



CALIBRATED DIVIDEND GROWTH FUND

MARKET REVIEW

- The U.S. equity market, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, returned 4.30% during the second quarter of 2019.¹ The best performing factor within the equity market was low volatility, while momentum, high beta, and dividend factors lagged.² Furthermore, large cap stocks beat small caps, as growth continued its persistent outperformance versus value.³
- Trade negotiations dominated headlines during the quarter, as increased tensions between the U.S. and China, and later between the U.S. and Mexico, threatened to derail global markets.
- Macro fundamentals remained largely supportive as the unemployment rate stood at 3.6% in May 2019, touching lows not seen since the 1960's.⁴ While the economic backdrop continued to look favorable, there remained a myriad of uncertainties and consumer sentiment fell slightly in June.⁵

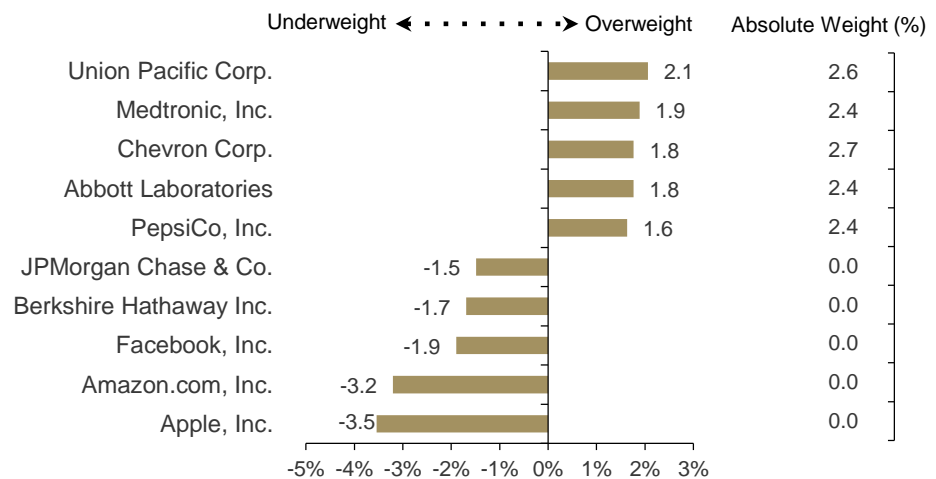
PORTFOLIO REVIEW

- The Fund returned 3.96%, reflecting performance at the net asset value (NAV) of Class A shares with all distributions reinvested, for the quarter ended June 30, 2019. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P 500 Index¹, returned 4.30% in the same period.
- Security selection within the consumer discretionary sector detracted most from relative performance. Within the sector, the Fund's position in Lowe's Company, Inc. (2.0%) detracted most from performance. Shares of the home improvement products retailer sold off after the company reported first quarter 2019 earnings of \$1.22, which was well below the street consensus of \$1.33.
- Security selection within and an underweight allocation to the financial sector also detracted from relative performance. The Fund's position in Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (0.1%), a financial planning, asset management, and insurance company, detracted most from relative performance. Shares of Ameriprise rose over the first half of the quarter and traded sideways the latter half, which detracted from relative performance as the Fund initiated a position in June.
- Security selection within the health care sector, and more specifically the Fund's position in Medtronic, Inc. (2.3%), contributed most to relative performance. Shares of the diversified medical products company rose after it reported fiscal fourth quarter results and more specifically, after it discussed the product pipeline whereby management should accelerate sales over the next twelve to eighteen months.
- Security selection within the consumer staples sector also contributed to relative performance. The Fund's holding of Walmart, Inc. (1.7%), a retailer and wholesaler, also contributed to relative performance. Walmart's stock price increased following the announcement of InHome Delivery, whereby food will be delivered directly to customers' refrigerator, even while they are away. Management expects this service to be a value proposition and help differentiate itself from competitors.

STRATEGY POSITIONING & OUTLOOK

- Consistent with our Calibrated investment approach, which seeks to achieve excess returns through a focus on security selection, we continue to find opportunities consisting of undervalued securities that we believe will drive relative performance in the future.
- Union Pacific Corp. (2.6%), a rail transportation company, is the portfolio's largest overweight position relative to the portfolio's benchmark, the S&P 500 Index, as of June 30, 2019. We believe that Union Pacific is attractive because of the expected implementation of Precision Scheduled Railroading model, which is likely to result in further productivity gains.
- The portfolio also is overweight in Chevron Corp. (2.7%), an energy company, relative to the benchmark. We have high conviction in Chevron because of its focus on responsible capital spending, shareholder-friendly payout policies, and financial discipline.
- The Fund focuses on U.S. large companies that consistently have grown their dividends over time, which represents a relatively narrow market segment, compared to its benchmark.

TOP ACTIVE POSITION WEIGHTS



Portfolio Breakdown as of 06/30/2019.

Source: Wilshire. Active weights reflect over/under relative to the S&P 500 Index. Absolute weight is based on percentage of the Fund. Holdings are included for informational purposes only and are not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any security. The Fund's portfolio active weight positions should not be relied upon as a complete listing of a fund's holdings. Please refer to www.lordabbett.com for a complete list of holdings of the Fund, including the securities discussed above, to the extent they are held by the Fund.

PERFORMANCE AS OF 06/30/2019

	2Q19	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Net Asset Value (without sales charge)	3.96%	12.59	10.96%	9.27%	12.50
Maximum Offering Price (with 5.75% sales charge)	-2.01	6.09	8.79	7.98	11.84
S&P 500 Index ¹	4.30	10.42	14.19	10.71	14.70
Lipper Equity Income Funds Category Average ⁶	3.14	7.00	9.59	6.93	11.97

Expense Ratios: 0.95%

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 our website at lordabbett.com.

¹ The S&P 500® Index. ² S&P Dow Jones Index Dashboard: S&P 500 Factor Indices. ³ FTSE Russell Index Performance. ⁴ Bureau of Labors Statistics, June 30, 2019. ⁵ Survey of Consumers, University of Michigan. June 2019. ⁶Source: Lipper Analytical Services.

A Note about Risk: The value of investments in equity securities will fluctuate in response to general economic conditions and to changes in the prospects of particular companies, including market, liquidity, currency, and political risks. Mid cap company stocks tend to be more volatile and may be less liquid than large cap company stocks. Mid cap companies typically experience a higher risk of failure than large cap companies. However, larger companies may be unable to respond quickly to certain market developments and may have slower rates of growth as compared to smaller successful companies. A company's dividend payments may vary over time, and there is no guarantee that a company will pay a dividend at all. These factors can adversely affect Fund performance.

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

The portfolio weights shown in parenthesis in the Strategy Positioning & Outlook section are based on the portfolio weight at the end of the quarter for each security. The portfolio weights shown in parenthesis in the Portfolio Review section are based on the average portfolio weight during the quarter for each security.

Performance reflects the reinvestment of all distributions. 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. If sales charges, including any applicable CDSC had been included, performance would have been lower. 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.

The S&P 500® Index is widely regarded as the standard for measuring large cap U.S. stock market performance. Indexes are unmanaged, do not reflect the deduction of fees or expenses, and are not available for direct investment.

Lipper Equity Income Funds Average is based on a universe of funds with similar investment objectives as the Fund. Peer group averages include the reinvested dividend and capital gains, if any, and exclude sales charges.

The Fund changed its investment strategy on 09/27/2012.

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