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1. ORGANIZATION

Lord Abbett Series Fund, Inc. (the "Company") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a diversified, open-end management investment company and was incorporated under Maryland law in 1989. The Company consists of nine separate portfolios as of June 30, 2023. This report covers Total Return Portfolio (the "Fund").

The Fund's investment objective is to seek income and capital appreciation to produce a high total return. The Fund has Variable Contract class shares ("Class VC Shares"), which are currently issued and redeemed only in connection with investments in, and payments under, variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies issued by life insurance and insurance-related companies.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

which reflect broker/dealer supplied valuation and the independent pricing services' own electronic data processing techniques. Floating rate loans are valued at the average of bid and ask quotations obtained from dealers in loans on the basis of prices supplied by independent pricing services. Swaps are valued daily using independent pricing services or quotations from broker/dealers to the extent available.

Securities for which prices are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined by the Pricing Committee. The Pricing Committee considers a number of factors, including observable and unobservable inputs, when arriving at fair value. The Pricing Committee may use observable inputs such as yield curves, broker quotes, observable trading activity, option adjusted spread models and other relevant information to determine the fair value of portfolio investments. The Board or a designated committee thereof periodically reviews reports that may include fair value determinations made by the Pricing Committee, related market activity, inputs and assumptions, and retrospective comparison of prices of subsequent purchases and sales transactions to fair value determinations made by the Pricing Committee.

Short-term securities with 60 days or less remaining to maturity are valued using the amortized cost method, which approximates fair value.

- (b) **Security Transactions**, Security transactions are recorded as of the date that the securities are purchased or sold (trade date). Realized gains and losses on sales of portfolio securities are calculated using the identified-cost method.
- (c) **Investment Income**, Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis as earned. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized using the effective interest method and are included in Interest and other, if applicable, in the Statement of Operations. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the applicable country's tax rules and rates.
- (d) **Income Tax**, It is the policy of the Fund to meet the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all taxable income and capital gains to its shareh

if applicable, are included in Net realized gain (loss) on foreign currency related transactions on the Fund's Statement of Operations. The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations arising as a result of changes in the foreign exchange rates from the changes in market prices of the securities.

The Fund uses foreign currency exchange contracts to facilitate transactions in foreign-denominated securities. Losses from these transactions may arise from changes in the value of the foreign currency or if the counterparties do not perform under the contracts' terms.

- (g) **Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts**, The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts in order to reduce exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates on foreign portfolio holdings, or gain or reduce exposure to foreign currency solely for investment purposes. A forward foreign currency exchange contract is a commitment to purchase or sell a foreign currency at a future date at a negotiated rate. The contracts are valued daily at forward exchange rates and any unrealized gain or loss is reported in the Statement of Operations.

Credit default swap contracts are fair valued based upon quotations from counterparties, brokers or market-makers and the change in value, if any, is recorded as an unrealized appreciation or depreciation. For a credit default swap contract sold by the Fund, payment of the agreed-upon amount made by the Fund in the event of default of the referenced debt obligation is recorded as the cost of the referenced debt obligation purchased/received. For a credit default swap contract purchased by the Fund, the agreed-upon amount received by the Fund in the event of default of the referenced debt obligation is recorded as proceeds from sale/delivery of the referenced debt obligation and the resulting gain or loss realized on the referenced debt obligation is recorded as such by the Fund.

Any upfront payments made or received upon entering a credit default swap contract would be amortized or accreted over the life of the swap contract and recorded as realized gains or losses. Collateral, in the form of cash or securities, may be required to be held in segregated accounts with the custodian bank or broker in accordance with the swap contract agreement. The value and credit rating of each credit default swap contract where the Fund is the seller of protection, are both measures of the current payment/performance risk of the swap contract. As the value of the swap contract changes as a positive or negative percentage of the total notional amount, the payment/performance risk may decrease or increase, respectively. The maximum potential amount of future payments (undiscounted) that the Fund as a seller of protection could be required to make under a credit default swap contract agreement would be an amount equal to the notional amount of the agreement. These potential amounts would be partially offset by any recovery values of the respective referenced obligations, upfront payments received upon entering into the agreement, or net amounts received from the settlement of buy protection credit default swap contract agreements entered into by the Fund for the same referenced entity or entities.

Entering into credit default swap contracts involves credit and market risk. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements, that the counterparty to the agreements may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of the contractual terms in the agreements, and that there may be unfavorable changes in interest rates, and that Lord Abbett does not correctly predict the creditworthiness of the issuers of the reference obligation on which the credit default swap contract is based. For the centrally cleared credit default swap contracts, there was minimal counterparty risk to the Fund, since such credit default swap contracts entered into were traded through a central clearinghouse, which guarantees against default.

- (j) **Repurchase Agreements**, The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with respect to securities. A repurchase agreement is a transaction in which a fund acquires a security and simultaneously commits to resell that security to the seller (a bank or securities dealer) at an agreed-upon price on an agreed-upon date. The Fund requires at all times that the repurchase

(k) **When-issued and forward transactions.** The Fund may purchase portfolio securities on a when-issued or forward basis. When-issued, forward transactions—

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non-performance by the swap contract counterparty. In the case of centrally cleared swap contracts, counterparty risk is minimal due to protections provided by the CCP. Risk may also arise from movements in interest rates.

(q) **Fair Value** Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk – for example, the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value (such as a pricing model) and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy classification is determined based on the lowest level of inputs that is significant to the fair value measurement, and is summarized in the three broad Levels listed below:

- Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments;
- Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and
- Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

A summary of inputs used in valuing the Fund's investments and other financial instruments as of June 30, 2023 and, if applicable, Level 3 rollforwards for the six months then ended is included in the Fund's Schedule of Investments.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the three-tier hierarchy. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

MANAGEMENT FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS, INCLUDING AFFILIATES

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The Company has a management agreement with Lord Abbett, pursuant to which Lord Abbett provides the Fund with investment management services and executive and other personnel, provides office space and pays for ordinary and necessary office and clerical expenses relating to research and statistical work a

In addition, Lord Abbett provides certain administrative services to the Fund pursuant

commitment to purchase the underlying security at par if the defined credit event occurs. The Fund's maximum risk of loss from counterparty risk, either as the protection seller or as the protection buyer, is the fair value of the contract. For the centrally cleared credit default swaps, there is minimal counterparty credit risk to the Fund since these credit default swaps are traded through a central clearinghouse. As a counterparty to all centrally cleared credit default swaps, the clearinghouse guarantees credit default swaps against default.

As of June 30, 2023, the Fund had the following derivatives at fair value, grouped into appropriate risk categories that illustrate the Fund's use of derivative instruments:

	Interest Rate Contracts	Credit Contracts
Asset Derivatives		
centrally cleared credit Default swap contracts ¹	-	\$334,326
futures contracts ²	\$1,319,557	-
Liability Derivatives		
futures contracts ²	\$ 763,925	-

¹ Statement of Assets and Liabilities location: Includes cumulative unrealized appreciation/depreciation of centrally cleared swap contracts as reported in the Schedule of Investments. Only current day's variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

² Statement of Assets and Liabilities location: Includes cumulative unrealized appreciation/depreciation of futures contracts as reported in the Schedule of Investments. Only current day's variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Transcript of the Board Meeting on June 30, 2023. The transcript is available on the company's website at <https://www.hdfcasset.com>.

netting agreement or similar agreement, by the counterparty. A master netting agreement is an agreement between a fund and the counterparty which provides for the net settlement of amounts owed under all contracts traded under that agreement, as well as cash collateral, through a single payment by one party to the other in the event of default on or termination of any one contract. The Fund's accounting policy with respect to balance sheet offsetting is that, absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the master netting agreement does not result in an offset of reported amounts of financial assets and liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities across transactions between the Fund and the applicable counterparty:

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were subject to graduated borrowing limits of one-third of fund net assets (if fund net assets are less than \$ 50 million), \$ 20 million, \$ 300 million, \$ 700 million, or \$ 1 billion, based on past borrowings and likelihood of future borrowings, among other factors.

Effective August 3, 2023, the Participating Funds renewed the Syndicated Facility for \$ 1.6 billion. The Participating Funds remain subject to the same graduated borrowing limits as before.

For the period ended June 30, 2023, the Participating Funds were also party to an additional uncommitted line of credit facility with SSB for \$ 330 million (the "Bilateral Facility"). Under the Bilateral Facility, the Participating Funds were subject to graduated borrowing limits of one-thirdm

The initial collateral received by the Fund is required to have a value equal to at least 100% of the market value of the securities loaned. The collateral must be marked-to-market daily to cover increases in the market value of the securities loaned (or potentially a decline in the value of the collateral). In general, the risk of borrower default will be borne by Citibank, N.A.; the Fund will bear the risk of loss with respect to the investment of the cash collateral. The advantage of such loans is that the Fund continues to receive income on loaned securities while receiving a portion of any securities lending fees and earning returns on the cash amounts which may be reinvested for the purchase of investments in securities.

As of June 30, 2023, the Fund did not have any securities on loan.

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The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with investing in fixed income securities, including the risk that issuers will fail to make timely payments of principal or interest or default altogether. The value of an investment will change as interest rates fluctuate and in response to market movements. When interest rates rise, the prices of fixed income securities are likely to decline; when interest rates fall, such prices tend to rise. Longer-term securities are usually more sensitive to interest rate changes. There is also the risk that an issuer of a fixed income security will fail to make timely payments of principal and/or interest to the Fund, a risk that is greater with high-yield bonds (sometimes called "junk bonds") in which the Fund may substantially invest. Some issuers, particularly of high-yield bonds, may default as to principal and/or interest payments after the Fund purchases its securities. A default, or concerns in the market about an increase in risk of default, may result in losses to the Fund. High-yield bonds are subject to greater price fluctuations, as well as additional risks. The market for below investment grade securities may be less liquid, which may make such securities more difficult to sell at an acceptable price, especially during periods of financial distress, increased market volatility, or significant market decline.

The Fund is subject to the general risks and considerations associated with investing in convertible securities, which have both equity and fixed income risk characteristics, including market, credit, liquidity, and interest rate risks. Generally, convertible securities offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar quality and less potential for gains or capital appreciation in a rising equity securities market than equity securities. They tend to be more volatile than other fixed income securities, and the markets for convertible securities may be less liquid than markets for stocks or bonds. A significant portion of convertible securities have below investment grade credit ratings and are subject to increased credit and liquidity risks.

Certain instruments in which the Fund may invest have historically relied upon LIBORsIn

of economic sanctions or other government restrictions, higher transaction and other costs, and delays in settlement to the extent they are traded on non-U.S. exchanges or markets. The cost of the Fund's potential use of forward foreign currency exchange contracts varies with factors such as the currenci

in prevailing interest rates. These changes can affect the value, income and/or liquidity of such positions. When interest rates are declining, the value of these

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Board Consideration of Economies of Scale

Board Consideration of Economies of Scale. The Board considered the extent to which there had been economies of scale in managing the Fund, whether the Fund's shareholders had appropriately benefited from such economies of scale, and whether there was potential for realization of any further economies of scale. The Board also considered information provided by Lord Abbett regarding how it shares any potential economies of scale through its investments in its businesses supporting the Funds. The Board also considered the Fund's existing management fee schedule, with its breakpoints in the level of the management fee. Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that any economies of scale were adequately addressed in respect of the Fund.

Other Fees Paid to Lord Abbett. The Board considered the amount and nature of the fees paid by the Fund and the Fund's shareholders to Lord Abbett for services other than investment advisory services, such as the fee that Lord Abbett receives from the Fund for providing administrative services to the Fund. The Board also considered the revenues and profitability of Lord Abbett's investment advisory business apart from its mutual fund business, and the intangible benefits enjoyed by Lord Abbett by virtue of its relationship with the Fund. The Board observed that the Distributor receives 12b-1 fees from certain of the Lord Abbett Funds as to shares held in accounts for which there is no other broker of record, may retain a portion of the 12b-1 fees it receives, and receives a portion of the sales charges on sales and redemptions of some classes of shares of the Lord Abbett Funds. In addition, the Board observed that Lord Abbett accrues certain benefits for its business of providing investment advice to clients other than the Lord Abbett Funds, but that business also benefits the Funds. The Board also noted that Lord Abbett, as disclosed in the prospectus of the Fund, has entered into revenue sharing arrangements with certain entities that distribute shares of the Lord Abbett Funds. The Board also took into consideration the investment research that Lord Abbett receives as a result of client brokerage transactions.

Alternative Arrangements. The Board considered whether, instead of approving continuation of the Agreement, it might be in the best interests of the Fund to implement one or more alternative arrangements, such as continuing to employ Lord Abbett, but on different terms. After considering all of the relevant factors, the Board unanimously found that continuation of the Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders and voted unanimously to approve the continuation of the Agreement. In considering whether to approve the continuation of the Agreement, the Board did not identify any single factor as paramount or controlling. Individual Directors may have evaluated the information presented differently from one another, giving different weights to various factors. This summary does not discuss in detail all matters considered.

Liquidity Risk

Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act, the Fund has adopted a Liquidity Risk Management Program and Policy ("Program"). The Program is designed to assess, manage and periodically review the Fund's liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is defined under Rule 22e-4 as the risk that the Fund could not meet redemption requests without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the Fund. The Board has appointed Lord Abbett as the administrator for the Fund's Program. At the May 17, 2023 meeting, Lord Abbett provided the Board with a report addressing the operation of the Program and assessing its adequacy and effectiveness of implementation for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Lord Abbett reported that the Program operated effectively during the period. In particular, Lord Abbett reported that: no Fund breached its 15% limit on illiquid investments at any point during the period and all regulatory reporting related to Rule 22e-4 was completed on time and without issue during the period. There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives in the future. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for more information regarding the Fund's exposure to liquidity risk and other principal risks to which an investment in the Fund may be subject.

Householding

The Company has adopted a policy that allows it to send only one copy of the Fund's prospectus, proxy material, annual report and semiannual report (or related notice of internet availability of annual report and semiannual report) to certain shareholders residing at the same "household." This reduces Fund expenses, which benefits you and other shareholders. If you need additional copies or do not want your mailings to be "household," please call Lord Abbett at 888-5 22-2388 or send a written request with your name, the name of your fund or funds and your account number or numbers to Lord Abbett Funds Service Center, P.O. Box 5 34489, Pittsburgh, PA 15 2 3-4489 (regular mail) or 5 00 Ross Street 15 4-0 20, Attention: 5 34489, Pittsburgh, PA 15 262 (overnight mail).

Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

A description of the policies and procedures that Lord Abbett uses to vote proxies related to the Fund's portfolio securities, and information on how Lord Abbett voted the Fund's proxies during the 12-month period ended June 30 are available without charge, upon request, (i) by calling 888-5 22-2388; (ii) on Lord Abbett's website at www.lordabbett.com; and (iii) on the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at www.sec.gov.

Submission of Portfolio Holdings

The Fund is required to file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for its first and third fiscal quarters as an attachment to Form N-PORT. Copies of the filings are available without charge, upon request on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and may be available by calling Lord Abbett at 888-5 22-2388.

This report, when not used for the general information of shareholders of the Fund, is to be distributed only if preceded or accompanied by a current fund prospectus.

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