# **Lord Abbett Core Fixed Income Trust II - WLACRX**

Release Date: 06-30-2022

**Benchmark** Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD Fee Class R 
 Overall Morningstar Rating
 Morningstar Return
 Morningstar Risk

 ★★★★
 Above Average
 Average

 Out of 396 Intermediate Core Bond investments. An investment's overall Morningstar Rating, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings. See disclosure page for

# Investment Information Investment Objective & Strategy

The strategy seeks to deliver current income and the opportunity for capital appreciation by investing primarily in U.S. investment grade corporate, government, and mortgage- and asset-backed securities, with select allocations to high yield and foreign debt securities. The strategy combines top-down and bottom-up analysis, using a blend of quantitative and fundamental research.

#### **Operations and Management**

Inception Date 12-19-17
Trustee Wilmingto

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Website www.wilmingtontrust.com
Telephone 1-866-427-6885
Sub-Advisor Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC
CUSIP 97182U273

### Portfolio Manager(s)

Management Team

#### Morningstar Category: Intermediate Core Bond

Intermediate-term core bond portfolios invest primarily in investment-grade U.S. fixed-income issues including government, corporate, and securitized debt, and hold less than 5% in below-investment-grade exposures. Their durations (a measure of interest-rate sensitivity) typically range between 75% and 125% of the three-year average of the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index.

#### **Volatility Analysis**

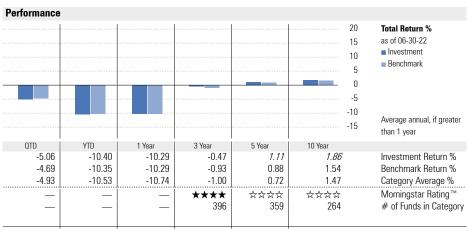
3-Yr Risk Measures as of 06-30-22	Port Avg	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	4.77	4.56
Sharpe Ratio	-0.20	-0.31
Information Ratio	0.34	_
R-Squared	91.63	_
Beta	1.00	_
Alpha	0.48	_

Best 3 Month Return	Worst 3 Month Return
6.52%	-7.08%
(Nov '08 - Jan '09)	(Feb '22 - Apr '22)

#### Notes

Wilmington Trust, N.A. Collective Funds (WTNA Funds) are bank collective investment funds; they are not mutual funds.

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Performance Disclosure: The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; thus an investor's units, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than return data quoted herein. Performance returns prior to inception of this fee class are shown in italics and based upon the performance of the Core Fixed Income Institutional Composite from its inception date 01-31-1998 restated to reflect fees and expenses of this fee class. Please refer to the performance section of the disclosure page for more information.

#### **Portfolio Analysis**



details.

Morn	ingstar	Fixed I	ncome :	Style Box'" as of 06-30-22	
		_	High	Avg Eff Duration	6.33
			l ah	Avg Eff Maturity	8.13
			Med	Avg Wtd Price	94.61
_			Low		
Ltd	Mod	Ext	_		

<b>Top 10 Holdings</b> as of 06-30-22	% Assets
United States Treasury Note/Bond	11.08
United States Treasury Note/Bond	6.20
United States Treasury Note/Bond	3.88
Japan Treasury Discount Bill	2.96
United States Treasury Note/Bond	2.70
United States Treasury Note/Bond	2.53
Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac	2.39
annie Mae or Freddie Mac	2.18
annie Mae or Freddie Mac	2.17
United States Treasury Note/Bond	2.08
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	306
Annual Turnover Ratio % as of 12-31-2021	401
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	87.91

<b>Top Sector Weightings</b> a	s of 06-30-2	22	% Fund
Corporate			26.16
Government			36.98
Securitized			27.78
Municipal			0.67
Cash/Cash Equivalents	S		1.83
Other			6.57
Credit Analysis: % Bond	<b>s</b> as of 06-3	0-22	
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Credit Analysis: % Bonds as of 06-30-22				
AAA	60	BB	2	
AA	5	В	0	
A	18	Below B	0	
BBB	16	Not Rated	0	

Principal Risks: Please refer to the Additional Fund Information and Principal Risk Definitions document for more information.

Active Management, Credit and Counterparty, Derivatives, Distressed Investments, Fixed Income Securities, High Yield Securities, Industry and Sector Investing, Issuer, Inflation/Deflation, Increase in Expense, Interest Rate, Lending, Market/Market Volatility, Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities, Restricted/Illiquid Securities, U.S. Government Obligations

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#### Performance

Performance data given represents past performance and should not be considered indicative of future results of the Lord Abbett Core Fixed Income Trust II - WLACRX (the "Fund"). The Fund is not a mutual fund and is not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund is not FDIC-insured, may lose value and is not guaranteed by a bank or other financial institution.

Performance data reflects a specific class of units. Other fee classes may currently be available or may become available in the future. Not all fee classes are available for investment by all plans. Fees vary across fee classes, and the net returns investors earn will be different from one fee class to another.

#### Management of the Fund

*Trustee:* Wilmington Trust, N.A. (the "Trustee") serves as the Trustee of the Fund and maintains ultimate fiduciary authority over the management of, and investments made, in the Fund. The Fund is part of the Wilmington Trust Collective Investment Trust (the "Trust") operated by the Trustee.

Wilmington Trust is a registered service mark. Wilmington Trust Company, operating in Delaware only, Wilmington Trust, N.A., M&T Bank and certain other affiliates, provide various fiduciary and non-fiduciary services, including trustee, custodial, agency, investment management and other services. Loans, retail and business deposits, and other personal and business banking services and products are offered by M&T Bank, member FDIC.

Sub-Advisor: Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC
Lord Abbett is a privately held Delaware Limited Liability
Company and was registered as an investment adviser with
the SEC on November 7, 1970 under the Investment Advisers
Act of 1940. Currently, Lord Abbett has 51 executive
members ("Partners") led by Douglas B. Sieg, the tenth
Managing Partner in the history of the firm, who is
responsible for setting strategic direction and business
management. Mr. Sieg became Managing Partner on April 2,
2018.

#### Investment Process:

Lord Abbett's investment process combines top-down and bottom-up analysis, using a blend of quantitative and fundamental research. All broad investment decisions, including sector allocation and term structure, are discussed in weekly strategy meetings and through continuous, informal communication among members of the investment team. Formal meetings are attended by members of the team, including portfolio managers, research analysts and traders. However, Kewjin Yuoh is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Core Plus Fixed Income strategy.

Once Lord Abbett identifies investment themes and attractive sectors, their sector specialists are responsible for individual security selection. For Treasuries and agencies, Lord Abbett evaluates spreads historically versus a fitted curve for current and off-the-run securities. For agencies, Lord Abbett also looks at callable versus non-callable option adjusted spreads to determine relative attractiveness. In the corporate bond market, a proprietary spread model is used to assess

valuations based on ratings and maturity, which are then compared to market pricing to produce a rich/cheap metric. This analytical model interpolates a security's fair value on a maturity and quality-adjusted basis.

The relative value model screen identifies dislocations by sector, sub-sector, industry and issuer. Lord Abbett then employ's a bottom-up, fundamental analysis including: a) an understanding of the metrics of the industry; b) the state of the balance sheet; c) the quality of assets on the balance sheet; d) the quality and trustworthiness of management and their insightfulness in responding to change in their industry; and e) financing needs relative to the liquidity of the investment market.

The strategy will make opportunistic use of other higher yielding out-of-index securities, depending on client investment guidelines, including high yield corporate bonds and select emerging markets debt. The inclusion of such assets provides both prospective return and diversification benefits.

The team ultimately considers all relevant research, both quantitative and qualitative, to determine the optimal portfolio structure that includes sector, security, and term structure selection and continually assess the market environment in an effort to maintain a dynamic understanding of the drivers of valuation across all sectors.

Benchmark: Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD
The index measures the performance of investment grade,
U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market,
including Treasuries, government-related and corporate
securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM
passthroughs), ABS, and CMBS. It rolls up into other
Bloomberg flagship indices, such as the multi-currency Global
Aggregate Index and the U.S. Universal Index, which includes
high yield and emerging markets debt.

#### **Notes Regarding Return Information**

Return figures represent the total change in net assets with capital gains and income dividends reinvested. Performance information is presented net of any applicable trustee fees, management fees, or other fees or expenses which are borne by the Fund. See "Fees and Expenses" for more information.

#### Morningstar Rating™

The Morningstar Rating  $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$  for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed portfolios (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchangetraded funds, close-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales load. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product

is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.

For collective investment funds, the Morningstar Rating presented is hypothetical, because Morningstar does not independently analyze CITs. Rather, the rating is assigned as a means to compare these funds with the universe of mutual funds that Morningstar rates. The evaluation of this investment does not affect the retail mutual fund data published by Morningstar.

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#### Morningstar Return

The Morningstar Return rates a fund's performance relative to other managed products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of a product's excess return over a risk-free rate (the return of the 90-day Treasury Bill) in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar category, the top 10% of products earn a High Morningstar Return (High), the next 22.5% Above Average (+Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Below Average (-Avg), and the bottom 10% Low (Low). Morningstar Return is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

#### Morningstar Risk

Morningstar Risk evaluates a fund's downside volatility relative to that of other products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of the variations in monthly returns, with an emphasis on downside variations, in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar



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category, the 10% of products with the lowest measured risk are described as Low Risk (Low), the next 22.5% Below Average (-Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Above Average (+Avg), and the top 10% High (High). Morningstar Risk is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

#### Morningstar Style Box<sup>TM</sup>

The Morningstar Style Box $^{\text{TM}}$  reveals a fund's investment strategy as of the date noted on this report.

For equity funds, the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned, and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, blend, or growth.) A darkened cell in the style box matrix indicates the weighted average style of the portfolio.

For portfolios holding fixed-income investments, a Fixed Income Style Box is calculated. The vertical axis shows the credit quality based on credit ratings and the horizontal axis shows interest-rate sensitivity as measured by effective duration. There are three credit categories - "High", "Medium", and "Low"; and there are three interest rate sensitivity categories - "Limited", "Moderate", and "Extensive"; resulting in nine possible combinations. As in the Equity Style Box, the combination of credit and interest rate sensitivity for a portfolio is represented by a darkened square in the matrix. Morningstar uses credit rating information from credit rating agencies (CRAs) that have been designated Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States. For a list of all NRSROs, please visit https:// www.sec.gov/ocr/ocr-current-nrsros.html. Additionally, Morningstar will use credit ratings from CRAs which have been recognized by foreign regulatory institutions that are deemed the equivalent of the NRSRO designation. To determine the rating applicable to a holding and the subsequent holding weighted value of a portfolio two methods may be employed. First is a common methodology approach where if a case exists such that two CRAs have rated a holding, the lower rating of the two should be applied; if three or more CRAs have rated a holding, the median rating should be applied; and in cases where there are more than two ratings and a median rating cannot be determined, the lower of the two middle ratings should be applied. Alternatively, if there is more than one rating available an average can be calculated from all and applied.

Please Note: Morningstar, Inc. is not an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. Credit ratings for any security held in a portfolio can change over time.

Morningstar uses the credit rating information to calculate a weighted-average credit quality value for the portfolio. This value is based only upon those holdings which are considered to be classified as "fixed income", such a government, corporate, or securitized issues. Other types of holdings such as equities and many, though not all, types of derivatives are excluded. The weighted-average credit quality value is

represented by a rating symbol which corresponds to the long-term rating symbol schemas employed by most CRAs. Note that this value is not explicitly published but instead serves as an input in the Style Box calculation. This symbol is then used to map to a Style Box credit quality category of "low," "medium," or "high". Funds with a "low" credit quality category are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be equivalent to the commonly used High Yield classification, meaning a rating below "BBB", portfolios assigned to the "high" credit category have either a "AAA" or "AA+" average credit quality value, while "medium" are those with an average rating of "AA-" inclusive to "BBB-". It is expected and intended that the majority of portfolios will be assigned a credit category of "medium".

For assignment to an interest-rate sensitivity category, Morningstar uses the average effective duration of the portfolio. From this value there are three distinct methodologies employed to determine assignment to category. Portfolio which are assigned to Morningstar municipal-bond categories employ static breakpoints between categories. These breakpoints are: "Limited" equal to 4.5 years or less, "Moderate" equal to 4.5 years to less than 7 years; and "Extensive" equal to more than 7 years. For portfolios assigned to Morningstar categories other than U.S. Taxable, including all domiciled outside the United States, static duration breakpoints are also used: "Limited" equals less than or equal to 3.5 years, "Moderate" equals greater than 3.5 years but less than or equal to 6 years, and "Extensive" is assigned to portfolios with effective durations of more than 6 years.

Note: Interest-rate sensitivity for non-U.S. domiciled portfolios (excluding those in Morningstar convertible categories) may be assigned using average modified duration when average effective duration is not available.

For portfolios Morningstar classifies as U.S. Taxable Fixed-Income, interest-rate sensitivity category assignment is based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI). The classification assignment is dynamically determined relative to the benchmark index value. A "Limited" category will be assigned to portfolios whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI average effective duration, where the average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI the portfolio will be classified as "Moderate", and those portfolios with an average effective duration value 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as "Extensive".

#### Fees and Expenses

The participant will incur management fees for services provided by the Sub-Advisor, trustee fees, and, and other operating expenses related to the Fund. Other operating expenses may include, but are not limited to, audit expenses, custody service fees, tax form preparation expenses, legal and other fees. A portion of this fee may be paid by the Trustee to the Fund's Sub-Advisor for its sub-advisory services to the Fund.

All fees and expenses will be reimbursed from the Fund when they are incurred. Any expenses incurred in connection with the investment and reinvestment of Fund assets including, without limitation, any transfer agency fees, brokerage commissions and expenses, will be charged against the Fund.

Below is a breakdown of the fees on the Fund:

Lord Abbett Core Fixed Income Trust II - WLACRX	Fee Class R
Management Fee %	0.190
Trustee Fee %	0.051
Service Provider Fee %	0.000
Other Expenses %	0.066
Gross Ratio %	0.307
Fee Waiver %	-0.035
Net Expense Ratio %	0.272

Fees and expenses are only one of several factors that participants and beneficiaries should consider when making investment decisions.

The cumulative effect of fees and expenses can substantially reduce the growth of a participant's or beneficiary's retirement account. Participants and beneficiaries can visit the Employee Benefit Security Administration's website for an example demonstrating the long-term effect of fees and expenses.

The example in the following table is intended to explain the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other collective funds. The table provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. This example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested for one year:

<u>Lord Abbett Core Fixed Income Trust II - WLACRX</u>	Fee Class R
Balance 06-30-2021 Balance 06-30-2022	\$1,000.00 \$897.09
Expenses (1 year)	\$2.66

The next table is also intended to explain the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other collective funds. The table provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 0.00% per year, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual account balance or expenses you paid for the period. This example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested for one year:

Lord Abbett Core Fixed Income Trust II - WLACRX	Fee Class R
Balance 06-30-2021 Hypothetical Balance 06-30-2022	\$1,000.00 \$997.28
Hypothetical Expenses (1 year)	\$2.72

**Risk Considerations** 



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The decision to invest in the Fund and the risks involved in doing so should be carefully considered. The Fund should be considered a long-term investment.

The Principal Risks that are listed on the first page are described in the Additional Fund Information and Risk Definition booklet and should be read in connection with this profile.

The value of your investment in the Fund will increase and decrease over time in accordance with changes in the value of the securities held in the Fund. When assets of the Fund are invested in other investment vehicles (such as collective trusts or mutual funds), the Trustee does not have control over the trading policies or strategies of such entities.

The Trustee of the Fund may change the investment objective of the Fund at any time without prior notice or approval.

Investments in the Fund are not insured or guaranteed by any bank, the FDIC, or any other governmental entity.

#### **Basic Terms and Conditions**

This profile is only a summary of some of the key features of the Fund and should be carefully read in connection with the Additional Fund Information and Principal Risk Definitions. Participation in the Fund is governed by the Trust Agreement and the terms of the participation materials, which must be reviewed and signed by the plan sponsor or plan fiduciary. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this profile and the Trust Agreement or participation materials, the Trust Agreement or participation materials control. Please carefully review the Trust Agreement and participation materials before investing in the Fund.

Investments in the WTNA Portfolios are not deposits or obligations of or guaranteed by Wilmington Trust, and are not insured by the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, or any other governmental agency. The Portfolios are commingled investment vehicles, and as such, the values of the underlying investments will rise and fall according to market activity; it is possible to lose money by investing in the Portfolios. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of any pooled investment company carefully before investing.

The Fund is maintained by the Trustee as part of the Wilmington Trust Collective Investment Trust, which was established on October 6, 2005 and most recently amended on June 20, 2016. It is a "group trust" within the meaning of Internal Revenue Service Revenue Ruling 81-100, as amended, and is exempt from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

#### For More Information:

Please carefully review the Trust Agreement and participation materials prior to investing in the Fund. The Trust Agreement and participation materials provide limitations on liability and indemnifications in favor of the Trustee. To learn more or obtain additional materials governing the Fund, please contact your plan sponsor or plan trustee. You may also obtain a copy of the Trust Agreement and participation

materials, without charge, by contacting:

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