

# Allspring Discovery Innovation Fund

(formerly, Allspring Specialized Technology Fund)

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# Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to offer you this annual report for the Allspring Discovery Innovation Fund for the 12-month period that ended March 31, 2023. Effective September 6, 2022, the Fund changed its name from Allspring Specialized Technology Fund to Allspring Discovery Innovation Fund. Globally, stocks and bonds experienced heightened volatility and poor performance through the challenging period. Earlier tailwinds provided by global stimulus programs, vaccination rollouts, and recovering consumer and corporate sentiment were wiped away by the highest rate of inflation in four decades as well as the impact of ongoing aggressive central bank rate hikes and the prospect of more rate hikes. Compounding these concerns were the global reverberations of the Russia-Ukraine war and the impact of China's strict COVID-19 lockdowns, which were removed in December.

For the 12-month period, stocks and bonds—both domestic U.S. and global—suffered broad losses. For the period, U.S. stocks, based on the S&P 500 Index,¹ returned -7.73%. International stocks, as measured by the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net),<sup>2</sup> returned -5.07%, while the MSCI EM Index (Net) (USD)<sup>3</sup> had weaker performance, with a decline of 10.70%. Among bond indexes, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index<sup>4</sup> returned -4.78%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index (unhedged)<sup>5</sup> fell 10.72%, the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index<sup>6</sup> gained 0.26%, and the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index<sup>7</sup> fell 3.50%.

# High inflation and central bank rate hikes rocked markets.

In April 2022, market headwinds created by Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February continued, with broad and deep losses as both the S&P 500 and MSCI ACWI (Net)8 fell 8% or more for the month and commodity shortages added to global inflation. The Chinese economy struggled through a strict lockdown as the government tried to contain a major COVID-19 outbreak. The ensuing global ripple effect compounded existing supply shortages. Meanwhile, U.S. annual inflation raged at 8.5%, its highest level since 1981, and investors braced themselves for aggressive Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary tightening moves.

Market volatility continued in May, although markets recovered ground late in the month. Value stocks continued to outperform growth stocks. The concerns that had dominated markets for months continued, including high inflation and geopolitical tensions that added to high crude oil, gasoline, and food prices. In response, the Fed raised the federal funds rate by 0.50%. Meanwhile, highly contagious COVID-19 variants persisted. However, labor markets in the U.S., the U.K., and Europe remained strong. U.S. retail sales increased for the fourth consecutive month in April—a sign of consumer resilience.

The S&P 500 Index consists of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. It is a market-value-weighted index with each stock's weight in the index proportionate to its market value. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) All Country World Index (ACWI) ex USA Index (Net) is a free-float-adjusted marketcapitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S. Source: MSCI. MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used as a basis for other indexes or any securities or financial products. This report is not approved, reviewed, or produced by MSCI. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index (Net) (USD) is a free-float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S.-dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities (agency fixed-rate and hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage pass-throughs), asset-backed securities, and commercial mortgage-backed securities. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index (unhedged) is an unmanaged index that provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed-income markets excluding the U.S.-dollar-denominated debt market. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index composed of long-term tax-exempt bonds with a minimum credit rating of Baa. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index of domestic and Yankee high-yield bonds. The index tracks the performance of high-yield securities traded in the U.S. bond market. You cannot invest directly in an index. Copyright 2023. ICE Data Indices, LLC. All rights reserved.

The MSCI ACWI (Net) is a free-float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. You cannot invest directly in an index.

In June, stocks posted further losses en route to their worst first half of a year in 50 years. Bonds didn't fare much better. Driving the losses were the familiar factors: rising global inflation and fears of recession as central banks increased rates to try to curb soaring inflation. The Fed raised its short-term rate by another 0.75% in June. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate held firm at 3.6% and the housing market remained only marginally affected by sharply higher mortgage rates.

Markets rebounded in July, led by U.S. stocks. While U.S. economic activity showed signs of waning, the country's labor market remained surprisingly strong: July nonfarm payrolls grew by more than 500,000 and U.S. unemployment dipped to 3.5%. Meanwhile, crude oil and retail gasoline prices, major contributors to recent overall inflation, fell substantially from earlier highs. And while U.S. home prices rose, home sales fell as houses became less affordable with mortgage rates at a 13-year high. The Fed raised the federal funds rate another 0.75% in July—to a range of 2.25% to 2.50%—and forecasts pointed to further rate hikes.

August was yet another broadly challenging month for financial markets, with more red ink flowing. High inflation persisted, cresting 9% in the eurozone on an annual basis and remaining above 8% in the U.S. despite the Fed's aggressive monetary policy and a major drop in global crude oil and gasoline prices from their June peak. One positive note was the resilient U.S. job market. However, the Fed's job was clearly not complete. One longer-term bright spot was the U.S. Congress's passage of the Inflation Reduction Act. Its primary stated goals include: to reduce inflation (though not immediately) by curbing the deficit, capping health care spending by seniors, and investing in domestic sources of clean energy.

The market misery continued in September as all asset classes suffered major losses. Central banks kept up their battle against rapidly rising prices with more rate hikes. The strength of the U.S. dollar weighed on results for investors holding non-U.S.-dollar assets. U.S. mortgage rates jumped to near 7% on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages; the decreased housing affordability began to cool demand somewhat. The U.K. experienced a sharp sell-off of government bonds and the British pound in September as investors panicked in response to a new government budget that was seen as financially unsound. The Bank of England (BoE) then stepped in and bought long-dated government bonds.

Equities had a reprieve in October. Value stocks and small caps fared best. Globally, developed markets outpaced emerging market equities, which were hurt by weakness among Chinese stocks. Central banks continued to try to curtail high inflation with aggressive interest rate hikes. Geopolitical risks persisted, including the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and economic, financial market, and political turmoil in the U.K. Concerns over Europe's energy crisis eased thanks to unseasonably warm weather and plentiful gas on hand. The U.S. labor market continued its resilience against rising prices as unemployment remained near a record low.

Stocks and bonds rallied in November. Economic news was encouraging, driven by U.S. labor market strength. Although central banks kept raising rates, hopes rose for an easing in the pace of rate hikes and a possible end to central bank monetary tightening in 2023. Although inflation remained at record highs in the eurozone, we began to see signs of a possible decline in inflationary pressures as U.S. inflation moderated, with a 7.1% annual price rise in November and a monthly price increase of just 0.1%. China's economic data remained weak, reflecting its zero-COVID-19 policy.

Financial markets cooled in December, with U.S. equities posting negative overall results in response to a weakening U.S. dollar. Fixed income securities ended one of their worst years ever with flat overall monthly returns as markets weighed the hopes for an end to the monetary tightening cycle with the reality that central banks had not completed their jobs yet. U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI)<sup>1</sup> data showed a strong consistent trend downward, which brought down the 12-month CPI to 6.5% in December from 9.1% in June. Other countries and regions reported still-high but declining inflation rates as the year winded down.

The year 2023 began with a rally across global equities and fixed income securities. Investor optimism rose in response to data indicating declining inflation rates and the reopening of China's economy with the abrupt end to its zero-COVID-19 policy. The U.S. reported surprisingly strong job gains—employers added more than 500,000 jobs—and unemployment fell to 3.4%, the lowest level since 1969. Meanwhile, wage growth, seen as a potential contributor to ongoing high inflation, continued to moderate. All eyes remained fixed on the Fed and on how many more rate hikes remain in this tightening cycle. The 0.25% federal funds rate hike announced in January was the Fed's smallest rate increase since March 2022.

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Financial markets declined in February as investors responded unfavorably to resilient economic data. The takeaway: Central banks will likely continue their monetary tightening cycle for longer than markets had priced in. In this environment—where strong economic data is seen as bad news—the resilient U.S. labor market was seen as a negative while the inflation rate has not been falling quickly enough for the Fed, which raised interest rates by 0.25% in early February. Meanwhile, the BoE and the European Central Bank both raised rates by 0.50%.

The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in March, the second-largest banking failure in U.S. history, led to a classic bank run that spread to Europe, where Switzerland's Credit Suisse was taken over by its rival, UBS. The sudden banking industry uncertainty led some clients of regional banks to transfer deposits to a handful of U.S. banking giants while bank shareholders sold stock. The banking industry turmoil could make the job of central banks more challenging as they weigh inflationary concerns against potential economic weakening. Meanwhile, recent data pointed to economic strength in the U.S., Europe, and China. The U.S. labor market remained resilient. The euro-area composite Purchasing Managers' Index1 rose to 53.70, indicating expansion, for March. And China's economy continued to rebound after the removal of its COVID-19 lockdown. Inflation rates in the U.S., the U.K., and Europe all remained higher than central bank targets, leading to additional rate hikes in March.

# Don't let short-term uncertainty derail long-term investment goals.

Periods of investment uncertainty can present challenges, but experience has taught us that maintaining long-term investment goals can be an effective way to plan for the future. To help you create a sound strategy based on your personal goals and risk tolerance, Allspring Funds offers more than 100 mutual funds spanning a wide range of asset classes and investment styles. Although diversification cannot guarantee an investment profit or prevent losses, we believe it can be an effective way to manage investment risk and potentially smooth out overall portfolio performance. We encourage investors to know their investments and to understand that appropriate levels of risk-taking may unlock opportunities.

Thank you for choosing to invest with Allspring Funds. We appreciate your confidence in us and remain committed to helping you meet your financial needs.

Sincerely,

Andrew Owen President Allspring Funds

For further information about your fund, contact your investment professional, visit our website at allspringglobal.com, or call us directly at 1-800-222-8222.

The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors. You cannot invest directly in an index.



Investment objective The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Manager Allspring Funds Management, LLC

**Subadviser** Allspring Global Investments, LLC

Portfolio managers Michael T. Smith<sup>#</sup>, Christopher J. Warner, CFA<sup>#</sup>

#### Average annual total returns (%) as of March 31, 2023

		Includ	ling sales	charge	Exclud	ling sales	charge	Expense ra	tios¹ (%)
	Inception date	1 year	5 year	10 year	1 year	5 year	10 year	Gross	Net <sup>2</sup>
Class A (WFSTX)	9-18-2000	-25.94	8.96	15.02	-21.42	10.26	15.71	1.28	1.23
Class C (WFTCX)	9-18-2000	-23.09	9.45	15.03	-22.09	9.45	15.03	2.03	1.98
Administrator Class (WFTDX)	7-30-2010	-	-	_	-21.30	10.36	15.84	1.20	1.15
Institutional Class (WFTIX) <sup>3</sup>	10-31-2016	-	-	_	-21.13	10.62	16.01	0.95	0.90
Russell 3000® Growth Index <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	_	-10.88	13.02	14.16	-	_
S&P North American Technology Sector Index <sup>5</sup>	_	_	-	-	-11.73	14.66	17.98	_	_

Figures quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder may pay on an investment in a fund. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance shown without sales charges would be lower if sales charges were reflected. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted, which assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current month-end performance is available on the Fund's website, allspringglobal.com.

Index returns do not include transaction costs associated with buying and selling securities, any mutual fund fees or expenses, or any taxes. It is not possible to invest directly in an index

For Class A shares, the maximum front-end sales charge is 5.75%. For Class C shares, the maximum contingent deferred sales charge is 1.00%. Performance including a contingent deferred sales charge assumes the sales charge for the corresponding time period. Administrator Class and Institutional Class shares are sold without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge.

Reflects the expense ratios as stated in the most recent prospectuses. The expense ratios shown are subject to change and may differ from the annualized expense ratios shown in the financial highlights of this report.

Historical performance shown for the Institutional Class shares prior to their inception reflects the performance of the Administrator Class shares, and includes the higher expenses applicable to the Administrator Class shares. If these expenses had not been included, returns for the Institutional Class shares would be higher.

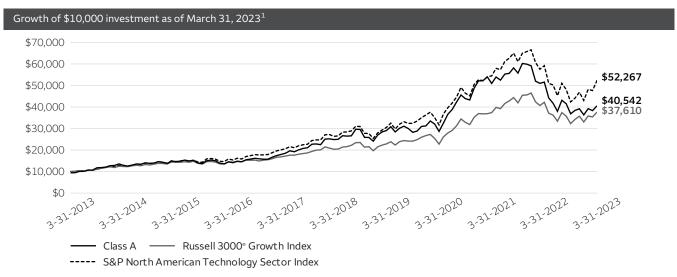
Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general market and economic conditions. Funds that concentrate their investments in limited sectors, such as information technology, are more vulnerable to adverse market, economic, regulatory, political, or other developments affecting those sectors. Certain investment strategies tend to increase the total risk of an investment (relative to the broader market). This fund is exposed to convertible securities risk, foreign investment risk, non-diversification risk, and smaller-company securities risk. Consult the Fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

The manager has contractually committed through July 31, 2024, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 1.23% for Class A, 1.98% for Class C, 1.15% for Administrator Class, and 0.90% for Institutional Class. Brokerage commissions, stamp duty fees, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses (if any), and extraordinary expenses are excluded from the expense caps. Prior to or after the commitment expiration date, the caps may be increased or the commitment to maintain the caps may be terminated only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Without these caps, the Fund's returns would have been lower. The expense ratio paid by an investor is the net expense ratio (the total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers) as stated in the prospectuses.

The Russell 3000° Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 3000° Index companies with higher price/book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. You cannot invest directly in an index. The Fund has changed its primary benchmark from the S&P North American Technology Sector Index to the Russell 3000° Growth Index to more accurately reflect the revised strategy of the Fund. The S&P North American Technology Sector Index will remain as a secondary benchmark for the Fund.

The S&P North American Technology Sector Index is a modified market-capitalization-weighted index of select technology stocks. You cannot invest directly in an index

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> Mr. Smith and Mr. Warner became portfolio managers of the Fund on July 15, 2022.



<sup>1</sup> The chart compares the performance of Class A shares for the most recent ten years with the Russell 3000® Growth Index and S&P North American Technology Sector Index. The chart assumes a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in Class A shares and reflects all operating expenses and assumes the maximum initial sales charge of 5.75%.

#### MANAGER'S DISCUSSION

# Fund highlights

- The Discovery Growth Equity team assumed management of the Fund on September 6, 2022, at which time the Russell 3000° Growth Index replaced the S&P North American Technology Sector Index as the Fund's primary benchmark.
- The Fund underperformed the Russell 3000° Growth Index for the 12-month period that ended March 31, 2023.
- Holdings within the information technology (IT) and communication services sectors detracted from performance.
- Security selection within the consumer discretionary and financials sectors contributed to the Fund's performance.

# Inflation and monetary policy dominated market sentiment.

Over the past year, a continual stream of macro headlines created high volatility for investors. Market sentiment fluctuated as investors grappled with high inflation, tightening Federal Reserve (Fed) policy, supply chain disruptions, and the war in Ukraine. Amid this uncertainty, the dominant storyline was persistently high inflation as the headline year-over-year U.S. Consumer Price Index\* reached the highest levels in more than 40 years. In response, the Fed's monetary policy became hawkish and materially tightened financial conditions. The markets reacted swiftly and sharply. Volatility spiked over renewed concerns that the Fed may overshoot a soft landing, driving the economy into a recession. As a result, rising discount rates pressured valuations of long-duration growth stocks—those businesses with superior revenue growth projected years into the future. Additionally, investors rotated out of IT and e-commerce stocks due to concerns that a recession would reduce IT and consumer spending. For many companies with disruptive technologies, a disconnection emerged between stock prices and underlying fundamentals. By March 2023, multiple regional banks collapsed as depositors sought higher rates elsewhere. With the strain of the high rates beginning to weigh on the economy, investors shifted their focus to companies that exhibited profitability and resilient financial results

# Holdings within the IT and communication services sectors detracted from performance.

MongoDB, Inc. (MDB), provides a global cloud "database-as-a-service" that interfaces with the largest public cloud providers. During the year, MongoDB provided cautious guidance as macro headwinds paused IT spending and increased layoffs. With less than half of corporate data currently stored in the cloud, MongoDB's addressable market remains underpenetrated, providing a long runway of potential future growth. While we hold conviction in the

long-term transition to the cloud, we are closely monitoring MongoDB's fundamentals.

Ten largest holdings (%) as of March 31, 2023 <sup>1</sup>	
Microsoft Corporation	9.56
Alphabet Incorporated Class C	7.99
Visa Incorporated Class A	6.96
Teledyne Technologies Incorporated	6.16
Amazon.com Incorporated	4.48
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	3.90
Novanta Incorporated	3.79
Chipotle Mexican Grill Incorporated	3.50
Apple Incorporated	3.27
WNS Holdings Limited ADR	2.90

Figures represent the percentage of the Fund's net assets. Holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified.

Within communication services, ZoomInfo Technologies, Inc. (ZI), hosts a global database that connects sales and marketing professionals with prospective clients. During the year, layoffs within the tech industry and economic headwinds elongated the sales cycle for ZoomInfo. The company is shifting tactics to diversify its client base and strategically target C-suite relationships. Additionally, the quality of the company's profitability metrics is among the highest in its industry. Despite current economic uncertainties, we remain a believer in ZoomInfo's long-term growth opportunity.

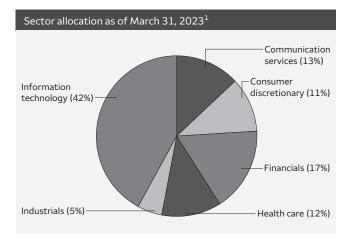
# Security selection within the consumer discretionary sector contributed to the Fund's performance.

MercadoLibre, Inc. (MELI), is the leading e-commerce provider in Latin America. While competitors have attempted to capture market share, MercadoLibre's proprietary shipping network and extensive fulfillment centers have allowed the company to retain its edge. In addition, the company has a suite of payment options that provide essential banking

<sup>\*</sup> The U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. You cannot invest directly in an index.

solutions to consumers and creditors. During the year, MercadoLibre exceeded revenue estimates and improved margins, in part due to increased advertising revenue from its e-commerce platform. We continue to hold high conviction in MercadoLibre's ability to generate long-term growth.

Also within consumer discretionary, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (CMG), reported favorable results across various key performance indicators. By focusing on employee benefits, such as competitive wages, career path development, and retirement benefits, the company has positively navigated the severe labor shortages facing the restaurant industry. Additionally, Chipotle has improved profit margins by incrementally raising prices and reducing advertising spending. With full ownership of all locations, the company has built a strong balance sheet and avoided the complexity of franchise partners. We believe Chipotle's strong business model, loyal customers, and expanding footprint are positioning the company for superior long-term growth.



<sup>1</sup> Figures represent the percentage of the Fund's long-term investments. Allocations are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified.

# The growth of a business remains our north star.

As fundamentals become a key return driver later in the business cycle, we see opportunity for growth stocks relative to cyclical businesses with greater exposure to the weakening economy. Estimates for S&P 500 Index\* earnings growth in 2023 have begun to decline, which is an indication that policy tightening is starting to flow through to the real economy. As growth expectations compress downward, companies that can grow organically through a rough economic patch are harder to find. We believe this is a rather compelling case for investing in growth equities. Relative valuations of growth stocks compared with the broad market are near their long-term average and, in our view, have likely completed the bulk of their de-rating in this cycle.

Despite our bullishness for growth stocks, the range of outcomes for the economy remains very wide in 2023. We believe the events from the past quarter—easing inflation, the banking crisis, shifting rate expectations—have created tailwinds for our investing style, but it is still important to be mindful of risks. As a result, we remain selective and favor companies with durable fundamentals and a higher certainty of meeting expectations. Furthermore, we have diligently continued to adjust portfolio construction. Exposure to idiosyncratic and resilient "core" growth holdings has increased while maintaining a balanced exposure to highergrowth "developing situations."

Over the long term, we believe the growth of an underlying business is the dominant driver of equity returns and is the guiding principle of our investment philosophy. Therefore, we are of the opinion that the fundamental growth of our portfolios will be unlocked and reward the patience of our shareholders with strong future performance.

The S&P 500 Index consists of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. It is a market-valueweighted index with each stock's weight in the index proportionate to its market value. You cannot invest directly in an index.

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase payments and contingent deferred sales charges (if any) on redemptions and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution (12b-1) and/or shareholder servicing fees, and other Fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the six-month period and held for the entire period from October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

# Actual expenses

The "Actual" line of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the "Actual" line under the heading entitled "Expenses paid during period" for your applicable class of shares to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

# Hypothetical example for comparison purposes

The "Hypothetical" line of the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads) and contingent deferred sales charges. Therefore, the "Hypothetical" line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning account value 10-1-2022	Ending account value 3-31-2023	Expenses paid during the period <sup>1</sup>	Annualized net expense ratio
Class A Actual Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.63	\$ 6.44	1.23%
	\$1,000.00	\$1,018.80	\$ 6.19	1.23%
Class C Actual Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00 \$1,000.00	\$1,095.93 \$1,015.06	\$10.35 \$ 9.95	1.98% 1.98%
Administrator Class Actual Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,101.42	\$ 6.03	1.15%
	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.20	\$ 5.79	1.15%
Institutional Class Actual Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,101.95	\$ 4.72	0.90%
	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.44	\$ 4.53	0.90%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Expenses paid is equal to the annualized net expense ratio of each class multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 182 divided by 365 (to reflect the one-half-year period).

	Shares	Value
Common stocks: 97.89%		
Communication services: 12.92%		
Entertainment: 2.57%		
Activision Blizzard Incorporated Spotify Technology SA †	38,871 52,719	\$ 3,326,969 7,044,313
Spothy realinglegy 57()	32,713	
		10,371,282
Interactive media & services: 10.35%  Alphabet Incorporated Class C †	309,852	32,224,608
Bumble Incorporated Class A†	109,700	2,144,635
IAC/InterActiveCorp†	71,078	3,667,625
ZoomInfo Technologies Incorporated †	150,559	3,720,313
		41,757,181
Consumer discretionary: 10.82%		
Broadline retail: 7.32%		
Amazon.com Incorporated †	175,179	18,094,239
Global-E Online Limited †  MercadoLibre Incorporated †	92,313 6,438	2,975,248 8,485,670
Mercadobiole incorporated	0,430	
		29,555,157
Hotels, restaurants & leisure: 3.50%  Chipotle Mexican Grill Incorporated †	8,257	14,105,351
	0,237	
Financials: 16.03%		
Capital markets: 2.83%  MSCI Incorporated	8,897	4,979,562
S&P Global Incorporated	18,730	6,457,542
		11,437,104
Financial services: 10.84%		11,437,104
Adyen NV ADR †	138,645	2,196,137
Fiserv Incorporated †	98,528	11,136,620
MasterCard Incorporated Class A Visa Incorporated Class A	6,368 124,526	2,314,195 28,075,632
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		43,722,584
Insurance: 2.36% Progressive Corporation	66,645	9,534,234
Health care: 11.95%	, -	
Biotechnology: 0.75%  Exact Sciences Corporation †	44,797	3,037,685
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Health care equipment & supplies: 1.30% Intuitive Surgical Incorporated †	20,484	5,233,047
	,	
Health care providers & services: 5.17%  HealthEquity Incorporated †	86,967	5,105,833
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	33,294	15,734,411
		20,840,244
Life sciences tools & services: 4.73%		
Bio-Rad Laboratories Incorporated Class A†	21,280	10,193,546

	Shares	Value
Life sciences tools & services (continued)		
Bio-Techne Corporation Illumina Incorporated †	93,677 8,382	\$ 6,949,897 1,949,234
		19,092,677
Industrials: 4.82%		
Ground transportation: 1.45%		
J.B. Hunt Transport Services Incorporated	33,231	5,830,711
Professional services: 3.37%		
Automatic Data Processing Incorporated WNS Holdings Limited ADR †	8,590 125,416	1,912,392 11,685,009
WN3 Holdings Littlited ADR	125,410	11,085,009
		13,597,401
Information technology: 41.35%		
Communications equipment: 1.73%  Motorola Solutions Incorporated	24,358	6,969,555
	2 1,550	
<b>Electronic equipment, instruments &amp; components: 9.95%</b> Novanta Incorporated †	96,029	15,277,254
Teledyne Technologies Incorporated †	55,546	24,849,059
		40,126,313
IT services: 3.02%		
Globant SA†	41,413	6,792,146
MongoDB Incorporated †	23,165	5,400,225
		12,192,371
Professional services: 0.66%		
Maximus Incorporated	33,918	2,669,347
Semiconductors & semiconductor equipment: 5.90%		
Advanced Micro Devices Incorporated †	31,697	3,106,623
Enphase Energy Incorporated †	28,806	6,057,326
Impinj Incorporated † Micron Technology Incorporated	31,394 76,097	4,254,515 4,591,693
Monolithic Power Systems Incorporated	5,546	2,775,995
Wolfspeed Incorporated †	46,536	3,022,513
		23,808,665
Software: 16.82%		
BILL Holdings Incorporated †	45,438	3,686,839
Crowdstrike Holdings Incorporated Class A†	46,443	6,374,766
Gen Digital	76,407	1,311,144
HubSpot Incorporated † Microsoft Corporation	20,422 133,763	8,755,933
Oracle Corporation	31,041	38,563,868 2,884,330
Tyler Technologies Incorporated †	17,788	6,308,336
		67,885,216
Technology hardware, storage & peripherals: 3.27%		
Apple Incorporated	80,064	13,202,554
Total Common stocks (Cost \$321,869,054)		394,968,679

		Yield	Shares	Value
Short-term investments: 2.29%				
Investment companies: 2.29%				
Allspring Government Money Market Fund Select Class ♠∞		4.69%	9,241,903	\$ 9,241,903
Total Short-term investments (Cost \$9,241,903)				9,241,903
Total investments in securities (Cost \$331,110,957)	100.18%			404,210,582
Other assets and liabilities, net	(0.18)			(710,050)
Total net assets	100.00%			\$403,500,532

<sup>†</sup> Non-income-earning security

#### Abbreviations:

ADR American depositary receipt

#### Investments in affiliates

An affiliated investment is an investment in which the Fund owns at least 5% of the outstanding voting shares of the issuer or as a result of other relationships, such as the Fund and the issuer having the same investment manager. Transactions with issuers that were affiliates of the Fund at the end of the period were as follows:

	Value, beginning of period	Purchases	Sales proceeds	Net realized gains (losses)	Net change in unrealized gains (losses)	Value, end of period	Shares, end of period	Income from affiliated securities
Short-term investments  Allspring Government  Money Market Fund Select  Class	\$31,826,516	\$117,338,727	\$(139,923,340)	\$0	\$0	\$9,241,903	9,241,903	\$258,429
Investments in affiliates no longer held at end of period Securities Lending Cash Investments LLC	786,600	78,600	(865,200)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	0	43 <sup>#</sup> <b>\$258,472</b>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> Amount shown represents income before fees and rebates.

The issuer of the security is an affiliated person of the Fund as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

 ∑ The rate represents the 7-day annualized yield at period end.

Assets Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (cost \$321,869,054). Investments in affiliated securities, at value (cost \$9,241,903). Receivable for Fund shares sold. Receivable for dividends. Prepaid expenses and other assets.	\$394,968,679 9,241,903 89,415 86,358 68,171 <b>404,454,526</b>
Liabilities Payable for Fund shares redeemed Management fee payable Shareholder servicing fees payable Administration fees payable. Distribution fee payable Accrued expenses and other liabilities.  Total liabilities  Total net assets	417,170 212,785 81,418 71,263 3,538 167,820 953,994 \$403,500,532
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Net assets consist of Paid-in capital Total distributable earnings  Total net assets	\$375,288,254 28,212,278 <b>\$403,500,532</b>
Computation of net asset value and offering price per share	
Net assets – Class A.  Shares outstanding – Class A <sup>1</sup> .  Net asset value per share – Class A.  Maximum offering price per share – Class A <sup>2</sup> .  Net assets – Class C.  Shares outstanding – Class C <sup>1</sup> .  Net asset value per share – Class C.  Net asset value per share – Class C.  Net assets – Administrator Class.  Shares outstanding – Administrator Class <sup>1</sup> .  Net asset value per share – Administrator Class.  Net assets – Institutional Class.  Shares outstanding – Institutional Class <sup>1</sup> .  Net asset value per share – Institutional Class.	\$362,753,711 40,474,537 \$8.96 \$9.51 \$ 5,440,555 1,312,910 \$4.14 \$ 6,305,031 668,178 \$9.44 \$ 29,001,235 2,986,322 \$9.71

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  The Fund has an unlimited number of authorized shares.

 $<sup>^2 \ \</sup>text{Maximum offering price is computed as 100/94.25 of net asset value. On investments of \$50,000 \ \text{or more, the offering price is reduced.} \\$ 

Investment income Dividends (net of foreign withholdings taxes of \$21,937)	\$	1,734,640 258,475
Total investment income		1,993,115
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Expenses		2 620 127
Management fee		3,638,127
Class A		821,172
Class C		13,711
Administrator Class		9,548
Institutional Class		53,308
Shareholder servicing fees		
Class A		974,873
Class C		16,206
Administrator Class		18,349
Distribution fee		
Class C		48,618
Custody and accounting fees		59,137
Professional fees		60,269
Registration fees		70,570
Shareholder report expenses		63,825
Trustees' fees and expenses		21,289
Other fees and expenses		11,609
Total expenses  Less: Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements		5,880,611
Fund-level.		(286,687)
Class A.		(78,207)
Administrator Class		(734)
Net expenses		5,514,983
Net investment loss.		(3,521,868)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments		
Net realized losses on investments	(	34,236,670)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(	95,863,238)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments.	(1:	30,099,908)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$(1	33,621,776)

		ended 31, 2023		r ended n 31, 2022
Operations Net investment loss		\$ (3,521,868)		\$ (7,037,826)
Net realized gains (losses) on investments		(34,236,670) (95,863,238)		87,045,702 (66,380,714)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations		(133,621,776)		13,627,162
Distributions to shareholders from				
Net investment income and net realized gains				
Class A		(77,771,985)		(143,063,634)
Class C		(2,125,424)		(4,200,146)
Administrator Class		(1,410,630)		(2,584,254)
Institutional Class		(6,753,501)		(19,099,092)
Total distributions to shareholders.		(88,061,540)		(168,947,126)
Capital share transactions Proceeds from shares sold	Shares		Shares	
Class A	852,022	8,699,357	1,025,768	18,709,362
Class C	61,306	290,149	69,766	881,654
Administrator Class	83,471	914,122	109,867	2,157,542
Institutional Class	348,109	3,826,959	807,805	15,521,449
		13,730,587		37,270,007
Reinvestment of distributions				
Class A	8,944,591	74,508,445	8,259,821	138,104,208
Class C	549,256	2,120,127	429,463	4,200,146
Administrator Class	158,499	1,390,039	146,691	2,550,952
Institutional Class	741,739	6,690,485	1,064,445	18,883,248
		84,709,096		163,738,554
Payment for shares redeemed				
Class A	(5,446,007)	(54,863,931)	(4,175,414)	(73,339,383)
Class C	(452,426)	(2,496,526)	(295,041)	(3,224,878)
Administrator Class	(245,670)	(2,560,384)	(88,403)	(1,634,898)
Institutional Class	(2,392,279)	(26,303,223)	(2,000,907)	(37,260,346)
		(86,224,064)		(115,459,505)
Net increase in net assets resulting from capital share transactions $\ldots\ldots\ldots$		12,215,619		85,549,056
Total decrease in net assets		(209,467,697)		(69,770,908)
Net assets				
Beginning of period		612,968,229		682,739,137
End of period		\$ 403,500,532		\$ 612,968,229

		Year	ended March	31	
Class A	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period.	\$14.58	\$18.55	\$12.08	\$13.33	\$14.08
Net investment loss	(0.09) <sup>1</sup> (3.21)	(0.19) <sup>1</sup> 1.04	(0.16) 9.44	(0.11) (0.01)	(0.11) 2.06
Total from investment operations.	(3.30)	0.85	9.28	(0.12)	1.95
<b>Distributions to shareholders from</b> Net realized gains	(2.32)	(4.82)	(2.81)	(1.13)	(2.70)
Net asset value, end of period	\$8.96	\$14.58	\$18.55	\$12.08	\$13.33
Total return <sup>2</sup>	(21.42)%	1.26%	77.67%	(1.31)%	16.80%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized) Gross expenses Net expenses	1.34% 1.25%	1.34% 1.33%	1.35% 1.34%	1.39% 1.37%	1.40% 1.39%
Net investment loss	(0.81)%	(1.02)%	(0.98)%	(0.80)%	(0.77)%
Supplemental data Portfolio turnover rate	117% \$362,754	93% \$526,555	146% \$575,422	149% \$344,949	107% \$401,990

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Total return calculations do not include any sales charges.

		Year	ended Marc	h 31	
Class C	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$8.51	\$12.64	\$8.80	\$10.09	\$11.38
Net investment loss	(0.09)1	(0.21) <sup>1</sup>	(0.17)	(0.16) <sup>1</sup>	(0.17) <sup>1</sup>
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(1.96)	0.90	6.82	$(0.00)^2$	1.58
Total from investment operations	(2.05)	0.69	6.65	(0.16)	1.41
Distributions to shareholders from					
Net realized gains	(2.32)	(4.82)	(2.81)	(1.13)	(2.70)
Net asset value, end of period	\$4.14	\$8.51	\$12.64	\$8.80	\$10.09
Total return <sup>3</sup>	(22.09)%	0.51%	76.67%	(2.15)%	16.01%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)					
Gross expenses	2.08%	2.09%	2.10%	2.14%	2.15%
Net expenses	2.02%	2.09%	2.10%	2.13%	2.14%
Net investment loss	(1.57)%	(1.79)%	(1.75)%	(1.57)%	(1.52)%
Supplemental data					
Portfolio turnover rate	117%	93%	146%	149%	107%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$5,441	\$9,822	\$12,017	\$8,035	\$11,615

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptsize 1}$  Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Amount is more than \$(0.005)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Total return calculations do not include any sales charges.

		Year e	ended Mar	ch 31	
Administrator Class	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$15.17	\$19.13	\$12.40	\$13.65	\$14.34
Net investment loss	(0.08) <sup>1</sup> (3.33)	(0.18) <sup>1</sup> 1.04	(0.16) 9.70	(0.10) <sup>1</sup> (0.02)	(0.09) <sup>1</sup> 2.10
Total from investment operations	(3.41)	0.86	9.54	(0.12)	2.01
<b>Distributions to shareholders from</b> Net realized gains	(2.32)	(4.82)	(2.81)	(1.13)	(2.70)
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.44	\$15.17	\$19.13	\$12.40	\$13.65
Total return	(21.30)%	1.28%	77.92%	(1.28)%	17.02%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)					
Gross expenses	1.26%	1.27%	1.27%	1.31%	1.32%
Net expenses	1.19%	1.26%	1.27%	1.28%	1.29%
Net investment loss	(0.74)%	(0.95)%	(0.91)%	(0.71)%	(0.65)%
Supplemental data					
Portfolio turnover rate	117%	93%	146%	149%	107%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$6,305	\$10,192	\$9,636	\$11,873	\$22,480

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptsize 1}$  Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

		Year e	ended Marc	h 31	
Institutional Class	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$15.48	\$19.39	\$12.51	\$13.73	\$14.37
Net investment loss	(0.06)1	(0.13)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(3.39)	1.04	9.81	(0.02)	2.13
Total from investment operations	(3.45)	0.91	9.69	(0.09)	2.06
Distributions to shareholders from  Net realized gains	(2.32)	(4.82)	(2.81)	(1.13)	(2.70)
Net asset value, end of period	\$9.71	\$15.48	\$19.39	\$12.51	\$13.73
Total return	(21.13)%	1.53%	78.30%	(1.05)%	17.25%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)					
Gross expenses	1.01%	1.01%	1.02%	1.06%	1.07%
Net expenses	0.95%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%	1.04%
Net investment loss	(0.50)%	(0.71)%	(0.66)%	(0.47)%	(0.42)%
Supplemental data					
Portfolio turnover rate	117%	93%	146%	149%	107%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$29,001	\$66,399	\$85,664	\$48,504	\$51,223

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptsize 1}$  Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

Allspring Funds Trust (the "Trust"), a Delaware statutory trust organized on March 10, 1999, is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As an investment company, the Trust follows the accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946, Financial Services - Investment Companies. These financial statements report on the Allspring Discovery Innovation Fund (formerly, Allspring Specialized Technology Fund) (the "Fund") which is a nondiversified series of the Trust.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistently followed in the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund, are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Securities valuation

All investments are valued each business day as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4 p.m. Eastern Time), although the Fund may deviate from this calculation time under unusual or unexpected circumstances.

Equity securities that are listed on a foreign or domestic exchange or market are valued at the official closing price or, if none, the last sales price.

Forward foreign currency contracts are recorded at the forward rate provided by an independent foreign currency pricing source at a time each business day specified by the Valuation Committee established by Allspring Funds Management, LLC ("Allspring Funds Management").

Investments in registered open-end investment companies (other than those listed on a foreign or domestic exchange or market) are valued at net asset value. Interests in non-registered investment companies that are redeemable at net asset value are fair valued normally at net asset value.

Investments which are not valued using the methods discussed above are valued at their fair value, as determined in good faith by Allspring Funds Management, which was named the valuation designee by the Board of Trustees. As the valuation designee, Allspring Funds Management is responsible for day-to-day valuation activities for the Allspring Funds. In connection with these responsibilities, Allspring Funds Management has established a Valuation Committee and has delegated to it the authority to take any actions regarding the valuation of portfolio securities that the Valuation Committee deems necessary or appropriate, including determining the fair value of portfolio securities. On a quarterly basis, the Board of Trustees receives reports of valuation actions taken by the Valuation Committee. On at least an annual basis, the Board of Trustees receives an assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of Allspring Funds Management's process for determining the fair value of the portfolio of investments.

#### Foreign currency translation

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. The values of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at rates provided by an independent foreign currency pricing source at a time each business day specified by the Valuation Committee. Purchases and sales of securities, and income and expenses are converted at the rate of exchange on the respective dates of such transactions. Net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually paid or received. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the fair value of assets and liabilities other than investments in securities resulting from changes in exchange rates. The changes in net assets arising from changes in exchange rates of securities and the changes in net assets resulting from changes in market prices of securities are not separately presented. Such changes are included in net realized and unrealized gains or losses from investments.

#### Securities lending

During the period, the Fund participated in a program to lend its securities from time to time in order to earn additional income in the form of fees or interest on securities received as collateral or the investment of any cash received as collateral. When securities were on loan, the Fund received interest or dividends on those securities. Cash collateral received in connection with its securities lending transactions was invested in Securities Lending Cash Investments, LLC (the "Securities Lending Fund"), an

affiliated non-registered investment company. Effective at the close of business on March 29, 2023, the Fund is no longer participating in the securities lending program and the Securities Lending Fund was liquidated. Securities Lending Fund was managed by Allspring Funds Management and was subadvised by Allspring Global Investments, LLC ("Allspring Investments"), an affiliate of Allspring Funds Management and wholly owned subsidiary of Allspring Global Investments Holdings, LLC. Allspring Funds Management received an advisory fee starting at 0.05% and declining to 0.01% as the average daily net assets of the Securities Lending Fund increased. All of the fees received by Allspring Funds Management were paid to Allspring Investments for its services as subadviser.

Investments in Securities Lending Fund were valued at the evaluated bid price provided by an independent pricing service. Income earned from investment in the Securities Lending Fund (net of fees and rebates), if any, is included in income from affiliated securities on the Statement of Operations.

In a securities lending transaction, the net asset value of the Fund is affected by an increase or decrease in the value of the securities loaned and by an increase or decrease in the value of the instrument in which collateral is invested. The amount of securities lending activity undertaken by the Fund fluctuates from time to time. The Fund has the right under the lending agreement to recover the securities from the borrower on demand. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the borrower, the Fund may be prevented from recovering the loaned securities or gaining access to the collateral or may experience delays or costs in doing so. In such an event, the terms of the agreement allow the unaffiliated securities lending agent to use the collateral to purchase replacement securities on behalf of the Fund or pay the Fund the market value of the loaned securities. The Fund bears the risk of loss with respect to depreciation of its investment of the cash collateral.

#### Forward foreign currency contracts

A forward foreign currency contract is an agreement between two parties to purchase or sell a specific currency for an agreedupon price at a future date. The Fund enters into forward foreign currency contracts to facilitate transactions in foreigndenominated securities and to attempt to minimize the risk to the Fund from adverse changes in the relationship between currencies. Forward foreign currency contracts are recorded at the forward rate and marked-to-market daily. When the contracts are closed, realized gains and losses arising from such transactions are recorded as realized gains or losses on forward foreign currency contracts. The Fund is subject to foreign currency risk and may be exposed to risks if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of their contracts or if the value of the foreign currency changes unfavorably. The Fund's maximum risk of loss from counterparty credit risk is the unrealized gains on the contracts. This risk may be mitigated if there is a master netting arrangement between the Fund and the counterparty.

# Security transactions and income recognition

Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains or losses are recorded on the basis of identified cost.

Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. Dividend income is recorded net of foreign taxes withheld where recovery of such taxes is not assured.

#### Distributions to shareholders

Distributions to shareholders from net investment income and any net realized gains are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid at least annually. Such distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations and may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Dividend sources are estimated at the time of declaration. The tax character of distributions is determined as of the Fund's fiscal year end. Therefore, a portion of the Fund's distributions made prior to the Fund's fiscal year end may be categorized as a tax return of capital at year end.

#### Federal and other taxes

The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by distributing substantially all of its investment company taxable income and any net realized capital gains (after reduction for capital loss carryforwards) sufficient to relieve it from all, or substantially all, federal income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes was required.

The Fund's income and federal excise tax returns and all financial records supporting those returns for the prior three fiscal years are subject to examination by the federal and Delaware revenue authorities. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal, state, and foreign tax returns, as applicable, for all open tax years and does not believe that there are any uncertain tax positions that require recognition of a tax liability.

As of March 31, 2023, the aggregate cost of all investments for federal income tax purposes was \$337,306,897 and the unrealized gains (losses) consisted of:

Gross unrealized gains	\$ 79,553,240
Gross unrealized losses	(12,649,555)
Net unrealized gains	\$ 66,903,685

Reclassifications are made to the Fund's capital accounts for permanent tax differences to reflect income and gains available for distribution (or available capital loss carryforwards) under federal income tax regulations. U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that certain components of net assets be adjusted to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset values per share. The primary permanent difference causing such reclassification is due to net operating loss. At March 31, 2023, as a result of permanent book-to-tax differences, the following reclassification adjustments were made on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Paid-in capital	Total distributable earnings
\$(4,036,793)	\$4,036,793

As of March 31, 2023, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards which consisted of \$37,920,845 in short-term capital losses. The Fund also had a qualified late-year ordinary loss of \$769,024 which will be recognized on the first day of the following fiscal year.

#### Class allocations

The separate classes of shares offered by the Fund differ principally in applicable sales charges, distribution, shareholder servicing, and administration fees. Class specific expenses are charged directly to that share class. Investment income, common fund-level expenses, and realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments are allocated daily to each class of shares based on the relative proportion of net assets of each class.

#### 3. FAIR VALUATION MEASUREMENTS

Fair value measurements of investments are determined within a framework that has established a fair value hierarchy based upon the various data inputs utilized in determining the value of the Fund's investments. The three-level hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The Fund's investments are classified within the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs are summarized into three broad levels as follows:

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

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing investments in securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used in valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2023:

	Quoted prices (Level 1)	Other significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets				
Investments in:				
Common stocks				
Communication services	\$ 52,128,463	\$0	\$0	\$ 52,128,463
Consumer discretionary	43,660,508	0	0	43,660,508
Financials	64,693,922	0	0	64,693,922
Health care	48,203,653	0	0	48,203,653
Industrials	19,428,112	0	0	19,428,112
Information technology	166,854,021	0	0	166,854,021
Short-term investments				
Investment companies	9,241,903	0	0	9,241,903
Total assets	\$404,210,582	\$0	\$0	\$404,210,582

Additional sector, industry or geographic detail, if any, is included in the Portfolio of Investments.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, the Fund did not have any transfers into/out of Level 3.

#### 4. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES AND OTHER EXPENSES

# Management fee

Allspring Funds Management, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allspring Global Investments Holdings, LLC, a holding company indirectly owned by certain private funds of GTCR LLC and Reverence Capital Partners, L.P., is the manager of the Fund and provides advisory and fund-level administrative services under an investment management agreement. Under the investment management agreement, Allspring Funds Management is responsible for, among other services, implementing the investment objectives and strategies of the Fund, supervising the subadviser and providing fund-level administrative services in connection with the Fund's operations. As compensation for its services under the investment management agreement, Allspring Funds Management is entitled to receive a management fee at the following annual rate based on the Fund's average daily net assets:

Average daily net assets	Management fee
First \$500 million	0.800%
Next \$500 million	0.750
Next \$1 billion	0.700
Next \$2 billion	0.675
Next \$1 billion	0.650
Next \$3 billion	0.640
Next \$2 billion	0.615
Next \$2 billion	0.605
Next \$4 billion	0.580
Over \$16 billion	0.555

Prior to July 15, 2022, the management fee rate was as follows:

Average daily net assets	Management fee
First \$500 million	0.850%
Next \$500 million	0.840
Next \$1 billion	0.815
Next \$2 billion	0.790
Next \$1 billion	0.765
Next \$5 billion	0.755
Over \$10 billion	0.745

For the year ended March 31, 2023, the management fee was equivalent to an annual rate of 0.82% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Allspring Funds Management has retained the services of a subadviser to provide daily portfolio management to the Fund. The fee for subadvisory services is borne by Allspring Funds Management. Allspring Investments is the subadviser to the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee from Allspring Funds Management at an annual rate starting at 0.45% and declining to 0.30% as the average daily net assets of the Fund increase. Prior to July 15, 2022, Allianz Global Investors U.S., LLC, which is not an affiliate of Allspring Funds Management, was the subadviser to the Fund and was entitled to receive a fee from Allspring Funds Management at an annual rate which started at 0.57% and declined to 0.50% as the average daily net assets of the Fund increased.

#### Administration fees

Under a class-level administration agreement, Allspring Funds Management provides class-level administrative services to the Fund, which includes paying fees and expenses for services provided by the transfer agent, sub-transfer agents, omnibus account servicers and record-keepers. As compensation for its services under the class-level administration agreement, Allspring Funds Management receives an annual fee which is calculated based on the average daily net assets of each class as follows:

	Class-level administration fee
Class A	0.21%
Class C	0.21
Administrator Class	0.13
Institutional Class	0.13

# Waivers and/or expense reimbursements

Allspring Funds Management has contractually committed to waive and/or reimburse management and administration fees to the extent necessary to maintain certain net operating expense ratios for the Fund. When each class of the Fund has exceeded its expense cap, Allspring Funds Management will waive fees and/or reimburse expenses from fund-level expenses on a proportionate basis and then from class specific expenses. When only certain classes exceed their expense caps, waivers and/or reimbursements are applied against class specific expenses before fund-level expenses. Allspring Funds Management has contractually committed through July 31, 2024 to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap expenses. Prior to or after the commitment expiration date, the caps may be increased or the commitment to maintain the caps may be terminated only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. As of March 31, 2023, the contractual expense caps are as follows:

	Expense ratio caps
Class A	1.23%
Class C	1.98
Administrator Class	1.15
Institutional Class	0.90

Prior to July 15, 2022, the Fund's expenses were contractually capped at 1.35% for Class A shares, 2.10% for Class C shares, 1.28% for Administrator Class shares, and 1.03% for Institutional Class shares.

#### Distribution fee

The Trust has adopted a distribution plan for Class C shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. A distribution fee is charged to Class C shares and paid to Allspring Funds Distributor, LLC ("Allspring Funds Distributor"), the principal underwriter, an affiliate of Allspring Funds Management, at an annual rate up to 0.75% of the average daily net assets of Class C shares.

In addition, Allspring Funds Distributor is entitled to receive the front-end sales charge from the purchase of Class A shares and a contingent deferred sales charge on the redemption of certain Class A shares. Allspring Funds Distributor is also entitled to receive the contingent deferred sales charges from redemptions of Class C shares. Allspring Funds Distributor did not receive any front-end or contingent deferred sales charges from Class A or Class C shares for the year ended March 31, 2023.

# Shareholder servicing fees

The Trust has entered into contracts with one or more shareholder servicing agents, whereby Class A, Class C and Administrator Class are charged a fee at an annual rate up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of each respective class. A portion of these total shareholder servicing fees were paid to affiliates of the Fund.

#### Interfund transactions

The Fund may purchase or sell portfolio investment securities to certain affiliates pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act and under procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The procedures have been designed to ensure that these interfund transactions, which do not incur broker commissions, are effected at current market prices.

#### 5. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding U.S. government obligations (if any) and short-term securities, for the year ended March 31, 2023 were \$503,937,764 and \$558,541,244, respectively.

#### 6. BANK BORROWINGS

The Trust (excluding the money market funds), Allspring Master Trust and Allspring Variable Trust are parties to a \$350,000,000 revolving credit agreement whereby the Fund is permitted to use bank borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes, such as to fund shareholder redemption requests. Interest under the credit agreement is charged to the Fund based on a borrowing rate equal to the higher of the Federal Funds rate or the overnight bank funding rate in effect on that day plus a spread. In addition, an annual commitment fee based on the unused balance is allocated to each participating fund.

For the year ended March 31, 2023, there were no borrowings by the Fund under the agreement.

#### 7. DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 were as follows:

	Year en	ded March 31
	2023	2022
Ordinary income	\$ 0	\$ 59,299,754
Long-term capital gain	88,061,540	109,647,372

As of March 31, 2023, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Unrealized gains	Late-year ordinary losses deferred	Capital loss carryforward
\$66,902,147	\$(769,024)	\$(37,920,845)

#### 8. CONCENTRATION RISKS

The Fund concentrated its portfolio of investments in the information technology sector. A fund that invests a substantial portion of its assets in any sector may be more affected by changes in that sector than would be a fund whose investments are not heavily weighted in any sector.

#### 9. INDEMNIFICATION

Under the Fund's organizational documents, the officers and Trustees have been granted certain indemnification rights against certain liabilities that may arise out of performance of their duties to the Fund. The Fund has entered into a separate agreement with each Trustee that converts indemnification rights currently existing under the Fund's organizational documents into contractual rights that cannot be changed in the future without the consent of the Trustee. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts with service providers that contain a variety of indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on future claims that may be made against the Fund and, therefore, cannot be estimated.

# To the Shareholders of the Fund and Board of Trustees Allspring Funds Trust:

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Allspring Discovery Innovation Fund (formerly, Allspring Specialized Technology Fund) (the Fund), one of the funds constituting Allspring Funds Trust, including the portfolio of investments, as of March 31, 2023, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statements) and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of March 31, 2023, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Such procedures also included confirmation of securities owned as of March 31, 2023, by correspondence with the custodian and transfer agent. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.



We have not been able to determine the specific year that we began serving as the auditor of one or more Allspring Funds investment companies; however, we are aware that we have served as the auditor of one or more Allspring Funds investment companies since at least 1955.

Boston, Massachusetts May 25, 2023

#### TAX INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 852 of the Internal Revenue Code, \$88,061,540 was designated as a 20% rate gain distribution for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023.

#### PROXY VOTING INFORMATION

A description of the policies and procedures used to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-222-8222, visiting our website at allspringglobal.com, or visiting the SEC website at sec.gov. Information regarding how the proxies related to portfolio securities were voted during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available on the website at allspringglobal.com or by visiting the SEC website at sec.gov.

# QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. Shareholders may view the filed Form N-PORT by visiting the SEC website at sec.gov.

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

Each of the Trustees and Officers listed in the table below acts in identical capacities for each fund in the Allspring family of funds, which consists of 127 mutual funds comprising the Allspring Funds Trust, Allspring Variable Trust, Allspring Master Trust and four closed-end funds (collectively the "Fund Complex"). This table should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information<sup>1</sup>. The mailing address of each Trustee and Officer is 1415 Vantage Park Drive, 3rd Floor, Charlotte, NC 28203. Each Trustee and Officer serves an indefinite term, however, each Trustee serves such term until reaching the mandatory retirement age established by the Trustees.

# **Independent Trustees**

Name and year of birth	Position held and length of service*	Principal occupations during past five years or longer	Current other public company or investment company directorships
William R. Ebsworth (Born 1957)	Trustee, since 2015	Retired. From 1984 to 2013, equities analyst, portfolio manager, research director and chief investment officer at Fidelity Management and Research Company in Boston, Tokyo, and Hong Kong, and retired in 2013 as Chief Investment Officer of Fidelity Strategic Advisers, Inc. where he led a team of investment professionals managing client assets. Prior thereto, Board member of Hong Kong Securities Clearing Co., Hong Kong Options Clearing Corp., the Thailand International Fund, Ltd., Fidelity Investments Life Insurance Company, and Empire Fidelity Investments Life Insurance Company. Audit Committee Chair and Investment Committee Chair of the Vincent Memorial Hospital Foundation (non-profit organization). Mr. Ebsworth is a CFA® charterholder.	N/A
Jane A. Freeman (Born 1953)	Trustee, since 2015; Chair Liaison, since 2018	Retired. From 2012 to 2014 and 1999 to 2008, Chief Financial Officer of Scientific Learning Corporation. From 2008 to 2012, Ms. Freeman provided consulting services related to strategic business projects. Prior to 1999, Portfolio Manager at Rockefeller & Co. and Scudder, Stevens & Clark. Board member of the Harding Loevner Funds from 1996 to 2014, serving as both Lead Independent Director and chair of the Audit Committee. Board member of the Russell Exchange Traded Funds Trust from 2011 to 2012 and the chair of the Audit Committee. Ms. Freeman is also an inactive Chartered Financial Analyst.	N/A
Isaiah Harris, Jr. (Born 1952)	Trustee, since 2009; Audit Committee Chair, since 2019	Retired. Member of the Advisory Board of CEF of East Central Florida. Chairman of the Board of CIGNA Corporation from 2009 to 2021, and Director from 2005 to 2008. From 2003 to 2011, Director of Deluxe Corporation. Prior thereto, President and CEO of BellSouth Advertising and Publishing Corp. from 2005 to 2007, President and CEO of BellSouth Enterprises from 2004 to 2005 and President of BellSouth Consumer Services from 2000 to 2003. Emeritus member of the lowa State University Foundation Board of Governors. Emeritus Member of the Advisory Board of Iowa State University School of Business. Advisory Board Member, Palm Harbor Academy (private school). Advisory Board Member, Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Mr. Harris is a certified public accountant (inactive status).	N/A
David F. Larcker (Born 1950)	Trustee, since 2009	Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution since 2022. James Irvin Miller Professor of Accounting at the Graduate School of Business (Emeritus), Stanford University, Director of the Corporate Governance Research Initiative and Senior Faculty of The Rock Center for Corporate Governance since 2006. From 2005 to 2008, Professor of Accounting at the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University. Prior thereto, Ernst & Young Professor of Accounting at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania from 1985 to 2005.	N/A

Name and year of birth	Position held and length of service*	Principal occupations during past five years or longer	Current other public company or investment company directorships
Olivia S. Mitchell (Born 1953)	Trustee, since 2006; Nominating and Governance Committee Chair, since 2018	International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans Professor since 1993, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Director of Wharton's Pension Research Council and Boettner Center on Pensions & Retirement Research, and Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Previously taught at Cornell University from 1978 to 1993.	N/A
Timothy J. Penny (Born 1951)	Trustee, since 1996; Chair, since 2018	President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, a non-profit organization, since 2007. Vice Chair of the Economic Club of Minnesota, since 2007. Co-Chair of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, since 1995. Member of the Board of Trustees of NorthStar Education Finance, Inc., a non-profit organization, from 2007-2022. Senior Fellow of the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute from 1995 to 2017.	N/A
James G. Polisson (Born 1959)	Trustee, since 2018	Retired. Chief Marketing Officer, Source (ETF) UK Services, Ltd, from 2015 to 2017. From 2012 to 2015, Principal of The Polisson Group, LLC, a management consulting, corporate advisory and principal investing company. Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director at Russell Investments, Global Exchange Traded Funds from 2010 to 2012. Managing Director of Barclays Global Investors from 1998 to 2010 and Global Chief Marketing Officer for iShares and Barclays Global Investors from 2000 to 2010. Trustee of the San Francisco Mechanics' Institute, a non-profit organization, from 2013 to 2015. Board member of the Russell Exchange Traded Fund Trust from 2011 to 2012. Director of Barclays Global Investors Holdings Deutschland GmbH from 2006 to 2009. Mr. Polisson is an attorney and has a retired status with the Massachusetts and District of Columbia Bar Associations.	N/A
Pamela Wheelock (Born 1959)	Trustee, since January 2020; previously Trustee from January 2018 to July 2019	Retired. Executive and Senior Financial leadership positions in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Interim President and CEO, McKnight Foundation, 2020. Interim Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2019. Chief Operating Officer, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, 2017-2019. Vice President for University Services, University of Minnesota, 2012-2016. Interim President and CEO, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, 2011-2012. Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Minnesota Wild, 2002-2008. Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Finance, 1999-2002. Chair of the Board of Directors of Destination Medical Center Corporation. Board member of the Minnesota Wild Foundation.	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> Length of service dates reflect the Trustee's commencement of service with the Trust's predecessor entities, where applicable.

# Officers<sup>2</sup>

Name and year of birth	Position held and length of service	Principal occupations during past five years or longer
Andrew Owen (Born 1960)	President, since 2017	President and Chief Executive Officer of Allspring Funds Management, LLC since 2017 and Head of Global Fund Governance of Allspring Global Investments since 2022. Prior thereto, co-president of Galliard Capital Management, LLC, an affiliate of Allspring Funds Management, LLC, from 2019 to 2022 and Head of Affiliated Managers, Allspring Global Investments, from 2014 to 2019 and Executive Vice President responsible for marketing, investments and product development for Allspring Funds Management, LLC, from 2009 to 2014.
Jeremy DePalma (Born 1974)	Treasurer, since 2012 (for certain funds in the Fund Complex); since 2021 (for the remaining funds in the Fund Complex)	Senior Vice President of Allspring Funds Management, LLC since 2009. Senior Vice President of Evergreen Investment Management Company, LLC from 2008 to 2010 and head of the Fund Reporting and Control Team within Fund Administration from 2005 to 2010.
Christopher Baker (Born 1976)	Chief Compliance Officer, since 2022	Global Chief Compliance Officer for Allspring Global Investments since 2022. Prior thereto, Chief Compliance Officer for State Street Global Advisors from 2018 to 2021. Senior Compliance Officer for the State Street divisions of Alternative Investment Solutions, Sector Solutions, and Global Marketing from 2015 to 2018. From 2010 to 2015 Vice President, Global Head of Investment and Marketing Compliance for State Street Global Advisors.
Matthew Prasse (Born 1983)	Chief Legal Officer, since 2022; Secretary, since 2021	Senior Counsel of the Allspring Legal Department since 2021. Senior Counsel of the Wells Fargo Legal Department from 2018 to 2021. Previously, Counsel for Barings LLC from 2015 to 2018. Prior to joining Barings, Associate at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP from 2008 to 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the Trustees and is available, without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-222-8222 or by visiting the website at **allspringglobal.com**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For those Officers with tenures at Allspring Global Investments and/or Allspring Funds Management, LLC that began prior to 2021, such tenures include years of service during which these businesses/entities were known as Wells Fargo Asset Management and Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC, respectively.



#### For more information

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Allspring Funds P.O. Box 219967 Kansas City, MO 64121-9967

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