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## Allspring Closed-End Funds Declare Monthly and Quarterly Distributions; Allspring Announces Change to Investment Strategy Guidelines for two Closed-End Funds

**CHARLOTTE, NC – February 22, 2024** – The Allspring Income Opportunities Fund (NYSE American: EAD), the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund (NYSE American: ERC), the Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund (NYSE American: ERH), and the Allspring Global Dividend Opportunity Fund (NYSE: EOD) have each announced a distribution, as shown in the table below.

Effective April 1, 2024, the investment guidelines of the Allspring Income Opportunities Fund and the high-yield sleeve of the Allspring Global Dividend Opportunity Fund will be changed to reflect that the Fund (or sleeve) will be able to invest up to 25% of its total assets in U.S. dollar denominated securities of foreign issuers, excluding emerging market securities. This change will afford the portfolio managers the enhanced ability to add attractive bonds to each Fund's portfolio and will also better align the Funds with industry peers.

TICKER	FUND NAME	DISTRIBUTION PER SHARE	FREQUENCY	CHANGE FROM PRIOR DISTRIBUTION
EAD	Allspring Income Opportunities Fund	\$0.05171	Monthly	+\$0.00001
ERC	Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund	\$0.06530	Monthly	+\$0.00009
ERH	Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund	\$0.06347	Monthly	-\$0.00081
EOD	Allspring Global Dividend Opportunity Fund	\$0.10803	Quarterly	+\$0.00128

The following dates apply to today's distribution declaration for each fund:

Declaration date	February 22, 2024
Ex-dividend date	March 11, 2024
Record date	March 12, 2024
Payable date	April 1, 2024

These funds make distributions in accordance with a managed distribution plan that provides for the declaration of monthly distributions (in the case of the Allspring Income Opportunities Fund, the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund and the Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund) or quarterly distributions (in the case of the Allspring Global Dividend Opportunity Fund) to common shareholders of the fund at an annual minimum fixed rate of 7% for the Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund, 8.75% for the Allspring Income Opportunities Fund, 8% for the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund, and 9% for the Allspring Global Dividend Opportunity Fund) to common shareholders of the Allspring Income Opportunities Fund, 8% for the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund, and 9% for the Allspring Global Dividend Opportunity Fund based on the fund's average monthly net asset value (NAV) per share over the prior 12 months. Under the managed distribution plan, distributions are sourced from income and also may be sourced from paid-in capital and/or capital gains. The fund's distributions in any period may be more or less than the net return earned by the fund on its investments and therefore should not

be used as a measure of performance or confused with yield or income. Distributions in excess of fund returns will cause the fund's NAV to decline. Investors should not draw any conclusions about the fund's investment performance from the amount of its distribution or from the terms of its managed distribution plan.

The Allspring Income Opportunities Fund is a closed-end high-yield bond fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income. The fund may, as a secondary objective, seek capital appreciation to the extent it is consistent with its investment objective.

The Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund is a closed-end income fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income consistent with limiting its overall exposure to domestic interest rate risk.

The Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund is a closed-end equity and high-yield bond fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income and moderate capital growth with an emphasis on providing tax-advantaged dividend income.

The Allspring Global Dividend Opportunity Fund is a closed-end equity and high-yield bond fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income. The fund's secondary objective is long-term growth of capital.

For more information on Allspring's closed-end funds, please visit <u>www.allspringglobal.com</u>.

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