



LORD ABBETT®

# LORD ABBETT SEMIANNUAL REPORT

Lord Abbett  
Series Fund—Developing Growth Portfolio

*For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023*

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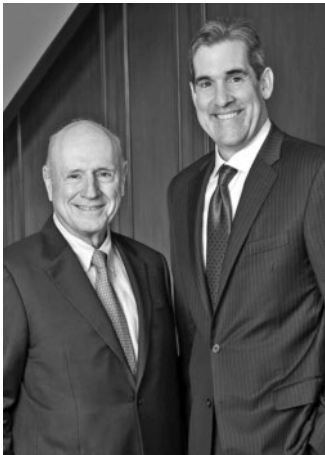
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# Lord Abbett Series Fund – Developing Growth Portfolio Semiannual Report

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023



From left to right: James L.L. Tullis, Independent Chair of the Lord Abbett Funds and Douglas B. Sieg, Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Lord Abbett Funds.

**Dear Shareholders:** We are pleased to provide you with this semiannual report for Lord Abbett Series Fund – Developing Growth Portfolio for the six-month period ended June 30, 2023. For additional information about the Fund, please visit our website at [www.lordabbett.com](http://www.lordabbett.com), where you can access the quarterly commentaries by the Fund's portfolio managers. General information about Lord Abbett mutual funds, as well as in-depth discussions of market trends and investment strategies, is also provided in *Lord Abbett Insights*, a quarterly newsletter available on our website.

Thank you for investing in Lord Abbett mutual funds. We value the trust that you place in us and look forward to serving your investment needs in the years to come.

**Best regards,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas B. Sieg'.

**Douglas B. Sieg**  
Director, President and Chief Executive Officer

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## Expense Example

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees; expenses related to the Fund's services arrangements with certain insurance companies; and other Fund expenses. This Example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period (January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023).

The Example reflects only expenses that are deducted from the assets of the Fund. Fees and expenses, including sales charges applicable to the various insurance products that invest in the Fund, are not reflected in this Example. If such fees and expenses were reflected in the Example, the total expenses shown would be higher. Fees and expenses regarding such variable insurance products are separately described in the prospectus related to those products.

### Actual Expenses

The first line of the table on the following page provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading titled "Expenses Paid During Period 1/1/23 – 6/30/23" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

### Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The second line of the table on the following page provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads). Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	<b>Beginning Account Value</b>	<b>Ending Account Value</b>	<b>Expenses Paid During Period<sup>†</sup></b>
	<b>1/1/23</b>	<b>6/30/23</b>	<b>1/1/23 - 6/30/23</b>
<b>Class VC</b>			
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,116.50	\$5.46
Hypothetical (5% Return Before Expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.64	\$5.21

<sup>†</sup> Net expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio of 1.04%, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect one-half year period).

## Portfolio Holdings Presented by Sector

June 30, 2023

<b>Sector*</b>	<b>%**</b>
Communication Services	1.63%
Consumer Discretionary	12.40%
Consumer Staples	0.75%
Financials	6.79%
Health Care	31.51%
Industrials	17.65%
Information Technology	23.83%
Repurchase Agreements	4.87%
Money Market Funds <sup>(a)</sup>	0.51%
Time Deposits <sup>(a)</sup>	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* A sector may comprise several industries.

\*\* Represents percent of total investments, which excludes derivatives.

<sup>(a)</sup> Securities were purchased with the cash collateral from loaned securities.

# Schedule of Investments (unaudited)

June 30, 2023

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 95.97%</b>			<b>Communications Equipment 0.60%</b>		
<b>COMMON STOCKS 95.97%</b>			Calix, Inc.*	8,864	\$ 442,402
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 2.58%</b>			<b>Construction &amp; Engineering 2.69%</b>		
AeroVironment, Inc.*	4,245	\$ 434,179	Comfort Systems USA, Inc.	6,140	1,008,188
Axon Enterprise, Inc.*	3,761	733,846	EMCOR Group, Inc.	5,305	980,258
Hexcel Corp.	9,741	740,511	<i>Total</i>		<u>1,988,446</u>
<i>Total</i>		<u>1,908,536</u>	<b>Diversified Consumer Services 2.23%</b>		
<b>Biotechnology 12.95%</b>			Duolingo, Inc.*	11,533	1,648,527
Akero Therapeutics, Inc.*	6,604	308,341	<b>Electrical Equipment 4.90%</b>		
Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	19,829	1,806,422	EnerSys	7,277	789,700
Arcellx, Inc.*	14,944	472,529	Generac Holdings, Inc.*	5,931	884,490
Cerevel Therapeutics Holdings, Inc.*	7,098	225,646	NEXTracker, Inc. Class A*	22,956	913,879
Cytokinetics, Inc.*	19,394	632,632	nVent Electric PLC (United Kingdom) <sup>(a)</sup>	11,903	615,028
Karuna Therapeutics, Inc.*	4,335	940,045	Shoals Technologies Group, Inc. Class A*	16,302	416,679
Krystal Biotech, Inc.*	12,487	1,465,974	<i>Total</i>		<u>3,619,776</u>
Madrigal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	1,443	333,333	<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components 0.87%</b>		
Natera, Inc.*	14,402	700,801	Novanta, Inc.*	3,491	642,693
Replimune Group, Inc.*	15,179	352,456	<b>Financial Services 6.16%</b>		
Rocket Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*	18,084	359,329	AvidXchange Holdings, Inc.*	56,218	583,543
Sage Therapeutics, Inc.*	6,830	321,147	Flywire Corp.*	43,726	1,357,255
Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.*	3,270	374,480	Remitly Global, Inc.*	77,201	1,452,923
Xenon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Canada) <sup>(a)</sup>	33,282	1,281,357	Shift4 Payments, Inc. Class A*	17,045	1,157,526
<i>Total</i>		<u>9,574,492</u>	<i>Total</i>		<u>4,551,247</u>
<b>Broadline Retail 1.97%</b>			<b>Ground Transportation 1.20%</b>		
Global-e Online Ltd. (Israel) <sup>(a)</sup>	35,553	1,455,540	Saia, Inc.*	2,594	888,211
<b>Building Products 1.05%</b>			<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies 11.75%</b>		
Trex Co., Inc.*	11,860	777,542	Axonics, Inc.*	6,961	351,322
<b>Capital Markets 0.74%</b>			Glaukos Corp.*	14,378	1,023,857
Piper Sandler Cos.,	4,221	545,606	Inspire Medical Systems, Inc.*	5,738	1,862,784
<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies 2.49%</b>			iRhythm Technologies, Inc.*	5,273	550,079
Clean Harbors, Inc.*	2,744	451,196	Lantheus Holdings, Inc.*	12,838	1,077,365
MSA Safety, Inc.	4,522	786,647	Penumbra, Inc.*	1,843	634,103
Tetra Tech, Inc.	3,703	606,329	RxSight, Inc.*	14,918	429,638
<i>Total</i>		<u>1,844,172</u>			

# Schedule of Investments (unaudited)(continued)

June 30, 2023

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies (continued)</b>			<b>Semiconductors &amp; Semiconductor Equipment 9.50%</b>		
Shockwave Medical, Inc.*	3,494	\$ 997,223	Allegro MicroSystems, Inc.*	30,452	\$ 1,374,603
TransMedics Group, Inc.*	20,899	<u>1,755,098</u>	Cirrus Logic, Inc.*	4,648	376,534
<i>Total</i>		<u>8,681,469</u>	Diodes, Inc.*	9,818	908,067
			Impinj, Inc.*	4,418	396,074
			indie Semiconductor, Inc.		
			Class A*	66,642	626,435
<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services 0.47%</b>			Lattice Semiconductor Corp.*	14,366	1,380,142
Guardant Health, Inc.*	9,630	<u>344,754</u>	Rambus, Inc.*	30,582	<u>1,962,447</u>
			<i>Total</i>		<u>7,024,302</u>
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 4.59%</b>			<b>Software 13.21%</b>		
Cava Group, Inc.*(b)	9,098	372,563	Agilysys, Inc.*	5,739	393,925
Shake Shack, Inc. Class A*	15,381	1,195,412	Clear Secure, Inc. Class A	41,120	952,750
Texas Roadhouse, Inc.	4,311	484,039	Confluent, Inc. Class A*	29,689	1,048,319
Wingstop, Inc.	6,688	<u>1,338,670</u>	CyberArk Software Ltd. (Israel)*(a)	4,268	667,216
<i>Total</i>		<u>3,390,684</u>	Descartes Systems Group, Inc. (Canada)*(a)	7,061	565,657
			DoubleVerify Holdings, Inc.*	39,353	1,531,619
<b>Life Sciences Tools &amp; Services 3.15%</b>			Five9, Inc.*	6,117	504,347
10X Genomics, Inc. Class A*	23,814	1,329,774	HashiCorp, Inc. Class A*	20,827	545,251
Olink Holding AB ADR*(b)	15,107	283,256	Manhattan Associates, Inc.*	2,532	506,096
Pacific Biosciences of California, Inc.*	53,629	<u>713,266</u>	Monday.com Ltd. (Israel)*(a)	5,145	880,927
<i>Total</i>		<u>2,326,296</u>	Samsara, Inc. Class A*	38,656	1,071,158
			SPS Commerce, Inc.*	1,939	372,404
<b>Machinery 0.50%</b>			Tenable Holdings, Inc.*	9,839	428,488
RBC Bearings, Inc.*	1,701	<u>369,916</u>	Zeta Global Holdings Corp. Class A*	34,302	<u>292,939</u>
			<i>Total</i>		<u>9,761,096</u>
<b>Media 1.12%</b>			<b>Specialty Retail 1.04%</b>		
Integral Ad Science Holding Corp.*	46,114	<u>829,130</u>	Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc.	5,830	<u>770,668</u>
			<b>Textiles, Apparel &amp; Luxury Goods 2.76%</b>		
<b>Personal Care Products 0.76%</b>			Crocs, Inc.*	8,320	935,501
Inter Parfums, Inc.	4,149	<u>561,069</u>	Deckers Outdoor Corp.*	2,087	<u>1,101,226</u>
			<i>Total</i>		<u>2,036,727</u>
<b>Pharmaceuticals 3.66%</b>			<b>Trading Companies &amp; Distributors 1.18%</b>		
Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.*	16,258	1,029,456	SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.*	5,198	<u>869,937</u>
Pliant Therapeutics, Inc.*	3,245	58,799			
Revance Therapeutics, Inc.*	19,057	482,333			
Ventyx Biosciences, Inc.*	34,662	<u>1,136,914</u>			
<i>Total</i>		<u>2,707,502</u>			
<b>Professional Services 1.32%</b>					
FTI Consulting, Inc.*	2,795	531,609			
Verra Mobility Corp.*	22,461	<u>442,931</u>			
<i>Total</i>		<u>974,540</u>			

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Schedule of Investments (unaudited)(concluded)

June 30, 2023

<u>Investments</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.53%</b>			<b>Money Market Funds 0.52%</b>		
Gogo, Inc.*	22,987	\$ 391,009	Fidelity Government Portfolio <sup>(c)</sup>		
<i>Total Common Stocks</i>			(cost \$383,962)	383,962	\$ 383,962
(cost \$61,018,246)		<u>70,926,289</u>	<b>Time Deposits 0.06%</b>		
	<b>Principal Amount</b>		CitiBank N.A. <sup>(c)</sup>		
			(cost \$42,662)	42,662	<u>42,662</u>
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 5.52%</b>			<i>Total Short-Term Investments</i>		
<b>Repurchase Agreements 4.94%</b>			(cost \$4,079,638)		<u>4,079,638</u>
Repurchase Agreement			<i>Total Investments in Securities 101.49%</i>		
dated 6/30/2023, 2.600%			(cost \$65,097,884)		<u>75,005,927</u>
due 7/3/2023 with Fixed			<i>Other Assets and</i>		
Income Clearing Corp.			<i>Liabilities – Net (1.49)%</i>		<u>(1,099,770)</u>
collateralized by			<i>Net Assets 100.00%</i>		<u>\$73,906,157</u>
\$3,771,100 of U.S.					
Treasury Note at 3.750%			ADR American Depositary Receipt.		
due 05/31/2030;			* Non-income producing security.		
value: \$3,726,125;			(a) Foreign security traded in U.S. dollars.		
proceeds: \$3,653,806			(b) All or a portion of this security is temporarily on		
(cost \$3,653,014)	\$3,653,014	<u>3,653,014</u>	loan to unaffiliated broker/dealers.		
			(c) Security was purchased with the cash collateral		
			from loaned securities.		

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of June 30, 2023 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at fair value<sup>(1)</sup>:

<u>Investment Type<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Long-Term Investments</b>				
Common Stocks	\$70,926,289	\$ –	\$ –	\$70,926,289
<b>Short-Term Investments</b>				
Repurchase Agreements	–	3,653,014	–	3,653,014
Money Market Funds	383,962	–	–	383,962
Time Deposits	–	42,662	–	42,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,310,251</b>	<b>\$3,695,676</b>	<b>\$ –</b>	<b>\$75,005,927</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Refer to Note 2(h) for a description of fair value measurements and the three-tier hierarchy of inputs.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Schedule of Investments for fair values in each industry and identification of foreign issuers and/or geography. When applicable, each Level 3 security is identified on the Schedule of Investments along with the valuation technique utilized.

A reconciliation of Level 3 investments is presented when the Fund has a material amount of Level 3 investments at the beginning or end of the period in relation to the Fund's net assets.



# Statement of Assets and Liabilities (unaudited)

June 30, 2023

## ASSETS:

Investments in securities, at fair value including \$405,494 of securities loaned (cost \$65,097,884)	\$ 75,005,927
Receivables:	
Investment securities sold	1,701,843
Capital shares sold	23,667
From advisor (See Note 3)	10,662
Interest	264
Securities lending income receivable	307
Prepaid expenses	500
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>76,743,170</b>

## LIABILITIES:

Payables:	
Investment securities purchased	2,199,381
Payable for collateral due to broker for securities lending	426,624
Transfer agent fees	86,937
Management fee	44,207
Capital shares reacquired	10,954
Directors' fees	7,748
Fund administration	2,358
Accrued expenses	58,804
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,837,013</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 73,906,157</b>

## COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS:

Paid-in capital	\$ 92,179,496
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(18,273,339)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 73,906,157</b>
Outstanding shares (50 million shares of common stock authorized, \$.001 par value)	2,988,612
Net asset value, offering and redemption price per share (Net assets divided by outstanding shares)	<b>\$24.73</b>

# Statement of Operations (unaudited)

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2023

## Investment income:

Dividends	\$ 66,512
Securities lending net income	6,353
Interest and other	17,033
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>89,898</b>

## Expenses:

Management fee	265,163
Non 12b-1 service fees	88,433
Shareholder servicing	37,050
Professional	20,084
Fund administration	14,142
Custody	7,461
Reports to shareholders	3,689
Directors' fees	987
Other	8,201
Gross expenses	445,210
Expense reductions (See Note 8)	(651)
Fees waived and expenses reimbursed (See Note 3)	(76,866)

<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>367,693</b>
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<b>Net investment loss</b>	<b>(277,795)</b>
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## Net realized and unrealized gain (loss):

Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(899,010)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	9,050,187

<b>Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)</b>	<b>8,151,177</b>
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<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations</b>	<b>\$7,873,382</b>
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# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2023 (unaudited)	For the Year Ended December 31, 2022
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment loss	\$ (277,795)	\$ (604,562)
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(899,010)	(23,300,960)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	9,050,187	(17,820,646)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>7,873,382</b>	<b>(41,726,168)</b>
<b>Capital share transactions (See Note 14):</b>		
Net proceeds from sales of shares	4,444,463	9,953,786
Cost of shares reacquired	(7,303,728)	(16,325,416)
<b>Net decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions</b>	<b>(2,859,265)</b>	<b>(6,371,630)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	<b>5,014,117</b>	<b>(48,097,798)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Beginning of period	\$68,892,040	\$116,989,838
<b>End of period</b>	<b>\$73,906,157</b>	<b>\$ 68,892,040</b>

## Financial Highlights (unaudited)

	Per Share Operating Performance:					Net asset value, end of period
	Investment Operations:			Distributions to shareholders from:		
	Net asset value, beginning of period	Net investment (loss) <sup>(a)</sup>	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	Total from investment operations	Net realized gain	
6/30/2023 <sup>(c)</sup>	\$22.15	\$(0.09)	\$ 2.67	\$ 2.58	\$ -	\$24.73
12/31/2022	34.61	(0.18)	(12.28)	(12.46)	-	22.15
12/31/2021	47.18	(0.42)	(0.93)	(1.35)	(11.22)	34.61
12/31/2020	29.88	(0.30)	22.17	21.87	(4.57)	47.18
12/31/2019	24.97	(0.27)	8.23	7.96	(3.05)	29.88
12/31/2018	28.18	(0.21)	1.41	1.20	(4.41)	24.97

<sup>(a)</sup> Calculated using average shares outstanding during the period.

<sup>(b)</sup> Total return does not consider the effects of sales charges or other expenses imposed by an insurance company and assumes the reinvestment of all distributions.

<sup>(c)</sup> Unaudited.

<sup>(d)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(e)</sup> Annualized.

**Ratios to Average Net Assets:****Supplemental Data:**

<b>Total return<sup>(b)</sup> (%)</b>	<b>Total expenses after waivers and/or reimburse- ments (%)</b>	<b>Total expenses (%)</b>	<b>Net investment (loss) (%)</b>	<b>Net assets, end of period (000)</b>	<b>Portfolio turnover rate (%)</b>
11.65 <sup>(d)</sup>	1.04 <sup>(c)</sup>	1.26 <sup>(c)</sup>	(0.79) <sup>(c)</sup>	\$ 73,906	64 <sup>(d)</sup>
(35.98)	1.04	1.30	(0.74)	68,892	125
(2.75)	1.04	1.15	(0.87)	116,990	121
72.60	1.04	1.24	(0.84)	137,300	113
31.77	1.01	1.27	(0.86)	79,374	106
4.88	0.94	1.31	(0.63)	54,749	112

# Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

## 1. ORGANIZATION

Lord Abbett Series Fund, Inc. (the "Company") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a diversified, open-end management investment company and was incorporated under Maryland law in 1989. The Company consists of nine separate portfolios as of June 30, 2023. This report covers Developing Growth Portfolio (the "Fund").

The Fund's investment objective is long-term growth of capital. The Fund has Variable Contract class shares ("Class VC Shares"), which are currently issued and redeemed only in connection with investments in, and payments under, variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies issued by life insurance and insurance-related companies. The Fund generally is not available for purchase by new investors, existing shareholders may continue to purchase Fund shares.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) **Investment Valuation**—Under procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Directors (the "Board"), the Board has designated the determination of fair value of the Fund's portfolio investments to Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC ("Lord Abbett") as its valuation designee. Accordingly, Lord Abbett is responsible for, among other things, assessing and managing valuation risks, establishing, applying and testing fair value methodologies, and evaluating pricing services. Lord Abbett has formed a Pricing Committee that performs these responsibilities on behalf of Lord Abbett, administers the pricing and valuation of portfolio investments and ensures that prices utilized reasonably reflect fair value. Among other things, these procedures allow Lord Abbett, subject to Board oversight, to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers and other market sources to determine fair value.

Securities actively traded on any recognized U.S. or non-U.S. exchange or on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC are valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the exchange or system on which they are principally traded. Events occurring after the close of trading on non-U.S. exchanges may result in adjustments to the valuation of foreign securities to reflect their fair value as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange. When valuing foreign equity securities that meet certain criteria, the Pricing Committee uses a third-party fair valuation service that values such securities to reflect market trading that occurs after the close of the applicable foreign markets of comparable securities or other instruments that correlate to the fair-valued securities. Unlisted equity securities are valued at the last quoted sale price or, if no sale price is available, at the mean between the most recently quoted bid and ask prices.

Securities for which prices are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined by the Pricing Committee. The Pricing Committee considers a number of factors, including observable and unobservable inputs, when arriving at fair value. The Pricing Committee may

## Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)(continued)

use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values, and other relevant information to determine the fair value of portfolio investments. The Board or a designated committee thereof periodically reviews reports that may include fair value determinations made by the Pricing Committee, related market activity, inputs and assumptions, and retrospective comparison of prices of subsequent purchases and sales transactions to fair value determinations made by the Pricing Committee.

Investments in open-end money market mutual funds are valued at their NAV as of the close of each business day. Short-term securities with 60 days or less remaining to maturity are valued using the amortized cost method, which approximates fair value.

- (b) **Security Transactions**—Security transactions are recorded as of the date that the securities are purchased or sold (trade date). Realized gains and losses on sales of portfolio securities are calculated using the identified-cost method.
- (c) **Investment Income**—Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis as earned. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized using the effective interest method and are included in Interest and other, if applicable, in the Statement of Operations. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the applicable country's tax rules and rates.
- (d) **Income Taxes**—It is the policy of the Fund to meet the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all taxable income and capital gains to its shareholders. Therefore, no income tax provision is required.

The Fund files U.S. federal and various state and local tax returns. No income tax returns are currently under examination. The statute of limitations on the Fund's filed U.S. federal tax returns remains open for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2022. The statutes of limitations on the Fund's state and local tax returns may remain open for an additional year depending upon the Fund's jurisdiction.

- (e) **Expenses**—Expenses incurred by the Company that do not specifically relate to an individual fund are generally allocated to the funds within the Company on a pro rata basis by relative net assets.
- (f) **Foreign Transactions**—The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars and transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in the Fund's records at the rate prevailing when earned or recorded. Asset and liability accounts that are denominated in foreign currencies are adjusted daily to reflect current exchange rates and any unrealized gain (loss), if applicable, is included in Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies on the Fund's Statement of Operations. The resultant exchange gains and losses upon settlement of such transactions, if applicable, are included in Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency related transactions on the Fund's Statement of Operations. The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rates from the changes in market prices of the securities.

The Fund uses foreign currency exchange contracts to facilitate transactions in foreign-denominated securities. Losses from these transactions may arise from changes in the value of the foreign currency or if the counterparties do not perform under the contracts' terms.

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- (g) **Repurchase Agreements**—The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with respect to securities. A repurchase agreement is a transaction in which a fund acquires a security and simultaneously commits to resell that security to the seller (a bank or securities dealer) at an agreed-upon price on an agreed-upon date. The Fund requires at all times that the repurchase agreement be collateralized by cash, or by securities of the U.S. Government, its agencies, its instrumentalities, or U.S. Government sponsored enterprises having a value equal to, or in excess of, the value of the repurchase agreement (including accrued interest). If the seller of the agreement defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities at a time when the fair value of these securities has declined, the Fund may incur a loss upon disposition of the securities.
- (h) **Fair Value Measurements**—Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk—for example, the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value (such as a pricing model) and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy classification is determined based on the lowest level of inputs that is significant to the fair value measurement, and is summarized in the three broad Levels listed below:
- Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments;
  - Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and
  - Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

A summary of inputs used in valuing the Fund's investments as of June 30, 2023 and, if applicable, Level 3 rollforwards for the six months then ended is included in the Fund's Schedule of Investments.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the three-tier hierarchy. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

### 3. MANAGEMENT FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

#### Management Fee

The Company has a management agreement with Lord Abbett, pursuant to which Lord Abbett provides the Fund with investment management services and executive and other personnel, provides office space and pays for ordinary and necessary office and clerical expenses relating to research and statistical work and supervision of the Fund's investment portfolio. The management fee is accrued daily and payable monthly.



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The management fee is based on the Fund's average daily net assets at the following annual rates:

First \$100 million	.75%
Over \$100 million	.50%

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the effective management fee, net of any applicable waiver, was at an annualized rate of .55% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

In addition, Lord Abbett provides certain administrative services to the Fund pursuant to an Administrative Services Agreement in return for a fee at an annual rate of .04% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The fund administration fee is accrued daily and payable monthly. Lord Abbett voluntarily waived \$7,461 of fund administration fees during the six months ended June 30, 2023.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023 and continuing through April 30, 2024, Lord Abbett has contractually agreed to waive its fees and reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to limit total net annual operating expenses (excluding certain expenses such as acquired fund fees and expenses) to an annual rate of 1.04%. This agreement may be terminated only upon the approval of the Board.

The Company, on behalf of the Fund, has entered into services arrangements with certain insurance companies. Under these arrangements, certain insurance companies will be compensated up to .25% of the average daily net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund's Class VC Shares held in the insurance company's separate account to service and maintain the Variable Contract owners' accounts. This amount is included in non 12b-1 service fees on the Statement of Operations. The Fund may also compensate certain insurance companies, third-party administrators and other entities for providing recordkeeping, sub-transfer agency and other administrative services to the Fund. This amount is included in Shareholder servicing on the Statement of Operations. These servicing fees are accrued daily and payable monthly. One Director and certain of the Company's officers have an interest in Lord Abbett.

#### 4. DISTRIBUTIONS AND CAPITAL LOSS CARRYFORWARDS

Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid at least semi-annually. Taxable net realized gains from investment transactions, reduced by allowable capital loss carryforwards, if any, are declared and distributed to shareholders at least annually. The capital loss carryforward amount, if any, is available to offset future net capital gains. Dividends and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amounts of dividends and distributions from net investment income and net realized capital gains are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. These book/tax differences are either considered temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the components of net assets based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Dividends and distributions that exceed earnings and profits for tax purposes are reported as a tax return of capital.

The tax character of distributions paid during the six months ended June 30, 2023 and fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 was as follows:

	Six Months Ended 6/30/2023 (unaudited)	Year Ended 12/31/2022
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income	\$ -	\$ -
Total distributions paid	\$ -	\$ -

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As of December 31, 2022, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$26,295,927, which will carry forward indefinitely.

As of June 30, 2023, the aggregate unrealized security gains and losses on investments and other financial instruments based on cost for U.S. federal income tax purposes were as follows:

Tax cost	\$65,798,189
Gross unrealized gain	11,128,300
Gross unrealized loss	(1,920,562)
Net unrealized security gain (loss)	\$ 9,207,738

The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized gains (losses) is attributable to the tax treatment of wash sales.

### 5. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investment securities (excluding short-term investments) during the six months ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Purchases	Sales
\$45,292,629	\$49,726,586

There were no purchases or sales of U.S. Government securities during the six months ended June 30, 2023.

The Fund is permitted to purchase and sell securities ("cross-trade") from and to other Lord Abbett funds or client accounts pursuant to procedures approved by the Board in compliance with Rule 17a-7 under the Act (the "Rule"). Each cross-trade is executed at a fair market price in compliance with provisions of the Rule. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Fund engaged in cross-trade purchases of \$98,301.

### 6. DISCLOSURES ABOUT OFFSETTING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Financial Accounting Standards Board requires disclosures intended to help better assess the effect or potential effect of offsetting arrangements on a fund's financial position. The following tables illustrate gross and net information about recognized assets and liabilities eligible for offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities; and disclose such amounts subject to an enforceable master netting agreement or similar agreement, by the counterparty. A master netting agreement is an agreement between a fund and the counterparty which provides for the net settlement of amounts owed under all contracts traded under that agreement, as well as cash collateral, through a single payment by one party to the other in the event of default on or termination of any one contract. The Fund's accounting policy with respect to balance sheet offsetting is that, absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the master netting agreement does not result in an offset of reported amounts of financial assets and liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities across transactions between the Fund and the applicable counterparty:

Description	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Amounts Offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Repurchase Agreements	\$3,653,014	\$ -	\$3,653,014
Total	\$3,653,014	\$ -	\$3,653,014

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Counterparty	Net Amount of Assets Presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities			Net Amount <sup>(b)</sup>
		Financial Instruments	Cash Collateral Received <sup>(a)</sup>	Securities Collateral Received <sup>(a)</sup>	
Fixed Income Clearing Corp.	\$3,653,014	\$ –	\$ –	\$(3,653,014)	\$ –
Total	\$3,653,014	\$ –	\$ –	\$(3,653,014)	\$ –

<sup>(a)</sup> Collateral disclosed is limited to an amount not to exceed 100% of the net amount of assets (liabilities) presented in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, for each respective counterparty.

<sup>(b)</sup> Net amount represents the amount owed to the Fund by the counterparty as of June 30, 2023.

### 7. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The Company's officers and one Director, who are associated with Lord Abbett, do not receive any compensation from the Company for serving in such capacities. Independent Directors' fees are allocated among all Lord Abbett-sponsored funds based on the net assets of each fund. There is an equity-based plan available to all Independent Directors under which Independent Directors may elect to defer receipt of a portion of Directors' fees. The deferred amounts are treated as though equivalent dollar amounts had been invested in the Fund. Such amounts and earnings accrued thereon are included in Directors' fees in the Statement of Operations and in Directors' fees payable in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and are not deductible for U.S. federal income tax purposes until such amounts are paid.

### 8. EXPENSE REDUCTIONS

The Company has entered into an arrangement with its prior transfer agent and its custodian, whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's expenses. The arrangement with the Fund's prior transfer agent was discontinued effective March 6, 2023.

### 9. LINE OF CREDIT

For the period ended June 30, 2023, the Fund and certain other funds managed by Lord Abbett (collectively, the "Participating Funds") were party to a syndicated line of credit facility with various lenders for \$1.625 billion (the "Syndicated Facility") under which State Street Bank and Trust Company ("SSB") participated as a lender and as agent for the lenders. The Participating Funds were subject to graduated borrowing limits of one-third of fund net assets (if fund net assets are less than \$750 million), \$250 million, \$300 million, \$700 million, or \$1 billion, based on past borrowings and likelihood of future borrowings, among other factors.

Effective August 3, 2023, the Participating Funds renewed the Syndicated Facility for \$1.6 billion. The Participating Funds remain subject to the same graduated borrowing limits as before.

For the period ended June 30, 2023, the Participating Funds were also party to an additional uncommitted line of credit facility with SSB for \$330 million (the "Bilateral Facility"). Under the Bilateral Facility, the Participating Funds were subject to graduated borrowing limits of one-third of fund net assets (if net assets are less than \$750 million), or \$250 million based on past borrowings and likelihood of future borrowings, among other factors.

Effective August 3, 2023, the Participating Funds renewed the Bilateral Facility in the same amount. The Participating Funds remain subject to the same graduated borrowing limits as before.

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These credit facilities are to be used for temporary or emergency purposes as additional sources of liquidity to satisfy redemptions. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Fund did not utilize the Syndicated Facility or Bilateral Facility.

### 10. INTERFUND LENDING PROGRAM

Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC exemptive order") certain registered open-end management investment companies managed by Lord Abbett, including the Fund, participate in a joint lending and borrowing program (the "Interfund Lending Program"). The SEC exemptive order allows the funds that participate in the Interfund Lending Program to borrow money from and lend money to each other for temporary or emergency purposes subject to the limitations and conditions.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Fund did not participate as a borrower or lender in the Interfund Lending Program.

### 11. CUSTODIAN AND ACCOUNTING AGENT

SSB is the Company's custodian and accounting agent. SSB performs custodial, accounting and recordkeeping functions relating to portfolio transactions and calculating the Fund's net asset value.

### 12. SECURITIES LENDING AGREEMENT

The Fund has established a securities lending agreement with Citibank, N.A. for the lending of securities to qualified brokers in exchange for securities or cash collateral equal to at least the market value of securities loaned, plus interest, if applicable. Cash collateral is invested in an approved money market fund. In accordance with the Fund's securities lending agreement, the market value of securities on loan is determined each day at the close of business and any additional collateral required to cover the value of securities on loan is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. As with other extensions of credit, the Fund may experience a delay in the recovery of its securities or incur a loss should the borrower of the securities breach its agreement with the Fund or the borrower becomes insolvent at a time when the collateral is insufficient to cover the cost of repurchasing securities on loan. Any income earned from securities lending is included in Securities lending net income on the Fund's Statement of Operations.

The initial collateral received by the Fund is required to have a value equal to at least 100% of the market value of the securities loaned. The collateral must be marked-to-market daily to cover increases in the market value of the securities loaned (or potentially a decline in the value of the collateral). In general, the risk of borrower default will be borne by Citibank, N.A.; the Fund will bear the risk of loss with respect to the investment of the cash collateral. The advantage of such loans is that the Fund continues to receive income on loaned securities while receiving a portion of any securities lending fees and earning returns on the cash amounts which may be reinvested for the purchase of investments in securities.

As of June 30, 2023, the market value of securities loaned and collateral received were as follows:

<u>Market Value of Securities Loaned</u>	<u>Collateral Received<sup>(1)</sup></u>
\$405,494	\$426,624

<sup>(1)</sup> Statement of Assets and Liabilities location: Payable for collateral due to broker for securities lending.

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## 13. INVESTMENT RISKS

The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with equity investing. The value of an investment will fluctuate in response to movements in the equity securities markets in general and to the changing prospects of individual companies in which the Fund invests.

The Fund has particular risks associated with growth stocks. Different types of stocks shift in and out of favor over time depending on market and economic conditions. Growth stocks tend to be more volatile than other stocks. Growth stocks are often more sensitive to market fluctuations than other securities because their market prices are highly sensitive to future earnings expectations. In addition, if the Fund's assessment of a company's potential for growth or market conditions is wrong, it could suffer losses or produce poor performance relative to other funds, even in a favorable market. The Fund invests primarily in small-cap growth company stocks, which tend to be more volatile and can be less liquid than other types of stocks. The shares of small and mid-sized companies tend to trade less frequently than those of larger, more established companies, which can adversely affect the pricing of these securities and the ability to sell these securities in the future. Small-cap companies may also have more limited product lines, markets or financial resources, and typically experience a higher risk of failure than large-cap companies. Because the Fund may invest a portion of its assets in foreign securities and American Depositary Receipts, it may experience increased market, industry and sector, liquidity, currency, political, information and other risks. The securities of foreign companies also may be subject to inadequate exchange control regulations, the imposition of economic sanctions or other government restrictions, higher transaction and other costs, and delays in settlement to the extent they are traded on non-U.S. exchanges or markets.

Geopolitical and other events (e.g., wars, terrorism, natural disasters, epidemics or pandemics) may disrupt securities markets and adversely affect global economies and markets, thereby decreasing the value of the Fund's investments. Market disruptions can also prevent the Fund from implementing its investment strategies and achieving its investment objective.

In March 2023, the shut-down of certain financial institutions raised economic concerns over disruption in the U.S. banking system. There can be no certainty that the actions taken by the U.S. government to strengthen public confidence in the U.S. banking system will be effective in mitigating the effects of financial institution failures on the economy and restoring public confidence in the U.S. banking system objective.

The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, and the effects of other infectious illness outbreaks, epidemics, or pandemics, may be short term or may continue for an extended period of time. For example, a global pandemic or other widespread health crises could negatively affect the global economy, the economies of individual countries, and the financial performance of individual issuers, sectors, industries, asset classes, and markets in significant and unforeseen ways. Health crises caused by outbreaks of disease may also exacerbate other pre-existing political, social, and economic risks in certain countries or globally. The foregoing could disrupt the operations of the Fund and its service providers, adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Fund's investments, and negatively impact the Fund's performance and your investment in the Fund.

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## 14. SUMMARY OF CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in shares of capital stock were as follows:

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2023 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2022</b>
Shares sold	186,547	397,735
Reinvestment of distributions	-	-
Shares reacquired	(307,978)	(668,373)
Decrease	(121,431)	(270,638)

## Approval of Advisory Contract

The Board, including all of the Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company or of Lord Abbett, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Independent Directors"), annually considers whether to approve the continuation of the existing management agreement between the Fund and Lord Abbett (the "Agreement"). In connection with its most recent approval, the Board reviewed materials relating specifically to the Agreement, as well as numerous materials received throughout the course of the year, including information about investment performance. Before making its decision as to the Fund, the Board had the opportunity to ask questions and request further information, taking into account its knowledge of Lord Abbett gained through its meetings and discussions. The Independent Directors also met with their independent legal counsel in various private sessions at which no representatives of management were present.

The materials received by the Board included, but were not limited to: (1) information provided by Broadridge Financial Solutions ("Broadridge") regarding the investment performance of the Fund compared to the investment performance of certain funds with similar investment styles as determined by Broadridge, based, in part, on the Fund's Morningstar category (the "performance peer group"), and the investment performance of an appropriate benchmark; (2) information provided by Broadridge regarding the expense ratios, contractual and actual management fee rates, and other expense components for the Fund and certain funds in the same Morningstar category, with generally the same or similar share classes and operational characteristics, including asset size (the "expense peer group"); (3) certain supplemental investment performance information provided by Lord Abbett; (4) information provided by Lord Abbett on the expense ratios, management fee rates, and other expense components for the Fund; (5) sales and redemption information for the Fund; (6) information regarding Lord Abbett's financial condition; (7) an analysis of the relative profitability to Lord Abbett of providing management and administrative services to the Fund; (8) information provided by Lord Abbett regarding the investment management fee schedules for Lord Abbett's other advisory clients maintaining accounts with a similar investment strategy as the Fund; and (9) information regarding the personnel and other resources devoted by Lord Abbett to managing the Fund. The Board most recently previously approved the Agreement at a meeting held on November 11-12, 2021 and again at a meeting held on January 26-27, 2022 in order to reset the date for consideration of future approvals.

**Investment Management and Related Services Generally.** The Board considered the services provided by Lord Abbett to the Fund, including investment research, portfolio management, and trading, and Lord Abbett's commitment to compliance with all applicable legal requirements. The Board also observed that Lord Abbett was solely engaged in the investment management business and accordingly did not experience the conflicts of interest that may result from being engaged in other lines of business. The Board considered the investment advisory services provided by Lord Abbett to other clients, the fees charged for the services, and the differences in the nature of the services provided to the Fund and other Lord Abbett Funds, on the one hand, and the services provided to other clients, on the other. After reviewing these and related factors, the Board concluded that the Fund was likely to continue to benefit from the nature, extent and quality of the investment services provided by Lord Abbett under the Agreement.

**Investment Performance.** The Board reviewed the Fund's investment performance in relation to that of the performance peer group and an appropriate benchmark as of various periods ended June 30, 2022. The Board observed that the Fund's investment performance was below the median of the performance peer group for the one- and three-year periods, above the median of the performance peer group for the five-year period, and equal to the median of the performance peer

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group for the ten-year period. The Board further considered Lord Abbett's performance and reputation generally, the performance of other Lord Abbett-managed funds overseen by the Board, and the willingness of Lord Abbett to take steps intended to improve performance when appropriate. After reviewing these and other factors, including those described below, the Board concluded that the Fund's Agreement should be continued.

**Lord Abbett's Personnel and Methods.** The Board considered the qualifications of the personnel providing investment management services to the Fund, in light of its investment objective and discipline, and other services provided to the Fund by Lord Abbett. Among other things, the Board considered the size, experience, and turnover of Lord Abbett's staff, Lord Abbett's investment methodology and philosophy, and Lord Abbett's approach to recruiting, training, and retaining personnel.

**Nature and Quality of Other Services.** The Board considered the nature, quality, and extent of compliance, administrative, and other services performed by Lord Abbett and the nature and extent of Lord Abbett's supervision of third-party service providers, including the Fund's transfer agent and custodian.

**Expenses.** The Board considered the expense level of the Fund, including the contractual and actual management fee rates, and the expense levels of the Fund's expense peer group. It also considered how each of the expense level and the actual management fee rate of the Fund related to those of the expense peer group and the amount and nature of the fees paid by shareholders. The Board observed that the net total expense ratio and actual management fee of the Fund were both below the median of the expense peer group. After reviewing these and related factors, the Board concluded, within the context of its overall approval of the Agreement, that the management fees paid by the Fund were reasonable in light of all of the factors it considered, including the nature, quality and extent of services provided by Lord Abbett.

**Profitability.** The Board considered the level of Lord Abbett's operating margin in managing the Fund, including a review of Lord Abbett's methodology for allocating its costs to its management of the Fund. It considered whether the Fund was profitable to Lord Abbett in connection with the Fund's operation, including the fee that Lord Abbett receives from the Fund for providing administrative services to the Fund. The Board considered Lord Abbett's profit margins excluding Lord Abbett's marketing and distribution expenses. The Board also considered Lord Abbett's profit margins, without those exclusions, in comparison with available industry data and how those profit margins could affect Lord Abbett's ability to recruit and retain personnel. The Board recognized that Lord Abbett's overall profitability was a factor in enabling it to attract and retain qualified personnel to provide services to the Fund. After reviewing these and related factors, the Board concluded, within the context of its overall approval of the Agreement, that Lord Abbett's profitability with respect to the Fund was not excessive.

**Economies of Scale.** The Board considered the extent to which there had been economies of scale in managing the Fund, whether the Fund's shareholders had appropriately benefited from such economies of scale, and whether there was potential for realization of any further economies of scale. The Board also considered information provided by Lord Abbett regarding how it shares any potential economies of scale through its investments in its businesses supporting the Funds. The Board also considered the Fund's existing management fee schedule, with its breakpoint in the level of the management fee, and the Fund's expense limitation agreement. Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that any economies of scale were adequately addressed in respect of the Fund.



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**Other Benefits to Lord Abbett.** The Board considered the amount and nature of the fees paid by the Fund and the Fund's shareholders to Lord Abbett for services other than investment advisory services, such as the fee that Lord Abbett receives from the Fund for providing administrative services to the Fund. The Board also considered the revenues and profitability of Lord Abbett's investment advisory business apart from its mutual fund business, and the intangible benefits enjoyed by Lord Abbett by virtue of its relationship with the Fund. The Board observed that the Distributor receives 12b-1 fees from certain of the Lord Abbett Funds as to shares held in accounts for which there is no other broker of record, may retain a portion of the 12b-1 fees it receives, and receives a portion of the sales charges on sales and redemptions of some classes of shares of the Lord Abbett Funds. In addition, the Board observed that Lord Abbett accrues certain benefits for its business of providing investment advice to clients other than the Lord Abbett Funds, but that business also benefits the Funds. The Board also noted that Lord Abbett, as disclosed in the prospectus of the Fund, has entered into revenue sharing arrangements with certain entities that distribute shares of the Lord Abbett Funds. The Board also took into consideration the investment research that Lord Abbett receives as a result of client brokerage transactions.

**Alternative Arrangements.** The Board considered whether, instead of approving continuation of the Agreement, it might be in the best interests of the Fund to implement one or more alternative arrangements, such as continuing to employ Lord Abbett, but on different terms. After considering all of the relevant factors, the Board unanimously found that continuation of the Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders and voted unanimously to approve the continuation of the Agreement. In considering whether to approve the continuation of the Agreement, the Board did not identify any single factor as paramount or controlling. Individual Directors may have evaluated the information presented differently from one another, giving different weights to various factors. This summary does not discuss in detail all matters considered.

## Liquidity Risk Management Program

Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act, the Fund has adopted a Liquidity Risk Management Program and Policy ("Program"). The Program is designed to assess, manage and periodically review the Fund's liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is defined under Rule 22e-4 as the risk that the Fund could not meet redemption requests without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund. The Board has appointed Lord Abbett as the administrator for the Fund's Program. At the May 17, 2023 meeting, Lord Abbett provided the Board with a report addressing the operation of the Program and assessing its adequacy and effectiveness of implementation for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Lord Abbett reported that the Program operated effectively during the period. In particular, Lord Abbett reported that: no Fund breached its 15% limit on illiquid investments at any point during the period and all regulatory reporting related to Rule 22e-4 was completed on time and without issue during the period. There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives in the future. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for more information regarding the Fund's exposure to liquidity risk and other principal risks to which an investment in the Fund may be subject.

## Householding

The Company has adopted a policy that allows it to send only one copy of the Fund's prospectus, proxy material, annual report and semiannual report (or related notice of internet availability of annual report and semiannual report) to certain shareholders residing at the same "household." This reduces Fund expenses, which benefits you and other shareholders. If you need additional copies or do not want your mailings to be "household," please call Lord Abbett at 888-522-2388 or send a written request with your name, the name of your fund or funds and your account number or numbers to Lord Abbett Funds Service Center, P.O. Box 534489, Pittsburgh, PA 15253-4489 (regular mail) or 500 Ross Street 154-0520, Attention: 534489, Pittsburgh, PA 15262 (overnight mail).

## Proxy Voting Policies, Procedures and Records

A description of the policies and procedures that Lord Abbett uses to vote proxies related to the Fund's portfolio securities, and information on how Lord Abbett voted the Fund's proxies during the 12-month period ended June 30 are available without charge, upon request, (i) by calling 888-522-2388; (ii) on Lord Abbett's website at [www.lordabbett.com](http://www.lordabbett.com); and (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## Shareholder Reports and Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure

The Fund is required to file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for its first and third fiscal quarters as an attachment to Form N-PORT. Copies of the filings are available without charge, upon request on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and may be available by calling Lord Abbett at 888-522-2388.



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