

# Allspring Special Global Small Cap Fund

Semi-Annual Report

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ANDREW OWEN President Allspring Funds

## **Dear Shareholder:**

We are pleased to offer you this semi-annual report for the Allspring Special Global Small Cap Fund for the six-month period that ended April 30, 2023. Globally, stocks and bonds rebounded strongly despite ongoing volatility. While navigating persistently high inflation and the impact of ongoing aggressive central bank rate hikes, markets rallied on signs of declining inflation, anticipation of an end to the central bank monetary tightening cycle, and the stimulating impact of China removing its strict COVID-19 lockdowns in December. For the six-month period, domestic U.S. and global stocks and bonds had strong results. After suffering deep and broad losses through 2022, recent fixed income performance benefited from a base of higher yields that have the potential to generate higher income.

For the period, U.S. stocks, based on the S&P 500 Index,1 returned 8.63%. International stocks, as measured by the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net),2 gained 20.65% while the MSCI EM Index (Net) (USD),3 returned 16.36%. Among bond indexes, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index4 returned 6.91%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index (unhedged)<sup>5</sup> gained 10.55%, the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index<sup>6</sup> gained 7.65%, and the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index7 returned 5.92%.

#### Despite high inflation and central bank rate hikes, markets rally.

Stocks and bonds rallied in November after earlier volatility. Economic news was encouraging, driven by U.S. labor market strength. Although central banks kept increasing 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>8</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 wound down.

- 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 market-capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the U.S. Source: 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 the 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 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.

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 Federal Reserve (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.

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 Bank of England 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 banking industry turmoil created an additional challenge for central banks in balancing inflationary concerns against potential economic weakening. Meanwhile, recent data pointed to economic strength in the U.S., Europe, and China. 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.

Economic data released in April pointed to global resilience, as Purchasing Managers Indexes<sup>1</sup> in the U.S., U.K., and eurozone beat expectations and China reported firstquarter annualized economic growth of 4.5%. Despite banking industry stress, developed market stocks had monthly gains. The U.S. labor market remained strong, with a 3.5% jobless rate and monthly payroll gains above 200,000. However, uncertainty and inflationary concerns weighed on investors in the U.S. and abroad.

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

" 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. "

> 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.

## Performance highlights

Investment objective	The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.
Manager	Allspring Funds Management, LLC
Subadviser	Allspring Global Investments, LLC
Portfolio managers	Stephen Giggie, CFA, Oleg Makhorine, Brian Martin, CFA, James M. Tringas, CFA, Bryant VanCronkhite, CFA, CPA

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) AS OF APRIL 30, 2023

		INCLUDING SALES CHARGE		EXCLUDING SALES CHARGE			EXPENSE RATIOS <sup>1</sup> (%)		
	INCEPTION DATE	1 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	1 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	GROSS	NET <sup>2</sup>
Class A (EKGAX)	3-16-1988	-7.69	1.75	6.54	-2.06	2.96	7.17	1.52	1.50
Class C (EKGCX)	2-1-1993	-3.79	2.24	6.55	-2.79	2.24	6.55	2.27	2.25
Administrator Class (EKGYX)	1-13-1997	-	-	-	-1.93	3.09	7.32	1.44	1.40
Institutional Class (EKGIX)	7-30-2010	_	_	_	-1.70	3.34	7.58	1.19	1.15
MSCI World Small Cap Index (Net) <sup>3</sup>	-	_	_	_	-1.81	4.24	7.47	-	_
S&P Developed SmallCap Index <sup>4</sup>	_	_	_	-	-1.47	4.29	7.57	-	-

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.

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> The manager has contractually committed through February 29, 2024, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 1.50% for Class A, 2.25% for Class C, 1.40% for Administrator Class and 1.15% 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.
- <sup>3</sup> The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) World Small Cap Index (Net) captures small cap representation across 23 developed markets countries. The index covers approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. You cannot invest directly in an index.
- <sup>4</sup> The S&P Developed SmallCap Index is a free-float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of small-capitalization companies located in developed markets. The index is composed of companies within the bottom 15% of the cumulative market capitalization in developed markets. The index covers all publicly listed equities with float-adjusted market values of U.S. \$100 million or more and annual dollar value traded of at least U.S. \$50 million in all included countries. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general market and economic conditions. Foreign investments are especially volatile and can rise or fall dramatically due to differences in the political and economic conditions of the host country. These risks are generally intensified in emerging markets. The use of derivatives may reduce returns and/or increase volatility. Certain investment strategies tend to increase the total risk of an investment (relative to the broader market). This fund is exposed to geographic risk and smaller-company securities risk. Consult the Fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

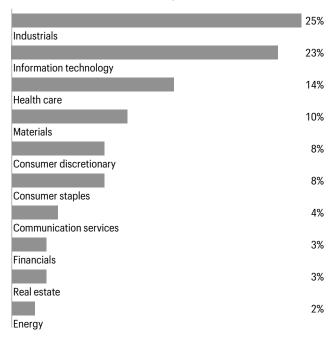
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#### TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS (%) AS OF APRIL 30, 20231

Innospec, Inc.	3.86
Novanta, Inc.	3.00
Gibraltar Industries, Inc.	2.93
CSW Industrials, Inc.	2.93
Ansell Ltd.	2.43
Denny's Corp.	2.32
Progress Software Corp.	2.17
Spectris PLC	2.10
Globus Medical, Inc. Class A	2.08
Alten SA	2.04

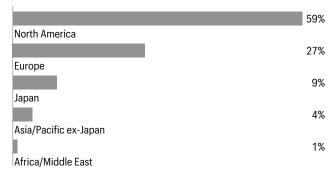
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures represent the percentage of the Fund's net assets. Holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified.

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION AS OF APRIL 30, 20231



<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

#### GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION AS OF APRIL 30, 20231



<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

# **Fund expenses**

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 November 1, 2022 to April 30, 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 11-1-2022	ENDING ACCOUNT VALUE 4-30-2023	EXPENSES PAID DURING THE PERIOD <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED NET EXPENSE RATIO
Class A				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,088.80	\$ 7.92	1.53%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,017.21	\$ 7.65	1.53%
Class C				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,084.90	\$11.79	2.28%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$1,013.49	\$11.38	2.28%
Administrator Class				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,089.50	\$ 7.25	1.40%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,017.85	\$ 7.00	1.40%
Institutional Class				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,090.80	\$ 5.96	1.15%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,019.09	\$ 5.76	1.15%

<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 181 divided by 365 (to reflect the one-half-year period).

# Portfolio of investments

	SHARES	VALUE
Common stocks: 96.94%		
Australia: 3.44%		
Ansell Ltd. (Health care, Health care equipment & supplies)	208,499	\$ 3,710,260
Cettire Ltd. (Consumer discretionary, Specialty retail) †	643,971	837,093
Inghams Group Ltd. (Consumer staples, Food products)	375,176	700,337
		5,247,690
Belgium: 1.70%		
Barco NV (Information technology, Electronic equipment, instruments &		
components) †	89,106	2,602,353
Canada: 4.88%		
ATS Corp. (Industrials, Machinery) †	22,800	977,395
Canadian Western Bank (Financials, Banks)	20,000	358,711
Novanta, Inc. (Information technology, Electronic equipment, instruments &		
components) †	30,002	4,585,506
Primo Water Corp. (Consumer staples, Beverages)	100,135	1,521,038
		7,442,650
Denmark: 0.64%		
SimCorp AS (Information technology, Software)	8,960	971,222
France: 2.62%		
Alten SA (Information technology, IT services) †	18,297	3,110,636
Metropole Television SA (Communication services, Media) †	55,172	890,743
		4,001,379
Germany: 3.99%		
Cancom SE (Information technology, IT services)	29,692	1,069,121
Gerresheimer AG (Health care, Life sciences tools & services)	19,177	2,089,667
Krones AG (Industrials, Machinery)	13,403	1,761,087
TAG Immobilien AG (Real estate, Real estate management & development) †	136,177	1,166,072
		6,085,947
Ireland: 0.56%		
Irish Residential Properties REIT PLC (Real estate, Residential REITs)	750,103	853,630
Israel: 1.19%		
CyberArk Software Ltd. (Information technology, Software) †	14,600	1,819,160
Italy: 2.41%		
De' Longhi SpA (Consumer discretionary, Household durables) †	24,435	567,770
GVS SpA (Industrials, Machinery) 144A†	229,488	1,566,315
Interpump Group SpA (Industrials, Machinery) †	27,769	1,549,780
		3,683,865
Japan: 8.60%		
Aeon Delight Co. Ltd. (Industrials, Commercial services & supplies)	71,300	1,580,068
Daiseki Co. Ltd. (Industrials, Commercial services & supplies)	32,420	927,549
DTS Corp. (Information technology, IT services)	93,400	2,219,144
Fuji Seal International, Inc. (Materials, Containers & packaging)	85,500	971,782

	SHARES	VALUE
Japan (continued)		
Horiba Ltd. (Information technology, Electronic equipment, instruments &		
components)	16,100	\$ 886,992
Meitec Corp. (Industrials, Professional services)	132,900	2,245,739
Nihon Parkerizing Co. Ltd. (Materials, Chemicals)	193,800	1,516,904
Orix JREIT, Inc. (Real estate, Office REITs)	1,433	1,852,427
Taikisha Ltd. (Industrials, Construction & engineering)	34,300	929,244
		13,129,849
Netherlands: 0.42%		
MYT Netherlands Parent BV ADR (Consumer discretionary, Specialty retail) †	52,150	256,056
TKH Group NV (Industrials, Electrical equipment)	7,992	386,907
		642,963
Norway: 1.04%		
Atea ASA (Information technology, IT services)	66,218	909,662
Elopak ASA (Materials, Containers & packaging) †	303,237	681,476
		1,591,138
Spain: 2.15%		
Vidrala SA (Materials, Containers & packaging)	4,747	498,329
Viscofan SA (Consumer staples, Food products)	40,712	2,790,674
		3,289,003
Sweden: 1.75%		
Hexpol AB (Materials, Chemicals) †	80,806	952,364
Loomis AB (Industrials, Commercial services & supplies) †	53,564	1,714,518
		2,666,882
Switzerland: 1.40%		
Bossard Holding AG Class A (Industrials, Trading companies & distributors)	4,243	1,040,566
Bucher Industries AG (Industrials, Machinery)	2,441	1,099,294
		2,139,860
United Kingdom: 7.70%		
Britvic PLC (Consumer staples, Beverages)	241,232	2,773,343
Domino's Pizza Group PLC (Consumer discretionary, Hotels, restaurants & leisure)	323,179	1,195,657
Elementis PLC (Materials, Chemicals) †	521,006	822,397
Lancashire Holdings Ltd. (Financials, Insurance)	152,853	1,178,166
Morgan Advanced Materials PLC (Industrials, Machinery)	99,460	384,501
Nomad Foods Ltd. (Consumer staples, Food products) †	67,132	1,262,081
S4 Capital PLC (Communication services, Media) †	384,665	707,151
Samarkand Group PLC (Consumer discretionary, Broadline retail) †	660,000	228,100
Spectris PLC (Information technology, Electronic equipment, instruments & components)	67,757	3,208,809
	21,101	11,760,205
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United States: 52.45% Ambarella, Inc. (Information technology, Semiconductors & semiconductor		

	SHARES	VALUE
Jnited States (continued)		
Aris Water Solutions, Inc. Class A (Industrials, Commercial services & supplies)	83,200	\$ 604,864
AZEK Co., Inc. (Industrials, Building products) †	45,600	1,237,584
Azenta, Inc. (Health care, Life sciences tools & services) †	70,000	3,044,300
Balchem Corp. (Materials, Chemicals)	11,531	1,515,173
Blackbaud, Inc. (Information technology, Software) †	39,900	2,767,265
Brady Corp. Class A (Industrials, Commercial services & supplies)	24,900	1,270,647
Cactus, Inc. Class A (Energy, Energy equipment & services)	30,300	1,226,544
CBIZ, Inc. (Industrials, Professional services) †	36,254	1,910,223
CSW Industrials, Inc. (Industrials, Building products)	33,163	4,466,061
Denny's Corp. (Consumer discretionary, Hotels, restaurants & leisure) †	315,654	3,538,481
E2open Parent Holdings, Inc. (Information technology, Software) †	237,990	1,496,957
Enovis Corp. (Health care, Health care equipment & supplies) †	53,000	3,087,250
EnPro Industries, Inc. (Industrials, Machinery)	17,600	1,659,152
FARO Technologies, Inc. (Information technology, Electronic equipment, instruments		
& components) †	40,640	948,944
FormFactor, Inc. (Information technology, Semiconductors & semiconductor		
equipment) †	44,300	1,209,833
Gibraltar Industries, Inc. (Industrials, Building products) †	89,437	4,475,427
Global Blue Group Holding AG (Information technology, IT services)	225,000	1,242,000
Globus Medical, Inc. Class A (Health care, Health care equipment & supplies) †	54,700	3,180,258
Hanover Insurance Group, Inc. (Financials, Insurance)	24,900	2,977,044
Helen of Troy Ltd. (Consumer discretionary, Household durables) †	24,900	2,498,466
Holley, Inc. (Consumer discretionary, Automobile components) †	443,282	1,068,310
Horace Mann Educators Corp. (Financials, Insurance)	12,100	378,488
ICU Medical, Inc. (Health care, Health care equipment & supplies) †	11,240	2,125,934
Innospec, Inc. (Materials, Chemicals)	57,920	5,886,410
J & J Snack Foods Corp. (Consumer staples, Food products)	13,900	2,129,480
Mayville Engineering Co., Inc. (Industrials, Machinery) †	134,400	1,626,240
Progress Software Corp. (Information technology, Software)	60,400	3,314,752
Quanex Building Products Corp. (Industrials, Building products)	96,271	1,838,776
QuidelOrtho Corp. (Health care, Health care equipment & supplies) †	19,600	1,763,020
Southwestern Energy Co. (Energy, Oil, gas & consumable fuels) †	304,800	1,581,912
Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. (Consumer staples, Household products)	16,000	1,064,000
Standex International Corp. (Industrials, Machinery)	14,451	1,774,727
Stepan Co. (Materials, Chemicals)	25,600	2,360,320
Varex Imaging Corp. (Health care, Health care equipment & supplies) †	123,289	2,187,147
Vivid Seats, Inc. Class A (Communication services, Entertainment) †	123,442	886,314
Wendy's Co. (Consumer discretionary, Hotels, restaurants & leisure)	94,600	2,090,660
Ziff Davis, Inc. (Communication services, Interactive media & services) †	34,700	2,537,958
		80,086,561
otal common stocks (Cost \$133,002,544)		148,014,357

	YI	ELD	SHARES	VALUE
Short-term investments: 1.64%				
Investment companies: 1.64% Allspring Government Money Market Fund Select Class ♠∞	4	.73%	2,499,215	\$ 2,499,215
Total short-term investments (Cost \$2,499,215)				2,499,215
Total investments in securities (Cost \$135,501,759)	98.58%			150,513,572
Other assets and liabilities, net	1.42			2,175,775
Total net assets	100.00%			\$152,689,347

Non-income-earning security

- 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.

#### Abbreviations:

ADR American depositary receipt REIT Real estate investment trust

#### 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	\$3,845,272	\$16,645,882	\$(17,991,939)	\$ 0	\$0	\$2,499,215	2,499,215	\$ 54,280
Investments in affiliates no longer held at end of period  Securities Lending Cash Investments LLC	1,789,962	8,923,900	(10.713.900)	38	0	0	0	40,400 <sup>1</sup>
	.,. 55,552	2,220,000	(12,110,000)	\$38	\$0	\$2,499,215		\$ 94,680

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amount shown represents income before fees and rebates.

<sup>144</sup>A The security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers, pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of

# Financial statements

# Statement of assets and liabilities

A	ssets

Assets	
Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (cost \$133,002,544)	\$148,014,357
Investments in affiliated securities, at value (cost \$2,499,215)	2,499,215
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$40,198)	40,046
Receivable for investments sold	1,931,104
Receivable for dividends	573,225
Receivable for Fund shares sold	24,098
Prepaid expenses and other assets	59,899
Total assets	153,141,944
Liabilities	
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	123,531
Payable for investments purchased	114,194
Management fee payable	102,422
Shareholder report expenses payable	25,556
Administration fees payable	22,957
Shareholder servicing fee payable	21,697
Distribution fee payable	1,587
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	40,653
Total liabilities	452,597
Total net assets	\$152,689,347
Net assets consist of	
Paid-in capital	\$142,050,021
Total distributable earnings	10,639,326
Total net assets	\$152,689,347
Computation of net asset value and offering price per share	
Net assets-Class A	\$ 98,705,404
Shares outstanding-Class A <sup>1</sup>	2,822,825
Net asset value per share-Class A	\$34.97
Maximum offering price per share – Class A <sup>2</sup>	\$37.10
Net assets-Class C	\$ 2,579,663
Shares outstanding-Class C <sup>1</sup>	128,220
Net asset value per share-Class C	\$20.12
Net assets-Administrator Class	\$ 4,702,523
Shares outstanding-Administrator Class <sup>1</sup>	125,676
Net asset value per share–Administrator Class	\$37.42
Net assets-Institutional Class	\$ 46,701,757
Shares outstanding-Institutional Class <sup>1</sup>	1,245,421
Net asset value per share–Institutional Class	\$37.50
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Fund has an unlimited number of authorized shares.

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

# Statement of operations

Dividends (net of foreign withholdings taxes of \$56,824)	\$ 865,448
Income from affiliated securities	88,353
Interest	12
Total investment income	953,813
Expenses	
Management fee	737,377
Administration fees	
Class A	104,837
Class C	2,811
Administrator Class	2,966
Institutional Class	31,299
Shareholder servicing fees	
Class A	124,614
Class C	3,331
Administrator Class	5,654
Distribution fee	
Class C	9,994
Custody and accounting fees	19,267
Professional fees	41,906
Registration fees	36,687
Shareholder report expenses	40,667
Trustees' fees and expenses	10,896
Other fees and expenses	15,086
Total expenses	1,187,392
Less: Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements	
Fund-level	(61,602
Class A	(4,992
Administrator Class	(1,369
Institutional Class	(14,446
Net expenses	1,104,983
Net investment loss	(151,170
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
Net realized gains (losses) on	
Unaffiliated securities	(47,703
Affiliated securities	38
Foreign currency and foreign currency translations	(70,898
Net realized losses on investments	(118,563
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on	
Unaffiliated securities	13,571,686
Foreign currency and foreign currency translations	31,791
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments	13,603,477
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	13,484,914

# Statement of changes in net assets

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Operations					
Net investment loss		\$ (151,170)		\$	(330,937)
Net realized gains (losses) on investments		(118,563)			5,001,254
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments		13,603,477			(75,202,679)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations		13,333,744			(70,532,362)
Distributions to shareholders from					
Net investment income and net realized gains		(4,150,223)			(01 GG1 E1G)
Class A					(21,661,516)
Class C		(195,645)			(1,019,521)
Administrator Class		(174,295)			(3,849,616)
Institutional Class Total distributions to shareholders		(1,889,603) (6,409,766)			(17,015,522) ( <b>43,546,175</b> )
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Capital share transactions	SHARES		SHARES		
Proceeds from shares sold Class A	37,027	1,283,349	100,591		4,163,801
Class C	1,316	27,191	8,990		230,911
Administrator Class	6,680	253,547	46,944		2,282,764
Institutional Class	68,440	2,561,090	804,717		34,698,558
		4,125,177			41,376,034
Reinvestment of distributions Class A	112,779	3,822,065	441,507		19,934,037
Class C	9,988	195,259	37,210		1,006,145
Administrator Class	4,698	170,245	78,981		3,800,581
Institutional Class	50,473	1,831,661	348,182		16,723,192
		6,019,230			41,463,955
Payment for shares redeemed Class A	(230,215)	(8,001,466)	(464,719)		(18,563,699)
Class C	(20,646)	(409,164)	(40,650)		(876,811)
Administrator Class	(7,052)	(262,909)	(501,601)		(21,079,674)
Institutional Class	(209,907)	(7,792,596)	(2,109,462)		(93,030,891)
		(16,466,135)		(	133,551,075
Net decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions		(6,321,728)			(50,711,086)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets		602,250		(	164,789,623
Net assets					
Beginning of period		152,087,097			316,876,720
End of period		\$ 152,689,347		\$	152,087,097

# Financial highlights

	SIX MONTHS ENDED		VEADE	ENDED OCTO	DED 21	
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CLASS A	(UNAUDITED)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$33.49	\$54.12	\$36.87	\$39.97	\$39.97	\$45.81
Net investment income (loss)	(0.05) <sup>1</sup>	$(0.10)^1$	$(0.22)^1$	$(0.10)^1$	0.18 <sup>1</sup>	0.10
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2.98	(12.76)	17.47	(1.29)	3.26	(0.72)
Total from investment operations	2.93	(12.86)	17.25	(1.39)	3.44	(0.62)
Distributions to shareholders from						
Net investment income	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.54)	(0.03)	(0.22)
Net realized gains	(1.45)	(7.77)	0.00	(1.17)	(3.41)	(5.00)
Total distributions to shareholders	(1.45)	(7.77)	0.00	(1.71)	(3.44)	(5.22)
Net asset value, end of period	\$34.97	\$33.49	\$54.12	\$36.87	\$39.97	\$39.97
Total return <sup>2</sup>	8.88%	(27.48)%	46.79%	(3.81)%	9.75%	(1.82)%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)						
Gross expenses	1.62%	1.53%	1.49%	1.54%	1.53%	1.54%
Net expenses	1.53%	1.52%	1.49%	1.53%	1.53%	1.54%
Net investment income (loss)	(0.30)%	(0.25)%	(0.44)%	(0.27)%	0.47%	0.16%
Supplemental data						
Portfolio turnover rate	7%	47%	53%	65%	62%	51%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$98,705	\$97,233	\$152,947	\$113,234	\$141,388	\$132,906

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Total return calculations do not include any sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

(roi a share outstanding throughout each period)							
	SIX MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2023	YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31					
CLASS C	(UNAUDITED)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$19.92	\$35.63	\$24.46	\$26.68	\$28.02	\$33.65	
Net investment loss	$(0.11)^1$	$(0.24)^1$	$(0.39)^1$	$(0.25)^1$	$(0.07)^1$	(0.20)	
Payment from affiliate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	1.76	(7.70)	11.56	(0.87)	2.14	(0.43)	
Total from investment operations	1.65	(7.94)	11.17	(1.05)	2.07	(0.63)	
Distributions to shareholders from							
Net realized gains	(1.45)	(7.77)	0.00	(1.17)	(3.41)	(5.00)	
Net asset value, end of period	\$20.12	\$19.92	\$35.63	\$24.46	\$26.68	\$28.02	
Total return <sup>2</sup>	8.49%	(28.04)%	45.67%	(4.25)% <sup>3</sup>	8.90%	(2.56)%	
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)							
Gross expenses	2.37%	2.28%	2.24%	2.29%	2.28%	2.29%	
Net expenses	2.28%	2.27%	2.24%	2.28%	2.28%	2.29%	
Net investment loss	(1.06)%	(0.99)%	(1.19)%	(1.00)%	(0.26)%	(0.59)%	
Supplemental data							
Portfolio turnover rate	7%	47%	53%	65%	62%	51%	
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$2,580	\$2,741	\$4,704	\$5,576	\$7,567	\$26,167	

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

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Total return calculations do not include any sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> During the year ended October 31, 2020, the Fund received a payment from an affiliate which had a 0.28% impact on the total return.

	SIX MONTHS ENDED		VEAR F	NDED OCTOB	FR 31	
ADMINISTRATOR CLASS	APRIL 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$35.72	\$57.15	\$38.90	\$42.06	\$41.90	\$47.78
Net investment income (loss)	$(0.03)^1$	$(0.14)^1$	$(0.12)^1$	$(0.05)^1$	0.25 <sup>1</sup>	0.14 <sup>1</sup>
Payment from affiliate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	3.18	(13.52)	18.37	(1.36)	3.42	(0.73)
Total from investment operations	3.15	(13.66)	18.25	(1.38)	3.67	(0.59)
Distributions to shareholders from Net investment income	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.61)	(0.10)	(0.29)
Net realized gains	(1.45)	(7.77)	0.00	(1.17)	(3.41)	(5.00)
Total distributions to shareholders	(1.45)	(7.77)	0.00	(1.78)	(3.51)	(5.29)
Net asset value, end of period	\$37.42	\$35.72	\$57.15	\$38.90	\$42.06	\$41.90
Total return <sup>2</sup>	8.95%	(27.41)%	46.92%	(3.61)% <sup>3</sup>	9.90%	(1.68)%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)						
Gross expenses	1.54%	1.42%	1.41%	1.46%	1.45%	1.46%
Net expenses	1.40%	1.39%	1.39%	1.40%	1.40%	1.40%
Net investment income (loss)	(0.17)%	(0.30)%	(0.35)%	(0.13)%	0.63%	0.30%
Supplemental data						
Portfolio turnover rate	7%	47%	53%	65%	62%	51%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$4,703	\$4,335	\$28,406	\$20,157	\$24,746	\$27,965

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

 $<sup>^{2}\,</sup>$  Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> During the year ended October 31, 2020, the Fund received a payment from an affiliate which had a 0.08% impact on the total return.

	YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31					
(UNAUDITED)	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
\$35.75	\$57.05	\$38.74	\$41.92	\$41.80	\$47.68	
0.01 <sup>1</sup>	0.02 <sup>1</sup>	(0.06)	0.02	0.36	0.25	
3.19	(13.55)	18.37	(1.31)	3.39	(0.74)	
3.20	(13.53)	18.31	(1.29)	3.75	(0.49)	
0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.72)	(0.22)	(0.39)	
(1.45)	(7.77)	0.00	(1.17)	(3.41)	(5.00)	
(1.45)	(7.77)	0.00	(1.89)	(3.63)	(5.39)	
\$37.50	\$35.75	\$57.05	\$38.74	\$41.92	\$41.80	
9.08%	(27.20)%	47.26%	(3.42)%	10.17%	(1.45)%	
1.29%	1.19%	1.16%	1.21%	1.20%	1.21%	
1.15%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%	
0.08%	0.06%	(0.12)%	0.11%	0.86%	0.54%	
7%	47%	53%	65%	62%	51%	
\$46,702	\$47,779	\$130,820	\$87,313	\$104,011	\$118,625	
	\$35.75  0.01 <sup>1</sup> 3.19 3.20  0.00 (1.45) (1.45) \$37.50  9.08%  1.29% 1.15% 0.08%	APRIL 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)  \$35.75  \$57.05  0.01 <sup>1</sup> 0.02 <sup>1</sup> 3.19 (13.55) 3.20 (13.53)  0.00 0.00 (1.45) (7.77) (1.45) (7.77) (1.45) (7.77) \$37.50  \$35.75  9.08% (27.20)%  1.29% 1.15% 0.08% 0.06%	APRIL 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)  \$35.75  \$57.05  \$38.74   0.01  0.02  (13.55)  18.37  3.20  (13.53)  18.31  0.00  0.00  0.00  0.00  (1.45)  (7.77)  0.00  (1.45)  (7.77)  0.00  (1.45)  \$35.75  \$57.05   9.08%  (27.20)%  47.26%  1.29%  1.15%  1.15%  1.15%  0.08%  0.06%  0.12)%	APRIL 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)  \$2022 2021 2020  \$35.75 \$57.05 \$38.74 \$41.92  0.01 0.02 0.02 0.06 0.02 0.03 0.19 0.05 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0	APRIL 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)         YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31 2022         YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31 2020         2019           \$35.75         \$57.05         \$38.74         \$41.92         \$41.80           0.011         0.021         (0.06)         0.02         0.36           3.19         (13.55)         18.37         (1.31)         3.39           3.20         (13.53)         18.31         (1.29)         3.75           0.00         0.00         0.00         (0.72)         (0.22)           (1.45)         (7.77)         0.00         (1.17)         (3.41)           (1.45)         (7.77)         0.00         (1.89)         (3.63)           \$37.50         \$35.75         \$57.05         \$38.74         \$41.92           9.08%         (27.20)%         47.26%         (3.42)%         10.17%           1.29%         1.19%         1.16%         1.21%         1.20%           1.15%         1.15%         1.15%         1.15%         1.15%           0.08%         0.06%         (0.12)%         0.11%         0.86%           7%         47%         53%         65%         62%	

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

#### Notes to financial statements

#### 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 Special Global Small Cap Fund (the "Fund") which is a diversified 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 and exchange-traded funds 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.

The values of securities 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 at Allspring Funds Management, LLC ("Allspring Funds Management").

Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the close of the New York Stock Exchange and therefore may not fully reflect trading or events that occur after the close of the principal exchange in which the foreign securities are traded, but before the close of the New York Stock Exchange. If such trading or events are expected to materially affect the value of such securities, then fair value pricing procedures implemented by Allspring Funds Management are applied. These procedures take into account multiple factors including movements in U.S. securities markets after foreign exchanges close. Foreign securities that are fair valued under these procedures are categorized as Level 2 and the application of these procedures may result in transfers between Level 1 and Level 2. Depending on market activity, such fair valuations may be frequent. Such fair value pricing may result in net asset values that are higher or lower than net asset values based on the last reported sales price or latest quoted bid price. On April 30, 2023, such fair value pricing was used in pricing certain foreign securities.

Investments in registered open-end investment companies (other than those listed on a foreign or domestic exchange or market) are valued at net asset

Investments which are not valued using any of 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. Interests in the non-registered investment company

that were redeemable at net asset value were fair valued normally at net asset value. 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.

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.

#### 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, except for certain dividends from foreign securities, which are recorded as soon as the custodian verifies 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 April 30, 2023, the aggregate cost of all investments for federal income tax purposes was \$136,131,700 and the unrealized gains (losses) consisted of:

Gross unrealized gains \$ 34,807,036 Gross unrealized losses (20,425,164)

Net unrealized gains \$ 14,381,872

#### 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 April 30, 2023:

	QUOTED PRICES (LEVEL 1)	OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)	TOTAL
Assets				
Investments in:				
Common stocks				
Australia	\$ 0	\$ 5,247,690	\$0	\$ 5,247,690
Belgium	0	2,602,353	0	2,602,353
Canada	7,442,650	0	0	7,442,650
Denmark	0	971,222	0	971,222
France	0	4,001,379	0	4,001,379
Germany	0	6,085,947	0	6,085,947
Ireland	0	853,630	0	853,630
Israel	1,819,160	0	0	1,819,160
Italy	0	3,683,865	0	3,683,865
Japan	0	13,129,849	0	13,129,849
Netherlands	256,056	386,907	0	642,963
Norway	1,591,138	0	0	1,591,138
Spain	0	3,289,003	0	3,289,003
Sweden	0	2,666,882	0	2,666,882
Switzerland	0	2,139,860	0	2,139,860
United Kingdom	2,084,478	9,675,727	0	11,760,205
United States	80,086,561	0	0	80,086,561
Short-term investments				
Investment companies	2,499,215	0	0	2,499,215
Total assets	\$95,779,258	\$54,734,314	\$0	\$150,513,572

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

For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the Portfolio did not have transfers into/out of Level 3.

#### 4. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

#### 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	0.950%
Next \$500 million	0.925
Next \$1 billion	0.900
Next \$2 billion	0.875
Next \$1 billion	0.850
Next \$5 billion	0.840
Over \$10 billion	0.830

For the six months ended April 30, 2023, the management fee was equivalent to an annual rate of 0.95% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Allspring Funds Management has retained the services of a subadvisor 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 0.55% and declining to 0.40% as the average daily net assets of the Fund increase.

#### 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 February 29, 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 April 30, 2023, the contractual expense caps are as follows:

	EXPENSE RATIO CAPS
Class A	1.50%
Class C	2.25
Administrator Class	1.40
Institutional Class	1.15

#### 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. For the six months ended April 30, 2023, Allspring Funds Distributor received \$2 from the sale of Class A shares. No contingent deferred sales charges were incurred by Class A and Class C shares for the six months ended April 30, 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 six months ended April 30, 2023 were \$11,241,119 and \$24,423,906, 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 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 six months ended April 30, 2023, there were no borrowings by the Fund under the agreement.

#### 7. CONCENTRATION RISKS

As of the end of the period, the Fund concentrated its portfolio of investments in the industrials sector and in North America and Europe. A fund that invests a substantial portion of its assets in any sector or geographic region may be more affected by changes in that sector or geographic region than would be a fund whose investments are not heavily weighted in any sector or geographic region.

#### 8. 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.

## Other information

# 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 Information1. 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.

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## **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 Iowa 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
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

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.

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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>1</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> 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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