

Important Client Tax-Reporting Notice

A Baird 2015 Tax Statement will be issued if you received dividends or interest totaling at least \$10 or any gross proceeds.

Tax Statement¹ Mailing Dates

- **February 15, 2016** – We anticipate the majority of Baird Tax Statements will be mailed by this date. Certain accounts will not receive a Tax Statement by February 15 if year-end tax adjustments have not been received from third parties prior to this deadline (e.g., exchange-traded fund, mutual fund, real estate investment trust and/or unit investment trust).
- **March 1, 2016²** – Tax Statements for accounts that have since received year-end tax adjustments will be mailed by this date.
- **March 15, 2016²** – All remaining Baird Tax Statements will be mailed by this date. Accounts holding real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs) and/or widely held fixed investment trusts (WHFITs) will receive a consolidated tax form.

Convenient Access to Your Baird Tax Documents

Baird offers a variety of methods to access your tax documents (in addition to copies received in the mail):

- **Baird Online** – A PDF copy of each of your tax documents will be available on Baird Online before your copies are received in the mail.
- **TurboTax[®]** – You can download the Tax Statement, REMIC/WHFIT Tax Statement and/or Form 1099-R directly into Turbo Tax.

- **CSV File** – You (and your tax preparer) can download the Tax Statement into a CSV (comma-separated value) file. The CSV file can then be electronically transferred into most professional tax accounting software.

Effects of Cost Basis Legislation

Baird is required to report adjusted cost basis to the IRS on Form 1099-B (Gross Proceeds) when Covered securities are sold, redeemed or exchanged in taxable (i.e., reportable) accounts according to Cost Basis Legislation.¹

For tax year 2015, no changes were made to the definition of Covered securities. Equity securities, mutual funds and dividend reinvestment plans, simple debt and options that were Covered securities in 2011, 2012, 2013 and/or 2014 continue to be Covered securities in 2015 and thereafter.

Implementation Schedule of Covered Securities

| Type of Security | Acquired On or After |
|--|------------------------|
| Equities | January 1, 2011 |
| Mutual funds and dividend reinvestment plans | January 1, 2012 |
| Simple debt ³ and options | January 1, 2014 |
| Complex debt ⁴ | January 1, 2016 |
| CBL exceptions | Permanently noncovered |

We encourage you to contact your Baird Financial Advisor if you have any questions about your Baird tax documents. For specific questions related to your tax reporting obligations, consult with your tax advisor.

Visit rwbaird.com/taxes for additional information.

¹Taxable (i.e., reportable) accounts will receive applicable IRS Forms 1099-DIV, 1099-INT, 1099-B, 1099-MISC and 1099-OID.

²The March 1 and March 16, 2016, mailing dates are based on a 30-day extension from February 15 granted by the IRS and are intended to reduce the number of corrected 1099s you may receive.

³Simple debt instruments acquired after January 1, 2014, are considered Covered securities. Simple debt includes instruments that provide for a single fixed payment schedule for which yield and maturity can be determined.

⁴Complex debt instruments, which become Covered after January 1, 2016, include: (a) stepped rate bonds, (b) convertible bonds, (c) stripped bonds or coupons including U.S. Treasury Strips, (d) bonds payable in a foreign currency, (e) tax credit bonds, (f) payment-in-kind bonds, (g) foreign-issued bonds, (h) bonds for which the term is unknown, (i) bonds held as part of an investment unit, (j) contingent payment bonds, (k) variable rate bonds, and (l) inflation-indexed bonds.