# BOND DEBENTURE FUND

BARRON'S Best Fund Families 2025 #1 OVERALL FUND FAMILY

TAXABLE BOND CATEGORY #2 FOR 2024 Barron's Best Fund Families Rankings

## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING‡

★★★★

Morningstar rated the Lord Abbett Bond Debenture Fund class A share 3, 3 and 4 stars among 360, 324 and 221 Multisector Bond Funds for the overall rating and the 3, 5 and 10 year periods ended 9/30/2025, respectively. Morningstar Rating for other share classes may have different performance characteristics. Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns and do not take into account the effect of sales charges and loads. See additional information on next page. © 2025 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**[1] | **0.90%** |
| Category Average[2] | 1.16% |

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund's investment objective is to seek high current income and the opportunity for capital appreciation to produce a high total return.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Average Effective Duration: 5.2 Years
Average Maturity: 7.6 Years
Number of Issues: 977

## FUND SYMBOLS/CUSIPS

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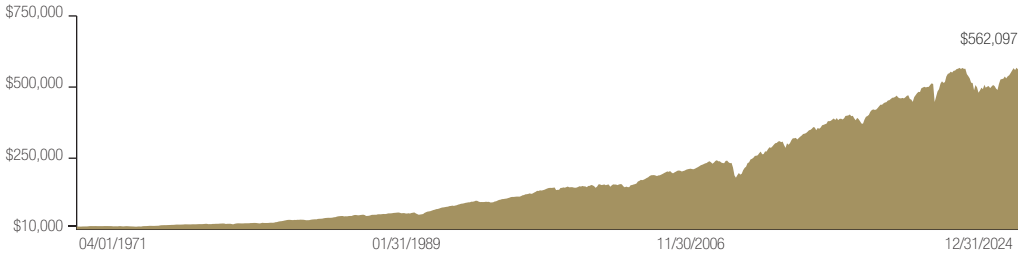
|---|---|---|
| Class A: | LBNDX | 544004104 |
| Class C: | BDLAX | 544004302 |
| Class F: | LBDFX | 544004609 |
| Class F3: | LBNOX | 544004849 |
| Class I: | LBNYX | 544004401 |
| Class R2: | LBNQX | 544004708 |
| Class R3: | LBNRX | 544004807 |
| Class R4: | LBNSX | 544004880 |
| Class R5: | LBNTX | 544004872 |
| Class R6: | LBNVX | 544004864 |

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

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) AS OF 09/30/2025

| CLASS A SHARES | YTD | 1 YEAR | 3 YEARS | 5 YEARS | 10 YEARS | EXPENSE RATIOS[1] | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Gross | Adjusted[†] |
| Net Asset Value (without sales charge) | 6.82 | 6.01 | 7.73 | 3.13 | 4.59 | | |
| Maximum Offering Price (with 2.25% sales charge) | 4.48 | 3.59 | 6.91 | 2.67 | 4.36 | 0.90% | 0.79% |

## GROWTH OF $10,000




Based on a hypothetical Class A Share investment of $10,000 on 04/01/1971, at net asset value and includes the reinvestment of all distributions. Data as of 12/31/2024.

## CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURNS AT NAV (%)

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NAV | -1.74 | 12.35 | 9.21 | -3.79 | 13.37 | 7.60 | 3.26 | -12.68 | 6.85 | 6.77 |

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 a contingent deferred sales charge (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.**

Barron's Top Fund Families of 2024, February 27, 2025, Lord Abbett Funds ranked 1 out of 48, 6 out of 46, 23 out of 46 mutual fund families within the overall category for the 1-, 5- and 10-year periods ending 12/31/2024, respectively.

**The Bond Debenture Fund A share rankings** within the Lipper Multi-Sector Income Funds Average as of 09/30/2025 for the one-year time period was 32% (119/374); five-year, 47% (150/320); and 10-year, 16% (33/213). 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.

[1]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.

[2]Reflects the average net expenses of Class A shares of all funds within the Lipper Multi-Sector Income 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 your investment will change as interest rates fluctuate and in response to market movements. When interest rates fall, the prices of debt securities tend to rise, and when interest rates rise, the prices of debt securities are likely to decline. Longer-term debt securities are usually more sensitive to interest-rate changes; the longer the maturity of a security, the greater the effect a change in interest rates is likely to have on its price. The Fund may make substantial investments in high-yield debt securities and may invest in senior loans which may be primarily below-investment grade. High-yield securities, sometimes called junk bonds, carry increased risks of price volatility, illiquidity, and the possibility of default in timely payment of interest and expenses. The value of investments in equity securities will fluctuate in response to general economic conditions and to changes in the prospects of particular companies and/or sectors in the economy. Convertible securities are subject to the risks affecting both equity and fixed income securities, including market, credit, liquidity, and interest rate risk. These factors can affect Fund performance.

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The Fund's portfolio is actively managed and is subject to change.

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## INVESTMENT TEAM

**Team Leader(s):**

Steven F. Rocco, CFA, Partner & Co-Head
24 Years Industry Experience

Robert A. Lee, Partner & Co-Head
34 Years Industry Experience

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

Robert S. Clark, CFA
28 Years Industry Experience

Christopher Gizzo, CFA, Partner
17 Years Industry Experience

Eric P. Kang, Partner
26 Years Industry Experience

**Supported By:**

95 Investment Professionals
17 Years Avg. Industry Experience

## FUND BASICS

Total Net Assets ($B):[3] $21.9
Inception Date: 04/01/1971 (Class A)
Capital Gains Distribution: December
Dividend Frequency: Monthly
Minimum Initial Investment: $1,000

[3]Includes all share classes.

| EXPENSE RATIOS[1] | GROSS | ADJUSTED[†] |
|---|---|---|
| Class A: | 0.90% | 0.79% |
| Class C: | 1.51% | 1.40% |
| Class F: | 0.80% | 0.69% |
| Class F3: | 0.62% | 0.51% |
| Class I: | 0.70% | 0.59% |
| Class R2: | 1.30% | 1.19% |
| Class R3: | 1.20% | 1.09% |
| Class R4: | 0.95% | 0.84% |
| Class R5: | 0.70% | 0.59% |
| Class R6: | 0.62% | 0.51% |

[†]Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as the interest expense from borrowing in certain underlying funds.

## TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS

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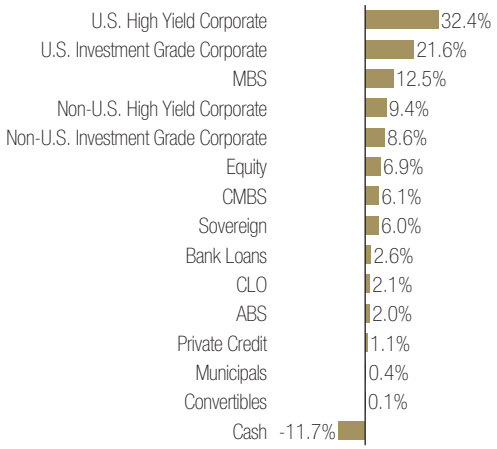
|---|---|---|---|
| 30-YR UMBS-TBA PROD NOV | 2.7% | 30-YR GNMA II-TBA PROD NOV | 0.9% |
| 30-YR UMBS-TBA PROD NOV | 2.0% | 15-YR UMBS-TBA PROD NOV | 0.7% |
| 15-YR UMBS-TBA PROD NOV | 1.2% | American Airlines Inc/AAdvantage Loyalty IP Ltd | 0.6% |
| LA PRIVATE CREDIT FUND | 1.1% | 30-YR GNMA II-TBA PROD NOV | 0.6% |
| 30-YR UMBS-TBA PROD NOV | 0.9% | 30-YR UMBS-TBA PROD OCT | 0.5% |

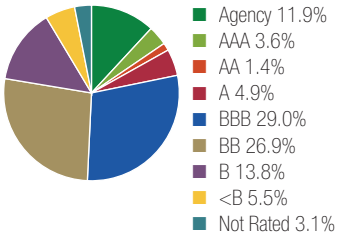
Holdings are for informational purposes only and are not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any security.

## 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 unsettled transactions. If applicable, "Other" may include municipal bonds and non-index holdings.

## CREDIT QUALITY DISTRIBUTION

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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 Maturity** is the length of time until the average security in a portfolio will mature or be redeemed by its issuer in proportion to its dollar value. Indicating a portfolio's sensitivity to general market interest rate changes, a longer average maturity implies greater relative portfolio volatility. **Lipper Multi-Sector Income Funds Average** is based on a universe of funds with similar investment objectives as the Fund. Source: Lipper Analytical Services.

**Asset-Backed Security (ABS)** is a financial security backed by a loan, lease or receivables against assets other than real estate and mortgage-backed securities. For investors, asset-backed securities are an alternative to investing in corporate debt.

**Mortgage-Backed Security (MBS)** is a variation of asset-backed securities that are formed by pooling together mortgages exclusively.

**Collateral Loan Obligation (CLO)** is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) with securitization payments in the form of different tranches. Financial institutions back this security with receivables from loans. Collateralized loan obligations are the same as collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) except for the assets securing the obligation. CLOs allow banks to reduce regulatory capital requirements by selling large portions of their commercial loan portfolios to international markets, reducing the risks associated with lending.

**Commercial Mortgage-Backed Security (CMBS)** is a type of mortgage-backed security that is secured by the loan on a commercial property. A CMBS can provide liquidity to real estate investors and to commercial lenders. As with other types of MBS, the increased use of CMBS can be attributable to the rapid rise in real estate prices over the years.

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