municipal bonds at wholesale rather than retail prices.

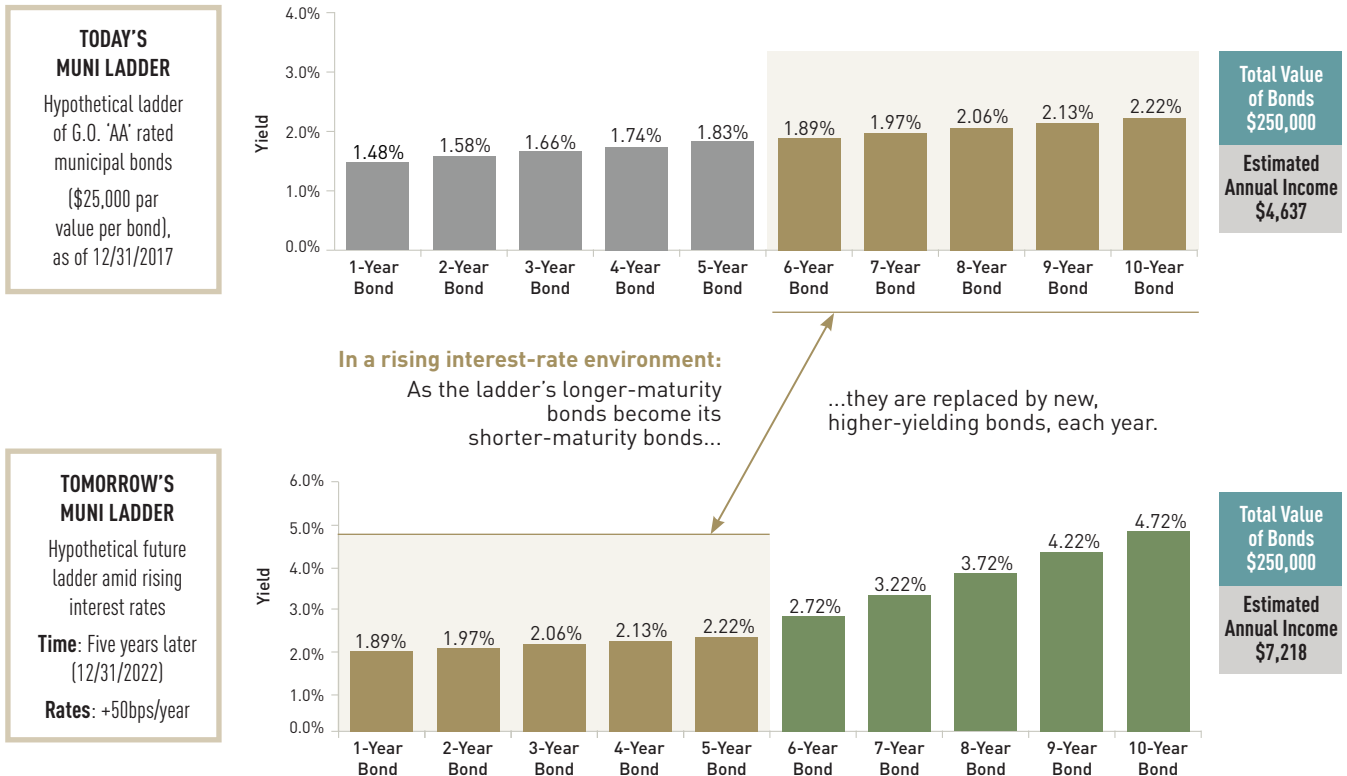


Source: "Report on Secondary Market Trading in the Municipal Securities Market," MSRB, July 2014; data are the most recent available. Income from municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Federal, state, and local taxes may apply.

A STRATEGY FOR RISING RATES

MUNICIPAL LADDER ILLUSTRATION

While many bond investors fear rising interest rates, the example below illustrates how a Municipal Ladder portfolio may benefit from a rising interest-rate environment.



Source: Lord Abbett and Bloomberg. Bond yield data based on maturity-specific components of the Bloomberg Daily Generic Yield Curve on 'AA'-Rated General Obligation Municipal Bonds, as of 12/31/2017. This hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent any specific account managed by Lord Abbett or any particular investment.

LORD ABBETT MANAGED MUNICIPAL LADDERS

HIGH-QUALITY,* AMT-FREE PORTFOLIOS

CUSTOMIZED PORTFOLIO OPTIONS

- National
- State Preference**
- State Specific***

Several maturity ranges are available upon request.

DEDICATED CLIENT SERVICE

ACCESS TO PORTFOLIO SPECIALISTS AND OUR SMA CLIENT SERVICE TEAM TO:

- Assist with the account opening process
- Provide market updates
- Perform client portfolio reviews

*No individual issue is rated below A- at purchase.

**National with State Preference indicates Lord Abbett will allocate to bonds issued by the selected state on a best efforts basis. Allocations will be dependent upon state issuance. For Managed Ladder portfolios, Lord Abbett will target 35-50% in the following states: AZ, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, MD, MA, MI, MO, NJ, NC, OH, PA, TX, and VA. For accounts other than Managed Ladders, Lord Abbett will target up to 30% in the selected state, although certain high issuance states may exceed 30%. For all New York and California portfolios, allocations may exceed 50%.

*** State Specific accounts are available for the following states: CA, MA, NY, TX and UT with Reciprocity. Massachusetts State Specific is not available for Managed Ladder portfolios. FL, GA, MA, NJ, OH, PA, and TX State Specific accounts are available for Managed Ladders if Lord Abbett exercises the option to select from a full range of coupons. Cash flow from these portfolios may differ from that of other State Specific accounts. For questions regarding portfolio customization, please contact Lord Abbett at 1-888-522-2388 or smaclient@lordabbett.com.

MUNICIPAL BOND EXPERIENCE

INVESTMENT TEAM



- More than 30 years of history managing municipals, with \$19.9 billion in assets and over 10,600 client accounts.
- Led by Daniel S. Solender, CFA, Partner & Director, with over 30 years of industry experience
- Managed through collaboration by 15 investment professionals, with an average of 12 years of industry experience

All investment team information as of 12/31/2017. Years of industry experience as of 01/01/2018.

INVESTMENT-LED. INVESTOR-FOCUSED.

OUR FIRM

A singular focus on the management of money since 1929

OUR MISSION

Delivering superior long-term investment performance and a client experience that exceeds expectations

OUR DIFFERENTIATORS

- Independent Perspective
- Commitment to Active Management
- Intelligent Product Design

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