



## IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

## LORD ABBETT SHAREHOLDER TAX GUIDE 2019

*Important Information Needed to Prepare Your 2019 Tax Returns*

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## Please Review Along with Your 1099-DIV and 1099-B Forms

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*This guide contains general information to help you complete your 2019 tax returns. You should consult your tax advisor to determine the appropriate use of the following information. Thank you for your continued trust in Lord Abbett, and best wishes for the New Year.*

**Additional Information**

For more information, please refer to IRS Publication 550, Schedule D (1040), and Form 8949 instructions, or visit our Tax Center at lordabbett.com.

**PART 1** Important Information about Your Forms 1099-DIV and 1099-B

**Form 1099-DIV****Dividends and Distributions**

Mutual Funds are required to distribute substantially all net earnings generated to their shareholders. Form 1099-DIV is used to report all calendar year 2019 distributions paid to you. This information is also filed with the IRS and must be reported on your federal income tax return, whether the amounts were received in cash or reinvested. In general, a 1099-DIV will be sent to you only if you received \$10 or more in dividends (including capital gains and tax-exempt dividends) from a fund.

**Box 1a: Total Ordinary Dividends**

Ordinary income dividends include interest, dividends, and short-term capital gains generated by the fund and distributed to shareholders.

**Box 1b: Qualified Dividends**

This is the portion of ordinary dividends in Box 1a that may qualify for the lower long-term capital gain tax rate. *(See Part 4 of this guide for additional information.)*

**Box 2a: Total Capital Gain Distributions**

Total capital gains are considered long-term capital gains regardless of when you purchased the fund.

**Box 3: Nondividend Distributions**

Represents distributions paid from capital and are not subject to federal or state income tax. The cost basis of your investment is reduced by the return of capital.

**Box 4: Federal Income Tax Withheld**

This is the tax withheld by the fund on certain payments and deposited with the IRS on your behalf. You may be subject to backup withholding if you did not provide your taxpayer identification number. This amount may be taken as a credit on your federal tax return.

**Box 5: Section 199A Dividends**

Shows the portion of the amount in box 1a that may be eligible for the 20% qualified business income deduction under section 199A.

**Box 7: Foreign Tax Paid**

This amount represents your share of taxes paid to various foreign countries. You may claim this amount as a deduction or a credit on your income tax return. *(For additional information, see Part 4 of this guide.)*

**Box 11: Exempt-Interest Dividends**

Represents the amount of tax-exempt dividends paid to you by a mutual fund during the calendar year. This amount is generally exempt from Federal income tax. *(See Part 3 for additional information.)*

**Box 12: Specified Private Activity Bond Interest Dividends**

If you are subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT), dividends relating to private activity bond investments are considered tax preference items. The portion of Box 11 that may be subject to AMT is reflected in this box.

(Part 1 continued)

## Form 1099-B

### Proceeds from Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions

In general, if you sell or exchange shares of a fund in an account other than a tax-advantaged account (IRA, 401(k), etc.) or money market fund account, you will receive a Form 1099-B. Information reflected on this form should be used to complete your Form 8949 and Schedule D. Form 1099-B has multiple sections, each containing information that aligns to different parts of Form 8949. Depending on your transactions, you may be required to complete more than one Form 8949.

#### Box 1a: Description of Property

Indicates the Fund name, number of shares sold and the share price.

#### Box 1b: Date Acquired

Shows the date the fund was purchased. This box may be blank if shares sold were purchased on multiple dates.

#### Box 1c: Date Sold or Disposed

Shows the trade date of the sale or exchange.

#### Box 1d: Proceeds

This box reflects the aggregate cash proceeds from the transaction.

#### Box 1e: Cost or Other Basis

Shows the cost basis of shares sold or exchanged. If Box 5 is marked Yes, this transaction relates to noncovered shares and the basis will not be reported to the IRS. If Box 5 is blank, the transaction relates to covered shares, the basis will be reported to the IRS, and you are required to use this information when preparing your income tax return.

#### Box 1g: Wash Sale Loss Disallowed

An amount in this box indicates all or a portion of the loss on the sale of shares is disallowed due to the IRS wash sale rules. In general, if you sell a security at a loss and repurchase the same security 30 days before or 30 days after the sale date, a portion or all of the loss may be disallowed until you dispose of the shares that created the wash sale. We will compute, track, and report to you and the IRS wash sale adjustment due to the sale and repurchase of covered shares within the same account. You are required to compute, track, and report wash sales due to sales of noncovered shares and across multiple accounts.

### Box 4: Federal Income Tax Withheld

This is the tax withheld by the fund on certain payments and deposited with the IRS on your behalf. You may be subject to backup withholding if you did not provide your taxpayer identification number. This amount may be taken as a credit on your federal tax return.

### Box 5: Noncovered Security

If this box is marked Yes, boxes 1b, 1e, and 1g may be blank. A noncovered share is any mutual fund share purchased before January 1, 2012, or shares purchased after January 1, 2012, for which cost-basis information is not available. We do not report cost-basis information on noncovered shares to the IRS.

### Cost-Basis Method

The cost-basis method used on redemptions is for informational purposes and is not being reported to the IRS. A cost-basis method is an approach for selecting shares to sell that were purchased at different times and at different prices. Cost-basis methods include average cost (ACST), first in, first out (FIFO), last in, first out (LIFO), high cost, first out (HIFO), low cost, first out (LOFO), loss/gain utilization (LGUT), and specific identification (SLID). The cost-basis method used for redemptions of covered shares is the fund's default of average cost unless you instructed us to use a different method at the time of the redemption. Unless specifically identified, noncovered shares will always be redeemed before covered shares, regardless of your cost-basis method.

As a service to our shareholders, we will provide you with the average cost basis on noncovered shares (to the extent available). You are not required to use the average cost-basis information provided for noncovered shares, and it will not be reported to the IRS.

### Gain/(Loss)

The Gain/(Loss) information is not being reported to the IRS. This amount is determined by the difference between redemption proceeds and the cost basis of shares sold, including adjustments.

## PART 2

## State Income Tax Information

### State Tax Information

Many states allow shareholders to exclude from their state taxable income the percentage of dividends derived from certain U.S. government securities. The table on the next page indicates for designated funds the percentage of the funds' ordinary dividends derived from such U.S. government securities during the calendar year 2019. Please note that shareholders who are residents of California, Connecticut, or New York are NOT entitled to exclude this amount from their state taxable income. If your fund is not listed, none of the dividend distributions paid during calendar year 2019 were derived from U.S. government securities.

See State Tax Information table on next page.

Percentage of Ordinary Dividends Derived from U.S. Government Securities (for all classes of shares)

FUND	Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB)	Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)	Student Loan Marketing Assoc. (SLMA)	Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)	U.S. Treasury Securities	TOTAL Income from Federal Obligations	Fed. Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC) <sup>1</sup>	Fed. Nat'l Mortgage Assoc. (FNMA) <sup>1</sup>	Gov't Nat'l Mortgage Assoc. (GNMA) <sup>1</sup>	Repurchase Agreement (Repo) <sup>1</sup>	Other <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL Income	Percentage of Assets in Federal Obligations <sup>2</sup>
Affiliated	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.23%	99.77%	100.00%	0.00%
Bond Debenture	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.75%	1.75%	0.00%	0.17%	0.00%	0.42%	97.66%	100.00%	1.90%
Calibrated Dividend Growth	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.24%	99.76%	100.00%	0.00%
Calibrated Large Cap Value <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	99.99%	100.00%	0.00%
Calibrated Mid Cap Value <sup>4</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.99%	99.01%	100.00%	0.00%
Convertible	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.52%	99.48%	100.00%	0.00%
Core Fixed Income	0.00%	2.75%	0.02%	0.00%	23.33%	26.10%	0.20%	0.29%	1.17%	3.81%	68.43%	100.00%	30.17%
Core Plus Bond	0.00%	1.16%	0.07%	0.00%	7.45%	8.68%	0.06%	0.07%	0.12%	1.50%	89.57%	100.00%	10.62%
Corporate Bond	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.60%	0.60%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.59%	98.81%	100.00%	3.60%
Credit Opportunities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.68%	0.68%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.55%	98.77%	100.00%	0.00%
Developing Growth	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.32%	83.68%	100.00%	0.00%
Emerging Markets Bond	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.26%	99.74%	100.00%	0.00%
Emerging Markets Corporate Debt	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.58%	99.42%	100.00%	0.00%
Floating Rate	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.44%	0.44%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.83%	98.73%	100.00%	0.00%
Focused Growth	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.24%	89.76%	100.00%	0.00%
Focused Large Cap Value	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.22%	99.78%	100.00%	0.00%
Focused Small Cap Value <sup>5</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.35%	98.65%	100.00%	0.00%
Fundamental Equity	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.34%	99.66%	100.00%	0.00%
Global Bond	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.87%	3.87%	0.03%	0.04%	0.00%	0.79%	95.27%	100.00%	8.43%
Global Equity Research	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.57%	99.43%	100.00%	0.00%
Global Select Equity	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.13%	99.87%	100.00%	0.00%
Growth Leaders	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.72%	95.28%	100.00%	0.00%
Growth Opportunities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.60%	98.40%	100.00%	0.00%
Health Care	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.51%	97.49%	100.00%	0.00%
High Yield	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.33%	99.67%	100.00%	0.00%
Income	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.84%	1.84%	0.03%	0.00%	0.23%	0.75%	97.15%	100.00%	5.53%
Inflation Focused	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.34%	0.35%	0.14%	0.25%	0.82%	0.54%	97.90%	100.00%	2.56%
International Equity	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.47%	99.53%	100.00%	0.00%
International Value	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.57%	99.43%	100.00%	0.00%
International Opportunities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.31%	98.69%	100.00%	0.00%
Micro Cap Growth	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	14.26%	85.74%	100.00%	0.00%
Mid Cap Stock	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.46%	99.54%	100.00%	0.00%
Multi-Asset Balanced Opportunity	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	99.99%	100.00%	0.00%
Multi-Asset Global Opportunity <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	99.95%	100.00%	0.00%
Multi-Asset Growth <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	99.95%	100.00%	0.00%
Multi-Asset Income	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	99.98%	100.00%	0.00%
Short Duration Core Bond	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8.58%	8.58%	0.00%	0.00%	0.24%	0.86%	90.32%	100.00%	16.48%
Short Duration Income	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	1.35%	1.37%	0.21%	0.47%	1.41%	0.21%	96.33%	100.00%	3.49%
Small Cap Value	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.85%	99.15%	100.00%	0.00%
Total Return	0.00%	1.93%	0.05%	0.00%	16.06%	18.04%	0.18%	0.13%	0.95%	2.55%	78.15%	100.00%	19.72%
Ultra Short Bond	0.00%	0.22%	0.00%	0.00%	1.30%	1.52%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	98.37%	100.00%	1.81%
USG & GSE Money Market <sup>7</sup>	0.00%	14.57%	0.00%	0.00%	20.68%	35.25%	2.40%	0.00%	0.00%	62.04%	0.31%	100.00%	45.45%
Value Opportunities	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.26%	99.74%	100.00%	0.00%

See disclosures for table above on facing page 4.

# Tax-Exempt Funds—Federal and State Income Tax Information

## State-by-State Breakdown of Dividends

Shareholders of the below-mentioned general tax-free funds may be eligible to exclude the percentage of income derived from their state of residence, as indicated in the table below, when determining their state taxable income. Please note that shareholders who are residents of California, Illinois, and Minnesota are NOT entitled to exclude this amount. In addition, income derived from U.S. territories and possessions, such as Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, is typically exempt from federal, state, and local income taxes. Residents of Utah and Indiana should refer to the table on page 5. Also, 100% of the dividends reported on Line 11 of Form 1099-DIV for the Lord Abbett state-specific funds is tax-exempt in those specific states.

	AMT Free Municipal Bond*	High Yield Municipal Bond	Intermediate Tax Free	National Tax Free	Short Duration Tax Free	Short Duration High Yield Municipal Bond
Alabama	3.55%	3.00%	1.02%	1.75%	3.62%	2.37%
Alaska	0.00%	0.29%	0.32%	0.00%	0.70%	0.00%
Arizona	1.68%	2.86%	3.19%	1.96%	1.89%	2.72%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.67%	0.25%	0.23%	0.83%	0.00%
California	16.57%	12.34%	11.84%	15.99%	6.74%	5.22%
Colorado	1.24%	3.44%	0.98%	1.64%	1.30%	0.84%
Connecticut	1.77%	0.37%	1.71%	1.97%	3.45%	0.18%
Delaware	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.47%	0.00%	0.61%
District of Columbia	0.67%	0.11%	0.23%	0.57%	0.08%	0.00%
Florida	2.33%	4.32%	4.47%	3.55%	1.30%	2.96%
Georgia	2.28%	3.02%	1.74%	1.38%	2.60%	3.71%
Hawaii	0.00%	0.19%	0.85%	1.42%	0.43%	0.83%
Idaho	0.00%	0.00%	0.19%	0.00%	0.65%	1.25%
Illinois	14.57%	11.11%	13.09%	12.57%	14.73%	13.13%
Indiana	0.45%	0.92%	1.57%	1.29%	1.54%	1.14%
Iowa	0.15%	1.81%	0.92%	0.22%	0.79%	2.74%
Kansas	0.00%	0.62%	0.17%	0.01%	0.26%	0.57%
Kentucky	1.58%	0.16%	1.28%	1.47%	2.94%	0.93%
Louisiana	0.78%	1.38%	1.41%	1.11%	2.19%	1.91%
Maine	0.71%	0.13%	0.32%	0.79%	0.00%	0.14%
Maryland	1.95%	2.36%	0.61%	2.87%	1.44%	2.67%
Massachusetts	2.00%	0.87%	1.84%	3.09%	1.57%	1.16%
Michigan	0.74%	2.22%	1.75%	1.38%	0.74%	0.71%
Minnesota	1.00%	1.27%	1.06%	1.19%	1.16%	0.99%
Mississippi	0.07%	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%	1.20%	0.77%
Missouri	0.00%	1.65%	0.76%	0.94%	0.73%	0.56%
Montana	0.56%	0.00%	0.00%	0.43%	0.00%	0.00%
Nebraska	0.54%	0.08%	0.63%	1.38%	0.12%	0.00%
Nevada	0.16%	0.58%	0.95%	0.85%	0.00%	0.13%

\*This fund merged into National Tax Free on 3/22/19.

### Disclosure for State Income Tax Information Table on Page 3:

Note: Please consult your tax advisor to determine what information is pertinent for your state of residence. You may be required by your state to attach the above table to your state income tax return.

<sup>1</sup>These securities may not be state tax exempt. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine what information is pertinent for your state of residence.

<sup>2</sup>Percentage of assets in federal obligations as of December 31, 2019.

<sup>3</sup>This fund merged into Fundamental Equity on 2/22/19.

<sup>4</sup>This fund merged into Mid Cap Stock on 2/22/19.

<sup>5</sup>Effective 7/1/19 Micro Cap Value changed its name to Focused Small Cap Value.

<sup>6</sup>This fund merged into Multi-Asset Balanced Opportunity on 6/21/19.

<sup>7</sup>Government-Sponsored Enterprises.

	AMT Free Municipal Bond*	High Yield Municipal Bond	Intermediate Tax Free	National Tax Free	Short Duration Tax Free	Short Duration High Yield Municipal Bond
New Hampshire	0.90%	0.44%	0.11%	0.30%	0.41%	0.72%
New Jersey	6.48%	3.90%	8.11%	5.94%	8.85%	6.63%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.25%	0.33%	0.06%	0.25%	0.02%
New York	9.61%	4.64%	10.43%	8.44%	8.02%	8.45%
North Carolina	2.04%	0.11%	1.04%	1.24%	1.87%	0.27%
North Dakota	0.00%	0.28%	0.00%	0.26%	0.56%	0.00%
Ohio	4.27%	9.18%	3.46%	4.04%	3.63%	7.40%
Oklahoma	1.23%	0.66%	0.60%	0.43%	0.20%	0.51%
Oregon	0.55%	0.24%	0.44%	0.42%	0.94%	0.07%
Pennsylvania	7.59%	4.83%	4.73%	6.27%	7.95%	5.36%
Rhode Island	0.00%	0.40%	0.27%	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%
South Carolina	0.00%	0.53%	0.54%	0.67%	0.23%	1.07%
South Dakota	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%	0.00%	0.19%
Tennessee	0.01%	0.74%	1.39%	0.33%	1.37%	1.42%
Texas	6.74%	4.80%	8.44%	6.19%	5.39%	6.40%
Utah	0.00%	0.21%	0.69%	0.00%	0.00%	0.07%
Vermont	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.16%	0.00%	0.09%
Virginia	1.87%	2.58%	1.55%	1.40%	1.66%	1.57%
Washington	0.00%	0.82%	1.06%	0.52%	0.55%	0.50%
West Virginia	0.39%	0.48%	0.41%	0.29%	4.16%	1.82%
Wisconsin	1.69%	3.82%	1.10%	0.92%	0.90%	2.00%
Wyoming	0.00%	0.20%	0.00%	0.22%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>U.S. Territories and Possessions</b>						
Guam	0.00%	0.10%	0.05%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%
Northern Mariana Islands	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Puerto Rico	1.28%	4.54%	1.87%	1.38%	0.01%	6.97%
Virgin Islands	0.00%	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
American Samoa	0.00%	0.34%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.17%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Alternative Minimum Tax

The amount of tax-exempt interest derived from private activity bonds is not taxable for many investors. If you are subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT), dividends received from these bonds are considered a tax-preference item. The amount of dividends that may be subject to the AMT is reflected on Form 1099-DIV. Please consult your tax advisor to determine whether you are subject to the AMT.

### Taxable Dividends

Dividends paid by tax-exempt bond funds are generally exempt from federal income tax. However, in the ordinary course of business of investing in tax-exempt securities, some tax-exempt funds may produce taxable income. The two primary reasons tax-exempt funds produce taxable ordinary income are by generating short-term capital gains and accrued market discount.

If a fund purchases a tax-exempt bond and subsequently sells the bond, with a holding period of one year or less, at a price greater than the bond's amortized cost, the fund will generate a short-term capital gain. Short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income for federal income tax purposes.

In addition, a fund is deemed to have purchased a bond with taxable market discount if the purchase price is less than the bond's adjusted issue price. Accrued market discount is treated as taxable income for federal income tax purposes. Short-term gains and accrued market discount are reported as ordinary income on Form 1099-DIV.

### Utah State Resident Tax Information

Interest on municipal obligations issued by another state is subject to Utah income tax unless it was acquired before January 1, 2003, or the obligation was issued by a state that does not impose tax on Utah municipal obligations. The table below lists the percentage of tax-exempt dividends that is subject to Utah income tax.

### Indiana Resident Tax Information

All bonds purchased after December 31, 2011, and issued by a state or political subdivision other than Indiana will be subject to Indiana adjusted gross income tax. Bonds issued by a U.S. territory or possession are exempt under federal law regardless of purchase date. The following table lists the percentage of tax-exempt dividends that are subject to Indiana income tax.

Fund	Utah State Taxable Percentage	Indiana State Taxable Percentage
AMT Free Municipal Bond*	88.82%	88.10%
High Yield Municipal Bond	83.61%	82.69%
Intermediate Tax Free	81.87%	85.59%
National Tax Free	86.48%	81.06%
Short Duration High Yield Municipal Bond	82.77%	91.89%
Short Duration Tax Free	91.37%	96.06%

\*This fund merged into National Tax Free on 03/22/2019.

## PART 4

# Federal Income Tax Information

### Foreign Taxes Paid

The funds listed below have elected to flow through taxes paid to other countries. The funds are passing through to their shareholders the ability to take either a foreign tax credit or a deduction with respect to the taxes paid by the funds on behalf of their shareholders. In general, it is more advantageous to claim this amount as a credit. Your ability to claim the foreign tax credit may be subject to certain limitations, including a holding period requirement.

In general, if your share of foreign taxes from all sources is no more than \$300 (\$600 for married individuals filing jointly) and all foreign income is passive, you may claim the credit directly on Form 1040. If required, the code "RIC" should be used when completing foreign country information on Form 1116. Please consult your tax advisor regarding the appropriate use of foreign taxes and foreign-sourced income.

The percentages of the following Lord Abbett funds' ordinary income that are deemed foreign-sourced are:

Fund	% of Foreign-Sourced Income
Global Select Equity	61.96%
International Equity	100%
International Opportunities	92.02%
International Value	92.68%
Multi-Asset Balanced Opportunity	9.76%
Multi-Asset Global Opportunity	11.69%
Multi-Asset Growth	7.31%
Multi-Asset Income	8.44%

### Qualified Dividend Income

Qualified dividends are the portion of dividends taxed at the lower long-term capital gain rate rather than your ordinary income tax rate. Ordinary income distributions associated with qualified dividends are taxed at a maximum rate of 20%. Taxpayers with adjusted gross income of less than \$39,375 (\$78,750 married) are not subject to capital gains tax. In addition, taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$200,000 (\$250,000 married) must pay an additional 3.8% in Medicare tax on the lesser of all net investment income or the amount of income in excess of the threshold. Net investment income includes taxable income and capital gains earned from an individual's mutual fund investments, which includes qualified dividends.

A qualified dividend is a dividend paid by certain U.S. corporations or qualified foreign corporations. A mutual fund is able to pass through qualified dividends received to its shareholders, provided the mutual fund has satisfied the holding period requirements. The dollar amount of qualified dividends you received eligible for the reduced rate will be provided in Box 1b of your Form 1099-DIV. To benefit from the lower tax rate on qualified dividends paid by a mutual fund, you generally must have held your shares in the mutual fund for more than 60 days within a 121-day period that begins 60 days before the ex-dividend date.

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For your reference, the percentage of ordinary income (broken down between dividends and short-term capital gain distributions) taxed as qualified dividends is provided in the following table. The actual amount of eligible qualified dividends you received will be reported on Form 1099-DIV.

Fund	% of Dividends Taxed as Qualified Dividends	% of Short-Term Capital Gains Taxed as Qualified Dividends
Affiliated	100%	87.36%
Bond Debenture	1.31%	N/A
Calibrated Dividend Growth	100%	100%
Calibrated Large Cap Value	100%	N/A
Calibrated Mid Cap Value	100%	N/A
Convertible	23.09%	0%
Durable Growth	100%	N/A
Focused Large Cap Value	100%	N/A
Fundamental Equity	100%	N/A
Global Equity Research	100%	N/A
Global Select Equity	100%	N/A
Growth Leaders	N/A	28.13%
Health Care	100%	N/A
High Yield	0.31%	N/A
International Equity	100%	N/A
International Opportunities	100%	N/A
International Value	100%	N/A
Mid Cap Stock	100%	N/A
Multi-Asset Balanced Opportunity	40.94%	N/A
Multi-Asset Global Opportunity	28.85%	N/A
Multi-Asset Growth	40.45%	N/A
Multi-Asset Income	26.37%	N/A
Small Cap Value	100%	N/A
Value Opportunities	100%	N/A

### Dividends Received Deduction (DRD)

A corporation is entitled to a special deduction from gross income for dividends received from a domestic corporation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 243.

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The percentages of the following Lord Abbett funds' ordinary dividends (broken down between dividends and short-term capital gain distributions) that qualify for the corporate dividends received deduction are:

Fund	% of DRD Eligible Dividends	% of DRD Eligible Short-Term Capital Gains
Affiliated	100%	67.66%
Bond Debenture	1.28%	N/A
Calibrated Dividend Growth	100%	100%
Calibrated Large Cap Value	100%	N/A
Calibrated Mid Cap Value	100%	N/A
Convertible	22.98%	0%
Durable Growth	100%	N/A
Focused Large Cap Value	94.08%	N/A
Fundamental Equity	100%	N/A
Global Equity Research	83.20%	N/A
Global Select Equity	41.30%	N/A
Growth Leaders	N/A	28.39%
Health Care	100%	N/A
High Yield	0.19%	N/A
Mid Cap Stock	100%	N/A
Multi-Asset Balanced Opportunity	26.77%	N/A
Multi-Asset Global Opportunity	5.79%	N/A
Multi-Asset Growth	21.27%	N/A
Multi-Asset Income	13.74%	N/A
Small Cap Value	100%	N/A
Value Opportunities	100%	N/A

### Section 199A Dividends

Certain income earned by a fund may be eligible for the 20% qualified business income deduction in accordance with IRC Section 199A. 12.64% of the Affiliated Fund's short-term capital gain distribution may be eligible for the deduction. The actual amount will be reported to you on Form 1099-DIV, Box 5.

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