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The Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) compliant performance results shown represent the investment performance record for the Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC (Lord Abbett) **High Yield Opportunistic Institutional Composite**. Prior to December 31, 2015, the composite was named High Yield Institutional Composite. This composite is comprised of all fully discretionary portfolios investing in debt securities, including corporate debt, convertible securities, bank loans, structured products, and non-dollar denominated bonds, rated below investment grade at the time of purchase by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations or deemed to be of equivalent quality. Effective November 2017, only accounts with a value of \$20 million or more are included in the composite. Prior to November 2017, only portfolios with a value of \$10 million or more are included in the composite. Effective January 2018, accounts funded on or before the 15th of the month will be included in the Composite effective the first day of the first following month. Accounts funded after the 15th of the month will be included effective on the first day of the second following month. Prior to January 2018, other than registered investment companies sponsored by Lord Abbett, accounts opened/funded on or before the 15th day of the month were included in the Composite effective the first day of the second following month and accounts opened/funded after 15th of the month were included effective on the first day of the third following month. Registered investment companies sponsored by Lord Abbett are included in the Composite in the first full month of management. Closed accounts are removed from the Composite after the last full month in which they were managed in accordance with applicable objectives, guidelines, and restrictions. Performance results are expressed in U.S. dollars and reflect reinvestment of any dividends and distributions. The Composite was created in 2013. A complete list of Lord Abbett composites and a description of their investment strategies is available on request. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

For GIPS® purposes, the firm is defined as Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC (“Lord Abbett”). Total Firm Assets are the aggregate fair value of all discretionary and non-discretionary assets for which the Firm has investment management responsibility. Accordingly, Total Firm Assets include, but are not limited to, mutual funds (all classes of shares), privately placed investment funds, non-U.S. domiciled investment funds, separate/institutional portfolios, individual portfolios and separately managed accounts (“Wrap Fee/SMA Portfolios”) managed by Lord Abbett. Total Firm Assets also include any collateralized, structured investment vehicle, such as a collateralized debt obligation or collateralized loan obligation, for which Lord Abbett has been appointed as the collateral manager. For the period prior to January 1, 2000, the definition of the Firm does not include any hedge fund or SMA program accounts where Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC did not have the records so long as it is impossible for Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC to have the records (within the meaning of relevant GIPS® standards interpretations). Total Firm Assets also exclude separately managed program accounts that involve model delivery.

The number of portfolios and total assets in the Composite, and the percentage of total “firm” assets represented by the Composite at the end of each calendar year for which performance information is provided are as follows:

Calendar Year Ended	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
# of Portfolios	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Assets (\$M)	\$8,167	\$6,200	\$3,896	\$3,964	\$2,782	\$2,232	\$1,780	\$1,281	\$827	\$377
Percentage of Firm Assets	5.23%	4.61%	3.14%	2.92%	2.05%	1.70%	1.70%	1.20%	0.90%	0.50%
Total Firm Assets (\$M)	\$156,110	\$134,565	\$124,007	\$135,945	\$135,786	\$127,753	\$107,449	\$106,528	\$88,895	\$70,347
Dispersion	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lord Abbett High Yield Opportunistic Institutional Composite Gross (Annual)	9.46%	16.98%	-1.33%	4.45%	10.75%	17.63%	4.16%	15.42%	52.05%	-22.48%
Lord Abbett High Yield Opportunistic Institutional Composite Gross (3 year Annualized Return)	8.11%	6.43%	4.51%	10.81%	10.71%	12.24%	22.29%	10.81%	6.92%	-3.64%
Lord Abbett High Yield Opportunistic Institutional Composite Gross (3 year Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation)	5.25%	5.72%	5.22%	4.71%	6.68%	7.40%	10.17%	15.29%	15.15%	12.30%
Lord Abbett High Yield Opportunistic Institutional Composite Net (Annual)	8.92%	16.40%	-1.84%	3.92%	10.20%	17.05%	3.64%	14.85%	51.32%	-22.87%
Lord Abbett High Yield Opportunistic Institutional Composite Net (3 year Annualized Return)	7.57%	5.90%	3.98%	10.26%	10.16%	11.69%	21.67%	10.26%	6.39%	-4.12%
ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Constrained Index (Annual)	7.48%	17.49%	-4.61%	2.51%	7.41%	15.55%	4.37%	15.07%	58.10%	-26.11%
ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Constrained Index (3 year Annualized Return)	6.40%	4.73%	1.65%	8.36%	9.01%	11.54%	23.83%	10.36%	6.20%	-5.68%
ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Constrained Index (3 year Annualized Ex-Post Standard Deviation)	5.67%	6.10%	5.34%	4.50%	6.51%	7.12%	11.12%	17.00%	16.87%	13.31%



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Dispersion is represented by the asset-weighted standard deviation, a measure that explains deviations of portfolio rates of return from the asset-weighted composite return. Only portfolios that have been managed within the Composite style for a full year are included in the asset-weighted standard deviation calculation. The measure may not be meaningful (N/A) for composites consisting of five or fewer portfolios or for periods of less than a full year.

The performance of the Composite is shown net and gross of advisory fees, and reflects the deduction of transaction costs. The deduction of advisory fees and expenses (and the compounding effect thereof over time) will reduce the performance results and, correspondingly, the return to an investor. Net performance of the Composite as presented in the table on the previous page reflects the deduction of a "model" advisory fee, calculated as the highest advisory fee, borne by any account (without giving effect to any performance fee that may be applicable) in the Composite (an annual rate of 0.50% of assets) and other expenses (including trade execution expenses). **For example, if \$10 million were invested and experienced a 10% compounded annual return for 10 years, its ending dollar value, without giving effect to the deduction of the advisory fee, would be \$25,937,425. If an advisory fee of 0.50% of average net assets per year for the 10-year period were deducted, the annual total return would be 9.45% and the ending dollar value would be \$24,782,276. The management fee schedule is as follows: 0.50% on the first \$50 million, 0.40% on the next \$100 million, 0.38% on the next \$100 million, and 0.35% on all assets over \$250 million.** Net-of-fee performance reflects the deduction of the highest applicable institutional advisory fee that would be charged to a new institutional client account based on the current fee schedule for this strategy. The composite includes one or more registered investment companies sponsored by Lord Abbett ("Lord Abbett Funds") that are subject to fees and expenses that would be inapplicable to an institutional client account. Therefore, the actual performance of Lord Abbett Fund accounts included in the composite may be lower than the net-of-fee composite performance presented. Fees and expenses applicable to the Lord Abbett Funds are disclosed in each Fund's Prospectus, which is available upon request. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Certain securities held in portfolios contained in this composite may have valuations determined using both subjective observable and subjective unobservable inputs. The Firm's valuation hierarchy does not materially differ from the hierarchy in the GIPS Valuation Principles.

Lord Abbett claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Lord Abbett has been independently verified for the periods 1993 through 2016. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. The High Yield Opportunistic Institutional composite has been examined for the periods 1999 through 2016. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

The ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Constrained Index is a capitalization-weighted index of all US dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have a below investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch), at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, at least one year remaining term to final maturity as of the rebalancing date, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of \$100 million. The index caps individual issuer at 2%. Index constituents are capitalization-weighted, based on their current amount outstanding, provided the total allocation to an individual issuer does not exceed 2%. Issuers that exceed the limit are reduced to 2% and the face value of each of their bonds is adjusted on a pro-rata basis. The face values of bonds of all other issuers that fall below the 2% cap are increased on a pro-rata basis. In the event there are fewer than 50 issuers in the Index, each is equally weighted and the face values of their respective bonds are increased or decreased on a pro-rata basis. The benchmark has not been examined by Deloitte & Touche LLP.

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