### MANAGED MUNICIPAL LADDERS

## MUNICIPAL LADDERS: AN INSTITUTIONAL APPROACH

Lord Abbett brings more than 40 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

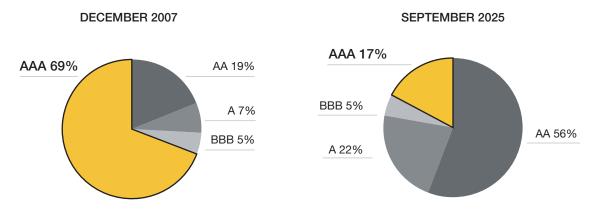
A favorable structure in a rising rate environment: as yields on new bonds adjust upward with rates, the tax-free income stream may rise.

## 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

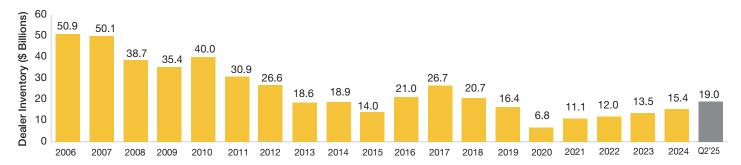


Source: Bloomberg Municipal Research. Breakdowns are as of 12/31/2007 and 09/30/2025, respectively. Credit quality is median credit quality of various rating agencies.

Pleasenote: Creditratings are derived from the major U.S. creditrating 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 09/11/2025.

#### 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. The relationship between trade size and spreads are still reflective in todays market.

## MUNICIPAL BOND EXPERIENCE

#### **INVESTMENT TEAM**



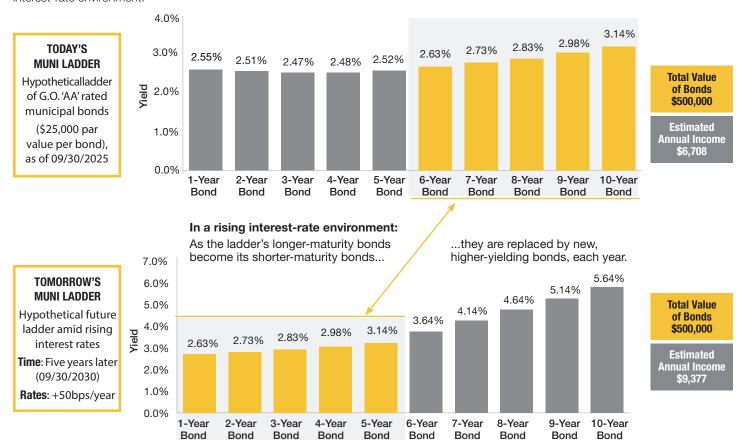
- More than 40 years of history managing municipals, with over \$45 billion in assets and more than 23,000 client accounts.
- Led by Daniel S. Solender, CFA, Partner & Director, with over 30 years of industry experience
- Managed through collaboration by 22 investment professionals, with an average of 14 years of industry experience

All investment team information as of 09/30/2025. Years of industry experience as of 01/01/2025.

## A STRATEGY FOR RISING RATES

#### MUNICIPAL LADDER HYPOTHETICAL 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 09/30/2025. 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

 $For questions \ regarding \ portfolio \ customization, \ please \ contact \ Lord \ Abbett \ at \ 1-888-522-2388 \ or \ smaclient@lordabbett.com.$ 

<sup>\*</sup>No individual issue is rated below A- at purchase.

<sup>\*\*</sup>StateSpecificmanagedaccountsareavailableforthefollowingstates:CA,MA,NY,OH,PA,TXandUTReciprocityat100%.MA,OH&PAonlyavailableat100%inIntermediate. StateFocus managedaccountsareavailable upto 50% for the following states: AZ,CO,CT,FL,GA,MA,MD,MI,NC,NJ,OH,PA,TX,UTReciprocity,VAandWA.StatePreference indicatesLordAbbettwillallocatetobondsissuedbytheselected stateonabestefforts basis upto 30%, dependent upon state issuance. Ladder State Specific managedaccounts are available for the following states: CA,FL,GA,MA,NJ,NY,OH,PA,TX and UTReciprocity at 100%. Lord Abbett can exercise the option to select from a full range of coupons. Cash flow from these portfolios may differ from that of other State Specific accounts. Ladder State Focus managedaccounts are available for a 35-50% allocation in the following states: AZ, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, MA, MD, MI, MO, NJ, NC, OH, PA, TX, UT Reciprocity and VA. Ladder State Preference indicates Lord Abbett will allocate to bonds is sued by the selected state on a best efforts basis up to 30%, dependent upon state is suance.



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