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**ANDREW OWEN**

President
Allspring Funds

Dear Shareholder:

We are pleased to offer you this annual report for the Allspring Short-Term Bond Plus Fund for the 12-month period that ended August 31, 2023. Globally, stocks and bonds experienced high levels of volatility through the period. The market was focused on persistently high inflation and the impact of ongoing aggressive central bank rate hikes. Compounding these concerns were the global reverberations of the Russia-Ukraine war. Riskier assets rallied in 2023, with anticipation of an end to the tight monetary policy despite concerns of a possible impending recession. After suffering deep and broad losses through 2022, bonds now benefit from a base of higher yields that can help generate higher income. However, ongoing rate hikes continued to be a headwind during recent months.

For the 12-month period, stocks generally outperformed bonds—both domestic U.S. and global. For the period, U.S. stocks, based on the S&P 500 Index,¹ gained 15.94%. International stocks, as measured by the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net),² returned 11.89%, while the MSCI EM Index (Net) (USD)³ had more modest performance, with a gain of 1.25%. Among bond indexes, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index⁴ returned -1.19%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index (unhedged)⁵ gained 0.65%, the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index⁶ gained 1.70%, and the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index⁷ returned 7.09%.

Despite high inflation and central bank rate hikes, markets rallied.

The 12-month period began with all asset classes suffering major losses in September 2022. 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. 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.

¹ 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.

² 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. 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

Stocks and bonds rallied in November. 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 declining overall in response to a weakening U.S. dollar. Fixed income securities ended one of their worst years ever, with generally flat 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)¹ 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 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 strong job gains 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.

Markets declined in February as investors responded unfavorably to resilient economic data. The takeaway: Central banks would 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 taken as a negative, with inflation not falling quickly enough for the Fed, which raised interest rates by 0.25% in February. Meanwhile, the BoE and the European Central Bank (ECB) 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 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 Indexes² in the U.S., U.K., and eurozone beat expectations and China reported first-quarter 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.

May was marked by a divergence between expanding activity in services and an overall contraction in manufacturing activity in the U.S., U.K., and eurozone. Core inflation remained elevated in the U.S. and Europe, despite the ongoing efforts of the Fed and ECB, which included rate hikes of 0.25% by both in May. Stubborn inflation and the resilient U.S. labor market led to expectations of further interest rate hikes, overall monthly declines across bond indexes, and mixed results for stocks in May. Investor worries over a U.S. debt ceiling impasse were modest, and market confidence was buoyed by a deal in late May to avert a potential U.S. debt default.

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² 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.

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June featured the Fed’s first pause on interest rate hikes since March 2022, when it began its aggressive campaign to rein in inflation. However, Core CPI¹, while continuing to decline, remained stubbornly high in June at 4.8%, well above the Fed’s 2.0% target rate. With the U.S. unemployment rate still at 3.6%, near a historical low, and U.S. payrolls growing in June for the 30th consecutive month, expectations of more Fed rate hikes were reinforced. However, U.S. and global stocks had strong returns in June.

July was a strong month for stocks. However, bonds had more muted but positive monthly returns overall. Riskier sectors and regions tended to do well, as investors grew more optimistic regarding economic prospects. With strong second-quarter gross domestic product growth—initially estimated at 2.4%—and U.S. annual inflation easing steadily to 3.2% in July, hopes for a soft economic landing grew. The Fed, the ECB, and the BoE all raised their respective key interest rates by 0.25% in July. In the Fed’s case, speculation grew that it could be very close to the end of its tightening cycle. Meanwhile, China’s economy showed numerous signs of stagnation, bringing fresh concerns regarding global fallout.

Stocks retreated in August while monthly bond returns were flat overall. Increased global market volatility reflected unease over the Chinese property market being stressed along with weak Chinese economic data. On a more positive note, speculation grew over a possible end to the Fed’s campaign of interest rate increases or at least a pause in September. U.S. economic data generally remained solid, with resilient job market data and inflation ticking up slightly in August, as the annual CPI rose 3.7%. However, the three-month trend for Core CPI stood at a more encouraging annualized 2.4%.

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

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Notice to Shareholders

Beginning in July 2024, the Fund will be required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to send shareholders a paper copy of a new tailored shareholder report in place of the full shareholder report that you are now receiving. The tailored shareholder report will contain concise information about the Fund, including certain expense and performance information and fund statistics. If you wish to receive this new tailored shareholder report electronically, please follow the instructions on the back cover of this report.

Other information that is currently included in the shareholder report, such as the Fund's financial statements, will be available online and upon request, free of charge, in paper or electronic format.

Performance highlights

Investment objective	The Fund seeks current income consistent with capital preservation.
Manager	Allspring Funds Management, LLC
Subadviser	Allspring Global Investments, LLC
Portfolio managers	Christopher Y. Kauffman, CFA, Janet S. Rilling, CFA, CPA, Michael J. Schueller, CFA, Michal Stanczyk, Noah M. Wise, CFA

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

	INCEPTION DATE	INCLUDING SALES CHARGE			EXCLUDING SALES CHARGE			EXPENSE RATIOS ¹ (%)	
		1 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	1 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	GROSS	NET ²
Class A (SSTVX)	8-31-1999	0.12	1.26	1.20	2.16	1.67	1.40	0.82	0.62
Class C (WFSHX)	3-31-2008	0.38	0.90	0.80	1.38	0.90	0.80	1.57	1.37
Class R6 (SSTYX) ³	7-31-2018	-	-	-	2.63	1.96	1.70	0.44	0.25
Institutional Class (SSHIX)	8-31-1999	-	-	-	2.45	1.93	1.67	0.49	0.30
Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Government/Credit Bond Index ⁴	-	-	-	-	1.57	1.21	1.05	-	-

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.

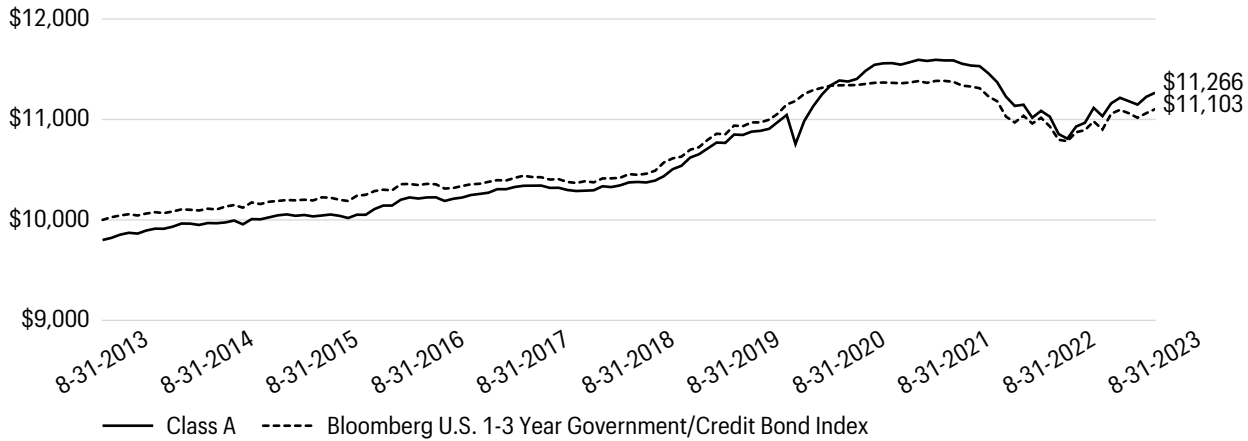
Index returns do not include transaction costs associated with buying and selling securities, any mutual fund fees or expenses, or any taxes. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

For Class A shares, the maximum front-end sales charge is 2.00%. 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. Class R6 and Institutional Class shares are sold without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge.

- ¹ Reflects the expense ratios as stated in the most recent prospectuses, which include the impact of 0.01% in acquired fund fees and expenses. The expense ratios shown are subject to change and may differ from the annualized expense ratios shown in the Financial Highlights of this report, which do not include acquired fund fees and expenses.
- ² The manager has contractually committed through December 31, 2024, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 0.61% for Class A, 1.36% for Class C, 0.24% for Class R6 and 0.29% 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.
- ³ Historical performance shown for the Class R6 shares prior to their inception reflects the performance of the Institutional Class shares, and includes the higher expenses applicable to the Institutional Class shares. If these expenses had not been included, returns for the Class R6 shares would be higher.
- ⁴ The Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Government/Credit Bond Index is the one- to three-year component of the Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index that includes securities in the Government and Credit Indexes. The Government Index includes Treasuries (that is, public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have remaining maturities of more than one year) and agencies (that is, publicly issued debt of U.S. government agencies, quasi-federal corporations, and corporate or foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. government). The Credit Index includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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GROWTH OF \$10,000 INVESTMENT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023¹



¹ The chart compares the performance of Class A shares for the most recent ten years with the Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Government/Credit Bond 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 2.00%.

Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. Changes in market conditions and government policies may lead to periods of heightened volatility in the bond market and reduced liquidity for certain bonds held by the Fund. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value. Interest rate changes and their impact on the Fund and its share price can be sudden and unpredictable. Loans are subject to risks similar to those associated with other below-investment-grade bond investments, such as credit risk (for example, risk of issuer default), below-investment-grade bond risk (for example, risk of greater volatility in value), and risk that the loan may become illiquid or difficult to price. 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). 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. This fund is exposed to high-yield securities risk and mortgage-and asset-backed securities risk. Consult the Fund’s prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

MANAGER'S DISCUSSION

Fund highlights

- The Fund (Class A, excluding sales charges) outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. 1–3 Year Government/Credit Bond Index, for the 12-month period that ended August 31, 2023.
- The Fund benefited from allocations to out-of-benchmark “plus” sectors during the period. U.S. high yield bonds and floating-rate loans, European high yield, investment-grade corporates, emerging market bonds, and global government bond allocations contributed to performance.
- An underweight to government-related securities and an overweight to corporate bonds contributed, as did our overweight to securitized sectors in lieu of U.S. Treasuries. Within the securitized sector, the largest contributors to performance came from our allocations to asset-backed securities and collateralized loan obligations.
- The primary detractor was the Fund’s allocation to non-agency collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs), which underperformed as rates rose significantly over the period. Allocations to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) and agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) were close to neutral.
- The Fund began the period with a neutral duration to the benchmark and shifted to a long duration posture throughout the period. However, the magnitude of the exposure was tactically adjusted throughout. This long duration detracted as rates rose throughout the period. However, some of that underperformance was offset by curve positioning, which contributed to performance.

The U.S. economy proves its resilience.

The U.S. economy continued its normalization path and defied recession expectations over the past 12 months, rising 2.6% quarter over quarter for the second quarter of 2023. Consumption remained resilient and continued to gradually shift back into services as strong real disposable income growth and rapid drawdowns in excess savings outweighed historically low consumer sentiment and tight credit lending standards. Business investment also contributed to the resilient growth as the tailwinds provided through “Bidenomics” spurred significant investment in domestic manufacturing. The U.S. housing market defied expectations as well as historically low existing-home supply provided a floor for home price moderation and the undersupply of homes stemming from the Global Financial Crisis resulted in record levels of multi-family construction. Corporate and consumer balance sheets weathered decades-high inflation, elevated geopolitical tensions, and the mini regional banking crisis and remained in solid, albeit deteriorating, shape. With resilient core growth, expectations that the U.S. would avoid a recession gained favor despite the headwinds facing the U.S. economy.

The U.S. labor market remained tight throughout the year as the unemployment rate was unchanged at historical lows and as continuing claims remained subdued. Labor demand began to gradually normalize from historically tight levels with drops in both the vacancy ratio and the quits rate. However, labor supply remained constrained and finished 0.7% below February 2020 levels. Wage growth fell from its peak but remained elevated, with average hourly earnings finishing the year at 4.4% year over year, improving 1.0% over the past 12 months.

Price pressures dissipated, with the U.S. headline Consumer Price Index (CPI)* dropping from 8.3% to 3.2% year over year as of July 2023. Declining goods demand, tame energy prices, and falling food prices all contributed to the improvement in headline inflation. Core CPI** also improved but at a

slower pace, dropping from 6.3% to 4.7% year over year as of July 2023 as core services disinflation proved to be slow. The Federal Reserve (Fed) increased the federal funds rate a total of 300 basis points (bps; 100 bps equal 1.00%) over the past 12 months and continued to reduce the size of its balance sheet. The U.S. economy has digested the brisk pace of monetary tightening quite well. However, the story remains to be finished, with inflation and wage growth measures still above the Fed’s target and the full effects of monetary tightening yet to be seen. We believe this all suggests that elevated economic uncertainty will continue.

TEN LARGEST HOLDINGS (%) AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023¹

U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.13%, 1-15-2025	6.56
U.S. Treasury Notes, 0.38%, 12-31-2025	6.49
U.S. Treasury Notes, 3.25%, 8-31-2024	3.99
French Republic, 0.75%, 2-25-2028	1.73
U.K. Gilts, 1.63%, 10-22-2028	1.53
GNMA, 6.00%, 9-21-2053	1.08
CPS Auto Receivables Trust, 1.16%, 12-15-2026	0.78
Avis Budget Rental Car Funding AESOP LLC, 3.35%, 9-22-2025	0.73
Anchorage Capital CLO 6 Ltd., 7.42%, 7-15-2030	0.69
CIFC Funding Ltd., 6.57%, 4-18-2031	0.69

¹ Figures represent the percentage of the Fund’s net assets. Holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified.

The Fund shifted allocations in response to changing market conditions. We gradually replenished the Fund’s stockpile of higher-liquidity assets in the form of government securities and then used it to take advantage of opportunities as relative values shifted across global fixed income sectors. We gradually increased exposure to short-term U.S. investment-grade credit holdings, particularly after the regional banking crisis prompted

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spreads to widen, providing more attractive relative values. Within U.S. securitized bonds, the Fund maintained allocations to a diversified subset of asset-backed securities, collateralized loan obligations, and non-agency mortgages along with smaller allocations to CMBS and agency MBS.

We established an allocation to currency-hedged global government bonds early in the period and continued to add to that positioning throughout the year. The combination of relatively attractive yields, excellent liquidity, and extremely high quality against the backdrop of a slowly weakening economic environment created an opportunity to build that position.

We modestly exploited wider credit spreads in U.S. high yield bonds following the volatility caused by the regional banking crisis but trimmed those positions as spreads narrowed back down to their tightest levels in a year. We remain patient in adding to high yield because of stretched valuations and slowing growth expectations. European investment-grade and high yield credit remain under pressure from geopolitical risks and the fight against inflation in that market.

Valuations normalized throughout the period as much of the bad news expected in late 2022 never materialized. Within emerging markets, we maintained our allocation to Latin American local-currency government bonds, which benefited from attractive valuations, higher commodity prices, and prudent monetary policy. Those same Latin American market currencies, including Brazil and Chile, have provided some opportunities.

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023¹

	29%
Corporate bonds and notes	
	20%
Asset-backed securities	
	19%
U.S. Treasury securities	
	13%
Yankee corporate bonds and notes	
	9%
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities	
	5%
Foreign government bonds	
	2%
Foreign corporate bonds and notes	
	2%
Agency securities	
	1%
Other	

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

Outlook

U.S. markets have accepted that the Fed is likely to keep rates in restrictive territory for longer than had been anticipated and expectations for a recession have been pushed into 2024. We see this acceptance as healthy, and we feel that rates markets have now priced in a more realistic set of assumptions. Sovereign yields in the U.S. and many other jurisdictions are at their highest levels in more than a decade, increasing the breakeven points across many markets. This allows us to look for opportunities to add to our duration positioning over the coming quarters. We do not expect an immediate recession in the U.S., but we believe that growth trends and credit conditions will continue to weaken. Current credit valuations leave little compensation for anything other than a no-recession scenario, however, which has driven our bias toward interest rate exposure and non-benchmark, though high-quality, plus exposures. We will remain vigilant in our focus on risk exposure, and we continue to believe that while prudence is always warranted, that is especially true at this point in the economic cycle.

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 March 1, 2023 to August 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 3-1-2023	ENDING ACCOUNT VALUE 8-31-2023	EXPENSES PAID DURING THE PERIOD ¹	ANNUALIZED NET EXPENSE RATIO
Class A				
Actual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,021.07	\$ 3.26	0.64%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,021.98	\$ 3.26	0.64%
Class C				
Actual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,018.41	\$ 7.07	1.39%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,018.20	\$ 7.07	1.39%
Class R6				
Actual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,024.14	\$ 1.43	0.28%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,023.79	\$ 1.43	0.28%
Institutional Class				
Actual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,022.65	\$ 1.68	0.33%
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,023.54	\$ 1.68	0.33%

¹ Expenses paid is equal to the annualized net expense ratio of each class multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184 divided by 365 (to reflect the one-half-year period).

Portfolio of investments

	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	PRINCIPAL	VALUE
Agency securities: 1.66%				
FHLMC	4.00%	5-1-2025	\$ 84,480	\$ 83,128
FHLMC Multifamily Structured Pass-Through Certificates Series Q004 Class AFL (12 Month Treasury Average +0.74%) ±	5.37	5-25-2044	283,254	283,116
FHLMC Structured Pass-Through Certificates Series T-42 Class A6	9.50	2-25-2042	195,530	213,812
FHLMC Structured Pass-Through Certificates Series T-57 Class 2A1 ±±	3.81	7-25-2043	46,293	42,514
FHLMC Structured Pass-Through Certificates Series T-59 Class 2A1 ±±	3.76	10-25-2043	489,496	373,761
FHLMC (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +2.25%) ±	4.47	4-1-2038	70,015	70,291
FHLMC (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +2.25%) ±	5.25	4-1-2032	10,598	10,479
FHLMC (12 Month LIBOR +1.91%) ±	4.16	9-1-2031	1,564	1,542
FHLMC (3 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +2.18%) ±	3.58	5-1-2026	1,536	1,513
FHLMC Series 2597 Class AE	5.50	4-15-2033	7,141	7,066
FHLMC Series 3735 Class KL	3.50	10-15-2025	66,493	64,941
FNMA	6.00	3-1-2033	46,824	46,944
FNMA	6.50	8-1-2031	110,169	113,961
FNMA	9.00	11-1-2024	5,263	5,245
FNMA (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +1.27%) ±	3.40	8-1-2034	48,957	47,805
FNMA (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +2.19%) ±	4.32	11-1-2031	20,995	20,667
FNMA (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +2.27%) ±	4.88	8-1-2036	346,852	352,239
FNMA (12 Month LIBOR +1.77%) ±	4.83	7-1-2044	233,001	237,127
FNMA Series 2002-T1 Class A4	9.50	11-25-2031	13,167	14,208
FNMA Series 2002-T12 Class A4	9.50	5-25-2042	321,225	331,518
FNMA Series 2003-W11 Class A1 ±±	5.72	6-25-2033	3,593	3,577
FNMA Series 2003-W6 Class 6A ±±	3.96	8-25-2042	240,550	228,685
FNMA Series 2003-W6 Class PT4 ±±	8.35	10-25-2042	30,476	32,207
FNMA Series 2005-84 Class MB	5.75	10-25-2035	82,030	81,617
FNMA Series 2006-W1 Class 2AF2 (30 Day Average U.S. SOFR +0.30%) ±	5.59	2-25-2046	496,125	490,472
FNMA Series 2009-87 Class QC	4.00	8-25-2037	10,365	10,294
FNMA Series 2010-37 Class A1	5.41	5-25-2035	84,162	83,319
FNMA Series 2011-48 Class CN	4.00	6-25-2026	75,272	73,463
GNMA %%	6.00	9-21-2053	6,185,000	6,205,053
GNMA	8.00	12-15-2023	18	18
GNMA Series 2005-27 Class PA	4.50	4-20-2035	19,045	18,543
Total agency securities (Cost \$9,643,125)				9,549,125
Asset-backed securities: 19.55%				
Anchorage Capital CLO 6 Ltd. Series 2015-6A Class B2RR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +2.11%) 144A±	7.42	7-15-2030	4,000,000	3,976,658
Apex Credit CLO LLC Series 2017-2A Class BR (3 Month LIBOR +1.60%) 144A±	7.11	9-20-2029	3,000,000	2,943,143
Aqua Finance Trust Series 2021-A Class A 144A	1.54	7-17-2046	1,573,669	1,388,187
Arm Master Trust LLC Series 2023-T1 Class A 144A	6.56	2-17-2025	3,200,000	3,192,540
Auburn CLO Ltd. Series 2017-1A Class A2A (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.88%) 144A±	7.21	10-20-2030	470,000	467,749

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Asset-backed securities (continued)				
Avis Budget Rental Car Funding AESOP LLC Series 2019-2A Class A 144A	3.35%	9-22-2025	\$ 4,330,000	\$ 4,227,689
Avis Budget Rental Car Funding AESOP LLC Series 2020-1A Class B 144A	2.68	8-20-2026	2,220,000	2,076,236
BHG Securitization Trust Series 2021-A Class A 144A	1.42	11-17-2033	1,231,134	1,148,173
BHG Securitization Trust Series 2021-A Class B 144A	2.79	11-17-2033	1,335,000	1,183,753
Black Diamond CLO Ltd. Series 2017-1A Class A1AR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.31%) 144A±	6.66	4-24-2029	1,455,191	1,453,392
Bojangles Issuer LLC Series 2020-1A Class A2 144A	3.83	10-20-2050	2,191,625	2,002,170
BRAVO Residential Funding Trust Series 2021-HE2 Class A1 (30 Day Average U.S. SOFR +0.75%) 144A±	6.04	11-25-2069	1,762,051	1,729,890
Cajun Global LLC Series 2021-1 Class A2 144A	3.93	11-20-2051	973,750	853,231
Carlyle Global Market Strategies CLO Ltd. Series 2015-1A Class CR3 (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +2.26%) 144A±	7.59	7-20-2031	3,000,000	2,931,436
CFMT LLC Series 2021-AL1 Class B 144A	1.39	9-22-2031	1,023,798	986,522
CIFC Funding Ltd. Series 2017-2A Class CR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +2.11%) 144A±	7.44	4-20-2030	1,250,000	1,219,793
CIFC Funding Ltd. Series 2018-1A Class A (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.26%) 144A±	6.57	4-18-2031	4,000,000	3,983,980
Commonbond Student Loan Trust Series 2018-BGS Class A1 144A	3.56	9-25-2045	701,043	651,931
Contimortgage Home Equity Loan Trust Series 1996-2 Class IO f±±±	0.00	7-15-2027	359,338	4,758
CPS Auto Receivables Trust Series 2020-A Class D 144A	2.90	12-15-2025	132,026	131,816
CPS Auto Receivables Trust Series 2021-A Class D 144A	1.16	12-15-2026	4,645,000	4,495,516
Domino's Pizza Master Issuer LLC Series 2015-1A Class A2II 144A	4.47	10-25-2045	3,077,250	2,947,707
Drive Auto Receivables Trust Series 2019-3 Class D	3.18	10-15-2026	1,305,765	1,301,324
Dryden 72 CLO Ltd. Series 2019-72A Class CR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +2.11%) 144A±	7.48	5-15-2032	1,000,000	963,102
DT Auto Owner Trust Series 2020-2A Class C 144A	3.28	3-16-2026	529,683	526,839
EquiFirst Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2003-2 Class 3A3 (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.24%) ±	6.55	9-25-2033	107,338	104,328
Exeter Automobile Receivables Trust Series 2021-3A Class C	0.96	10-15-2026	1,800,000	1,740,303
FirstKey Homes Trust Series 2021-SFR1 Class C 144A	1.89	8-17-2038	1,835,000	1,603,872
FirstKey Homes Trust Series 2021-SFR2 Class B 144A	1.61	9-17-2038	2,235,000	1,953,575
FS Rialto Issuer Ltd. Series 2021-FL3 Class B (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.91%) 144A±	7.23	11-16-2036	2,000,000	1,900,714
Gracie Point International Funding Series 2021-1A Class B (1 Month LIBOR +1.40%) 144A±	6.83	11-1-2023	1,500,000	1,499,715
Gracie Point International Funding Series 2022-1A Class B (30 Day Average U.S. SOFR +2.75%) 144A±	8.06	4-1-2024	1,595,000	1,602,867
Hertz Vehicle Financing LLC Series 2021-1A Class A 144A	1.21	12-26-2025	2,325,000	2,200,759
HGI CRE CLO Ltd. Series 2021-FL1 Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.16%) 144A±	6.48	6-16-2036	1,126,370	1,104,308
HGI CRE CLO Ltd. Series 2021-FL2 Class C (1 Month LIBOR +1.80%) 144A±	7.23	9-17-2036	1,000,000	954,126
Jonah Energy Abs I LLC Series 2022-1 Class A1 144A	7.20	12-10-2037	2,437,685	2,386,631
JPMorgan Chase Bank NA - CACLN Series 2020-1 Class B 144A	0.99	1-25-2028	31,233	31,116

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Asset-backed securities (continued)				
Madison Park Funding XX Ltd. Series 2016-20A Class BR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.81%) 144A±	7.17%	7-27-2030	\$ 1,570,000	\$ 1,554,841
Marlette Funding Trust Series 2021-2A Class B 144A	1.06	9-15-2031	1,142,415	1,130,221
MF1 Ltd. Series 2022-FL8 Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.35%) 144A±	6.66	2-19-2037	3,800,000	3,728,750
MF1 Multifamily Housing Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2021-FL5 Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +0.96%) 144A±	6.28	7-15-2036	912,251	896,287
Navient Private Education Refinance Loan Trust Series 2021-EA Class A 144A	0.97	12-16-2069	2,104,819	1,771,728
Octagon Investment Partners 30 Ltd. Series 2017-1A Class A2R (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.71%) 144A±	7.04	3-17-2030	2,190,000	2,164,342
Octane Receivables Trust Series 2020-1A Class A 144A	1.71	2-20-2025	1,747	1,745
Octane Receivables Trust Series 2021-1A Class A 144A	0.93	3-22-2027	333,983	326,497
Octane Receivables Trust Series 2022-2A Class A 144A	5.11	2-22-2028	1,078,531	1,067,855
Octane Receivables Trust Series 2023-1A Class A 144A	5.87	5-21-2029	605,435	603,136
Octane Receivables Trust Series 2023-1A Class B 144A	5.96	7-20-2029	645,000	638,061
OnDeck Asset Securitization Trust LLC Series 2021-1A Class A 144A	1.59	5-17-2027	2,855,000	2,731,436
Pagaya AI Debt Selection Trust Series 2021-HG1 Class A 144A	1.22	1-16-2029	1,265,706	1,219,679
Pagaya AI Debt Selection Trust Series 2023-1 Class A 144A	7.56	7-15-2030	2,633,139	2,640,052
PFS Financing Corp. Series 2021-A Class A 144A	0.71	4-15-2026	2,010,000	1,944,450
PFS Financing Corp. Series 2021-A Class B 144A	0.96	4-15-2026	1,000,000	964,757
Prodigy Finance CM2021-1 DAC Series 2021-1A Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.36%) 144A±	6.68	7-25-2051	1,304,730	1,288,390
Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust Series 2021-1 Class C	0.75	2-17-2026	595,255	592,975
Service Experts Issuer LLC Series 2021-1A Class A 144A	2.67	2-2-2032	1,862,962	1,699,364
SLM Student Loan Trust Series 2003-10A Class A4 (3 Month LIBOR +0.67%) 144A±	6.22	12-17-2068	1,917,658	1,901,303
SLM Student Loan Trust Series 2012-3 Class A (30 Day Average U.S. SOFR +0.76%) ±	6.05	12-27-2038	1,129,472	1,100,987
SLM Student Loan Trust Series 2013-1 Class A3 (30 Day Average U.S. SOFR +0.66%) ±	5.95	5-26-2055	578,751	562,010
Sound Point CLO Ltd. Series 2015-1RA Class BR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.81%) 144A±	7.12	4-15-2030	2,660,000	2,599,172
Sound Point CLO VIII-R Ltd. Series 2015-1RA Class AR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.34%) 144A±	6.65	4-15-2030	559,298	557,978
SpringCastle America Funding LLC Series 2020-AA Class A 144A	1.97	9-25-2037	760,360	690,498
Store Master Funding I-VII Series 2018-1A Class A2 144A	4.29	10-20-2048	958,254	879,223
Taco Bell Funding LLC Series 2021-1A Class A21 144A	1.95	8-25-2051	2,711,700	2,349,341
THL Credit Wind River CLO Ltd. Series 2013-2A Class AR2 (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.26%) 144A±	6.57	10-18-2030	3,221,649	3,212,831
Towd Point Asset Trust Series 2018-SL1 Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +0.71%) 144A±	6.03	1-25-2046	218,252	217,498
Towd Point Mortgage Trust Series 2019-MH1 Class A1 144A±±	3.00	11-25-2058	80,446	79,625
Venture XXIX CLO Ltd. Series 2017-29A Class AR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.25%) 144A±	6.62	9-7-2030	2,197,322	2,193,307
Vibrant CLO VI Ltd. Series 2017-6A Class AR (3 Month LIBOR +0.95%) 144A±	6.46	6-20-2029	1,007,286	1,006,080

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Asset-backed securities (continued)				
Voya CLO Ltd. Series 2017-1A Class BR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +2.16%) 144A±	7.47%	4-17-2030	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,422,835
Zais CLO 6 Ltd. Series 2017-1A Class CR (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +2.91%) 144A±	8.22	7-15-2029	2,050,000	2,021,714
Total asset-backed securities (Cost \$116,539,731)				<u>112,628,817</u>
			SHARES	
Common stocks: 0.01%				
Consumer discretionary: 0.01%				
Hotels, restaurants & leisure: 0.01%				
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. †			535	<u>52,933</u>
Total common stocks (Cost \$116,969)				<u>52,933</u>
			PRINCIPAL	
Corporate bonds and notes: 28.52%				
Basic materials: 0.58%				
Chemicals: 0.16%				
International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc. 144A	1.23	10-1-2025	\$ 1,000,000	<u>895,372</u>
Mining: 0.42%				
Glencore Funding LLC 144A	5.40	5-8-2028	2,465,000	<u>2,441,188</u>
Communications: 0.67%				
Telecommunications: 0.67%				
Sprint LLC	7.63	3-1-2026	2,000,000	2,073,056
Sprint Spectrum Co. LLC/Sprint Spectrum Co. II LLC/Sprint Spectrum Co. III LLC 144A	4.74	3-20-2025	875,000	866,073
Sprint Spectrum Co. LLC/Sprint Spectrum Co. II LLC/Sprint Spectrum Co. III LLC 144A	5.15	3-20-2028	950,000	<u>941,907</u>
				<u>3,881,036</u>
Consumer, cyclical: 4.56%				
Airlines: 0.33%				
American Airlines Pass-Through Trust Series 2017-2 Class B	3.70	10-15-2025	1,483,407	1,406,216
United Airlines Pass-Through Trust Series 2020-1 Class B	4.88	1-15-2026	523,665	<u>508,091</u>
				<u>1,914,307</u>
Apparel: 0.38%				
Michael Kors USA, Inc. 144A	4.25	11-1-2024	2,241,000	<u>2,201,513</u>
Auto manufacturers: 2.11%				
American Honda Finance Corp.	5.13	7-7-2028	3,000,000	3,002,015
Daimler Truck Finance North America LLC 144A	5.15	1-16-2026	2,000,000	1,984,858
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC	2.30	2-10-2025	4,000,000	3,757,913
General Motors Financial Co., Inc.	6.00	1-9-2028	1,300,000	1,303,217

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Auto manufacturers (continued)				
Hyundai Capital America 144A	1.30%	1-8-2026	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,009,119
Hyundai Capital America 144A	5.65	6-26-2026	1,080,000	1,077,742
				12,134,864
Entertainment: 0.41%				
Warnermedia Holdings, Inc.	3.64	3-15-2025	1,000,000	967,520
Warnermedia Holdings, Inc.	3.76	3-15-2027	1,500,000	1,406,877
				2,374,397
Housewares: 0.37%				
Newell Brands, Inc.	4.70	4-1-2026	2,250,000	2,155,738
Lodging: 0.53%				
Genting New York LLC/GENNY Capital, Inc. 144A	3.30	2-15-2026	1,080,000	962,630
Las Vegas Sands Corp.	3.20	8-8-2024	2,155,000	2,086,401
				3,049,031
Retail: 0.43%				
Advance Auto Parts, Inc.	5.95	3-9-2028	2,500,000	2,472,231
Consumer, non-cyclical: 1.93%				
Agriculture: 0.79%				
Altria Group, Inc.	1.70	6-15-2025	1,515,000	1,574,707
Philip Morris International, Inc.	4.88	2-15-2028	3,000,000	2,961,270
				4,535,977
Commercial services: 0.81%				
CoreCivic, Inc.	8.25	4-15-2026	2,500,000	2,509,920
Equifax, Inc.	5.10	6-1-2028	2,205,000	2,156,395
				4,666,315
Pharmaceuticals: 0.33%				
Utah Acquisition Sub, Inc.	3.95	6-15-2026	2,000,000	1,890,419
Energy: 0.38%				
Pipelines: 0.38%				
Plains All American Pipeline LP/PAA Finance Corp.	3.85	10-15-2023	2,205,000	2,198,804
Financial: 15.14%				
Banks: 6.41%				
Bank of America Corp. (U.S. SOFR +0.65%) ±	1.53	12-6-2025	2,500,000	2,364,028
Bank of America Corp. (U.S. SOFR +0.73%) ±	0.81	10-24-2024	3,000,000	2,976,755
Bank of America Corp. Series N (U.S. SOFR +0.91%) ±	1.66	3-11-2027	2,370,000	2,141,526
Citigroup, Inc. (U.S. SOFR +1.28%) ±	3.07	2-24-2028	2,500,000	2,294,901
Citigroup, Inc. (U.S. SOFR +1.55%) ±	5.61	9-29-2026	3,000,000	2,986,305
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (U.S. SOFR +0.91%) ±	1.95	10-21-2027	3,000,000	2,669,745
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (U.S. SOFR +0.49%) ±	0.77	8-9-2025	2,000,000	1,900,062
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +0.54%) ±	0.82	6-1-2025	1,220,000	1,171,530
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +0.70%) ±	1.04	2-4-2027	835,000	747,379

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Banks (continued)				
Morgan Stanley (U.S. SOFR +0.56%) ±	1.16%	10-21-2025	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,886,164
Morgan Stanley (U.S. SOFR +1.73%) ±	5.12	2-1-2029	2,035,000	1,994,566
Morgan Stanley (U.S. SOFR +1.99%) ±	2.19	4-28-2026	2,305,000	2,172,343
Santander Holdings USA, Inc. (U.S. SOFR +1.38%) ±	4.26	6-9-2025	800,000	784,213
Santander Holdings USA, Inc. (U.S. SOFR +2.33%) ±	5.81	9-9-2026	1,250,000	1,238,342
Truist Financial Corp. (U.S. SOFR +1.44%) ±	4.87	1-26-2029	2,800,000	2,686,263
Truist Financial Corp. (U.S. SOFR +2.05%) ±	6.05	6-8-2027	1,000,000	999,301
U.S. Bancorp (U.S. SOFR +2.02%) ±	5.78	6-12-2029	3,135,000	3,128,152
Wells Fargo & Co. (U.S. SOFR +1.51%) ±	3.53	3-24-2028	3,000,000	2,791,268
				36,932,843
Diversified financial services: 1.15%				
Blackstone Holdings Finance Co. LLC 144A	5.90	11-3-2027	2,145,000	2,172,238
Capital One Financial Corp.	0.80	6-12-2024	2,500,000	2,622,361
GTP Acquisition Partners I LLC Series 2015-2 Class A 144A	3.48	6-16-2025	1,900,000	1,817,367
				6,611,966
Insurance: 5.25%				
Allied World Assurance Co. Holdings Ltd.	4.35	10-29-2025	2,880,000	2,763,154
Athene Global Funding	0.37	9-10-2026	2,000,000	1,903,469
Brighthouse Financial Global Funding 144A	1.00	4-12-2024	2,000,000	1,939,147
Equitable Financial Life Global Funding 144A	5.50	12-2-2025	3,080,000	3,050,803
GA Global Funding Trust 144A	1.00	4-8-2024	3,022,000	2,920,520
Guardian Life Global Funding 144A	5.55	10-28-2027	2,815,000	2,836,253
Lincoln National Corp.	3.63	12-12-2026	1,500,000	1,405,213
Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 144A	4.40	6-30-2027	2,000,000	1,933,019
Minnesota Life Insurance Co. 144A	8.25	9-15-2025	3,000,000	3,089,554
New York Life Global Funding 144A	4.90	6-13-2028	3,000,000	2,966,151
Northwestern Mutual Global Funding 144A	4.90	6-12-2028	3,000,000	2,966,718
Protective Life Global Funding 144A	1.62	4-15-2026	2,370,000	2,138,385
Security Benefit Global Funding 144A	1.25	5-17-2024	335,000	322,034
				30,234,420
REITS: 2.33%				
Boston Properties LP	3.20	1-15-2025	500,000	479,467
Brandywine Operating Partnership LP	7.55	3-15-2028	1,140,000	1,068,931
EPR Properties	4.50	4-1-2025	1,500,000	1,437,481
Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.	4.75	1-15-2028	145,000	136,167
Piedmont Operating Partnership LP	9.25	7-20-2028	980,000	1,002,370
Realty Income Corp.	4.70	12-15-2028	3,000,000	2,911,371
Sabra Health Care LP	5.13	8-15-2026	1,490,000	1,441,547
Starwood Property Trust, Inc. 144A	3.75	12-31-2024	65,000	62,481
Starwood Property Trust, Inc. 144A	5.50	11-1-2023	750,000	747,260
VICI Properties LP	4.38	5-15-2025	1,835,000	1,784,005
WEA Finance LLC/Westfield U.K. & Europe Finance PLC 144A	3.75	9-17-2024	2,500,000	2,383,130
				13,454,210

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Industrial: 0.65%					
Trucking & leasing: 0.65%					
DAE Funding LLC 144A	1.55%	8-1-2024	\$	1,000,000	\$ 954,094
Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP/PTL Finance Corp. 144A	5.75	5-24-2026		1,800,000	1,787,533
Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP/PTL Finance Corp. 144A	6.05	8-1-2028		1,000,000	1,000,868
					<u>3,742,495</u>
Technology: 1.08%					
Computers: 0.31%					
Kyndryl Holdings, Inc.	2.05	10-15-2026		2,010,000	<u>1,769,180</u>
Semiconductors: 0.77%					
Microchip Technology, Inc.	2.67	9-1-2023		1,525,000	1,525,000
Micron Technology, Inc.	5.38	4-15-2028		3,000,000	2,949,241
					<u>4,474,241</u>
Utilities: 3.53%					
Electric: 3.53%					
AES Corp.	5.45	6-1-2028		1,500,000	1,471,991
Alexander Funding Trust 144A	1.84	11-15-2023		2,000,000	1,979,301
Black Hills Corp.	5.95	3-15-2028		2,250,000	2,281,538
CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (U.S. SOFR +0.65%) ±	5.98	5-13-2024		680,000	679,828
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. 144A	5.15	12-15-2027		2,500,000	2,461,095
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp.	5.05	9-15-2028		3,000,000	2,993,650
New York State Electric & Gas Corp. 144A	5.65	8-15-2028		1,260,000	1,264,967
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc.	6.05	3-1-2025		1,750,000	1,756,899
San Diego Gas & Electric Co.	4.95	8-15-2028		2,540,000	2,514,250
Vistra Operations Co. LLC 144A	3.55	7-15-2024		3,000,000	2,919,141
					<u>20,322,660</u>
Total corporate bonds and notes (Cost \$168,786,151)					<u>164,353,207</u>
Foreign corporate bonds and notes: 1.70%					
Communications: 0.26%					
Telecommunications: 0.26%					
SES SA (EUR Swap Annual (vs. 6 Month EURIBOR) 5 Year +3.19%) ±	2.88	5-27-2026	EUR	1,625,000	<u>1,524,895</u>
Consumer, cyclical: 0.58%					
Auto parts & equipment: 0.50%					
Conti-Gummi Finance BV	1.13	9-25-2024	EUR	2,000,000	2,098,435
Forvia SE	7.25	6-15-2026	EUR	700,000	788,557
					<u>2,886,992</u>
Entertainment: 0.08%					
Cirsa Finance International Sarl 144A	10.38	11-30-2027	EUR	400,000	<u>466,813</u>
Consumer, non-cyclical: 0.17%					
Commercial services: 0.06%					
Verisure Holding AB 144A	9.25	10-15-2027	EUR	300,000	<u>346,450</u>

	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE		PRINCIPAL	VALUE
Pharmaceuticals: 0.11%					
Bayer AG (EURIBOR ICE Swap Rate 11:00am +2.65%) ±	2.38%	11-12-2079	EUR	600,000	\$ <u>605,068</u>
Financial: 0.45%					
Banks: 0.19%					
Permanent TSB Group Holdings PLC (EUR Swap Annual (vs. 6 Month EURIBOR) 1 Year +2.55%) ±	2.13	9-26-2024	EUR	1,000,000	<u>1,082,876</u>
Real estate: 0.26%					
Aedas Homes Opco SLU 144A	4.00	8-15-2026	EUR	1,500,000	<u>1,492,506</u>
Industrial: 0.24%					
Packaging & containers: 0.24%					
Canpack SA/Canpack U.S. LLC 144A	2.38	11-1-2027	EUR	1,500,000	<u>1,390,680</u>
Total foreign corporate bonds and notes (Cost \$11,020,521)					<u>9,796,280</u>
Foreign government bonds: 4.53%					
Brazil □	0.00	1-1-2024	BRL	17,000,000	3,304,994
French Republic	0.75	2-25-2028	EUR	10,045,000	9,953,276
Malaysia	3.88	3-14-2025	MYR	6,895,000	1,498,553
Spain □	0.00	1-31-2028	EUR	2,680,000	2,535,721
U.K. Gilts	1.63	10-22-2028	GBP	7,950,000	8,810,165
Total foreign government bonds (Cost \$26,148,949)					<u>26,102,709</u>
SHARES					
Investment companies: 0.58%					
Exchange-traded funds: 0.58%					
iShares 0-5 Year High Yield Corporate Bond ETF				80,600	<u>3,353,766</u>
Total investment companies (Cost \$3,310,905)					<u>3,353,766</u>
PRINCIPAL					
Loans: 0.32%					
Communications: 0.32%					
Media: 0.32%					
CSC Holdings LLC (1 Month LIBOR +2.25%) ±	7.67	7-17-2025	\$	1,938,837	<u>1,864,114</u>
Total loans (Cost \$1,916,664)					<u>1,864,114</u>
Municipal obligations: 0.14%					
Indiana: 0.14%					
Education revenue: 0.14%					
Indiana Secondary Market for Education Loans, Inc. (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +0.80%) ±	6.21	2-25-2044		807,575	<u>807,350</u>
Total municipal obligations (Cost \$800,478)					<u>807,350</u>
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities: 9.37%					
Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2021-E Class A1 144A±±	1.74	12-25-2060		2,947,594	2,492,448

	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	PRINCIPAL	VALUE
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities (continued)				
Angel Oak Mortgage Trust Series 2020-4 Class A1 144A ^{±±}	1.47%	6-25-2065	\$ 363,541	\$ 335,689
Angel Oak Mortgage Trust Series 2020-R1 Class A1 144A ^{±±}	0.99	4-25-2053	583,360	524,144
Brean Asset-Backed Securities Trust Series 2021-RM2 Class A 144A ^{±±}	1.75	10-25-2061	1,722,546	1,478,475
Bunker Hill Loan Depository Trust Series 2019-3 Class A1 144A	2.72	11-25-2059	240,653	230,682
BX Trust Series 2021-ARIA Class D (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +2.01%) 144A [±]	7.32	10-15-2036	2,165,000	2,053,625
Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust Series 2018-RM2 Class A 144A ^{±±}	4.00	10-25-2068	169,181	166,702
Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust Series 2018-RM2 Class B 144A ^{±±}	4.00	10-25-2068	904,347	872,807
CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust Series 2001-HYB1 Class 2A1 ^{±±}	4.01	6-19-2031	58,990	56,211
COLT Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2020-2 Class A1 144A ^{±±}	1.85	3-25-2065	30,533	30,312
COMM Mortgage Trust Series 2012-CR4 Class AM	3.25	10-15-2045	2,000,000	1,735,000
COMM Mortgage Trust Series 2014-CR14 Class B ^{±±}	4.73	2-10-2047	680,000	597,948
COMM Mortgage Trust Series 2015-DC1 Class A3	3.22	2-10-2048	58,798	58,691
CSAIL Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2016-C5 Class A4	3.49	11-15-2048	817,720	777,119
CSMC Trust Series 2020-AFC1 Class A3 144A ^{±±}	2.51	2-25-2050	588,215	538,593
CSMC Trust Series 2021-AFC1 Class A2 144A ^{±±}	1.07	3-25-2056	1,331,565	1,000,097
DBWF Mortgage Trust Series 2018-GLKS Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.18%) 144A [±]	6.49	12-19-2030	550,000	546,188
FIGRE Trust Series 2023-HE2 Class A	6.51	5-25-2053	1,555,655	1,557,967
FREED Mortgage Trust Series 2022-HE1 Class A 144A	7.00	10-25-2037	2,170,320	2,165,622
FWD Securitization Trust Series 2020-INV1 Class A3 144A ^{±±}	2.44	1-25-2050	699,323	626,482
GCAT Trust Series 2021-NQM1 Class A1 144A ^{±±}	0.87	1-25-2066	1,100,059	918,968
GS Mortgage Securities Trust Series 2014-GC22 Class A3	3.52	6-10-2047	1,233,338	1,173,793
GSMPS Mortgage Loan Trust Series 1998-1 Class A 144A ^{±±}	8.00	9-19-2027	99,556	93,213
HPLY Trust Series 2019-HIT Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.11%) 144A [±]	6.43	11-15-2036	1,653,875	1,641,333
Hudsons Bay Simon JV Trust Series 2015-HB10 Class A10 144A	4.15	8-5-2034	2,215,000	1,893,964
Imperial Fund Mortgage Trust Series 2021-NQM3 Class A1 144A ^{±±}	1.60	11-25-2056	2,499,239	2,055,292
Imperial Fund Mortgage Trust Series 2022-NQM3 Class A3 144A ^{±±}	4.45	5-25-2067	4,005,000	3,320,537
JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust Series 2018-PHH Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.26%) 144A [±]	6.57	6-15-2035	566,915	528,721
JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust Series 2019-MFP Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.01%) 144A [±]	6.32	7-15-2036	42,444	42,126
JP Morgan Mortgage Trust Series 2020-2 Class A7 144A ^{±±}	3.50	7-25-2050	943,355	811,927
MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust Series 2002-3 Class 4A1 ^{±±}	4.75	10-25-2032	719	683
Med Trust Series 2021-MDLN Class B (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.56%) 144A [±]	6.87	11-15-2038	2,985,671	2,903,257
Merrill Lynch Golden National MTGE Asset Backed Certificates Series 1998-GN1 Class M2	8.02	2-25-2027	34,322	33,468
MFA Trust Series 2020-NQM1 Class A2 144A ^{±±}	1.79	8-25-2049	490,934	444,319
MFA Trust Series 2021-NQM1 Class A2 144A ^{±±}	1.38	4-25-2065	746,701	653,723
Morgan Stanley Capital I Trust Series 2014-150E Class A 144A	3.91	9-9-2032	800,000	630,232

	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	PRINCIPAL	VALUE
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities (continued)				
New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2018-5A Class A1A 144A±±	4.25%	12-25-2057	\$ 1,644,565	\$ 1,556,874
New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2019-6A Class A1B 144A±±	3.50	9-25-2059	1,041,815	947,887
NYMT Loan Trust Series 2022-CP1 Class A1 144A	2.04	7-25-2061	2,490,884	2,221,990
Oceanview Trust Series 2021-1 Class A 144A	1.22	12-29-2051	189,107	185,597
OPG Trust Series 2021-PORT Class B (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +0.83%) 144A±	6.14	10-15-2036	3,062,876	2,967,749
PKHL Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2021-MF Class B (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +1.29%) 144A±	6.61	7-15-2038	3,342,000	3,017,422
Ready Capital Mortgage Trust Series 2019-5 Class A 144A	3.78	2-25-2052	78,443	78,049
Residential Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2021-1R Class A2 144A±±	1.10	1-25-2065	246,407	222,611
Starwood Mortgage Residential Trust Series 2020-1 Class A3 144A±±	2.56	2-25-2050	1,151,220	1,062,672
Towd Point Mortgage Trust Series 2017-1 Class A1 144A±±	2.75	10-25-2056	185,297	182,989
Towd Point Mortgage Trust Series 2017-4 Class A1 144A±±	2.75	6-25-2057	327,476	309,065
Towd Point Mortgage Trust Series 2019-4 Class A1 144A±±	2.90	10-25-2059	836,505	771,359
UBS Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2018-NYCH Class A (U.S. SOFR 1 Month +0.90%) 144A±	6.21	2-15-2032	1,459,270	1,443,624
Verus Securitization Trust Series 2021-2 Class A1 144A±±	1.03	2-25-2066	1,638,899	1,377,121
Verus Securitization Trust Series 2021-8 Class A2 144A±±	2.29	11-25-2066	2,010,878	1,651,884
Verus Securitization Trust Series 2021-R1 Class A2 144A±±	1.06	10-25-2063	110,269	98,558
Verus Securitization Trust Series 2021-R3 Class A1 144A±±	1.02	4-25-2064	906,551	797,538
Wilshire Funding Corp. Series 1996-3 Class M2 ±±	7.54	8-25-2032	47,308	47,754
Wilshire Funding Corp. Series 1996-3 Class M3 ±±	7.54	8-25-2032	27,444	26,849
Wilshire Funding Corp. Series 1998-WFC2 Class M1 (12 Month Treasury Average +2.00%) ±	5.98	12-28-2037	3,450	3,402
Total non-agency mortgage-backed securities (Cost \$59,280,705)				53,961,352
U.S. Treasury securities: 18.17%				
U.S. Treasury Notes	0.38	12-31-2025	41,305,000	37,426,202
U.S. Treasury Notes	1.13	1-15-2025	39,905,000	37,786,606
U.S. Treasury Notes	2.88	6-15-2025	2,470,000	2,382,489
U.S. Treasury Notes	3.25	8-31-2024	23,505,000	23,019,291
U.S. Treasury Notes	3.50	9-15-2025	1,690,000	1,646,034
U.S. Treasury Notes	4.63	2-28-2025	2,480,000	2,462,853
Total U.S. Treasury securities (Cost \$106,554,369)				104,723,475
Yankee corporate bonds and notes: 13.22%				
Communications: 0.31%				
Internet: 0.31%				
Prosus NV 144A	3.26	1-19-2027	2,000,000	1,796,277
Consumer, cyclical: 0.31%				
Airlines: 0.31%				
Delta Air Lines, Inc./SkyMiles IP Ltd. 144A	4.50	10-20-2025	1,841,264	1,799,636

	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE		PRINCIPAL	VALUE
Consumer, non-cyclical: 0.85%					
Agriculture: 0.34%					
Viterra Finance BV 144A	4.90%	4-21-2027	\$	2,000,000	<u>\$ 1,935,056</u>
Pharmaceuticals: 0.51%					
Pfizer Investment Enterprises Pte. Ltd.	4.45	5-19-2026		3,000,000	<u>2,951,541</u>
Energy: 0.50%					
Oil & gas: 0.50%					
BP Capital Markets PLC (5 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +4.04%) ^{u±}	4.38	6-22-2025		3,000,000	<u>2,870,250</u>
Financial: 9.42%					
Banks: 7.62%					
Banco Santander SA (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +0.45%) [±]	5.74	6-30-2024		2,000,000	1,993,847
Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel SA 144A	4.52	7-13-2025		3,000,000	2,930,568
Barclays PLC (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +0.80%) [±]	1.01	12-10-2024		1,155,000	1,139,034
BNP Paribas SA (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +1.45%) 144A [±]	5.13	1-13-2029		3,000,000	2,939,123
BNP Paribas SA (U.S. SOFR +1.00%) 144A [±]	1.32	1-13-2027		1,545,000	1,389,285
BPCE SA 144A	4.75	7-19-2027		2,560,000	2,474,322
Danske Bank AS (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +0.55%) 144A [±]	0.98	9-10-2025		2,000,000	1,891,978
Danske Bank AS (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +2.10%) 144A [±]	6.47	1-9-2026		1,000,000	1,000,458
Deutsche Bank AG (U.S. SOFR +2.16%) [±]	2.22	9-18-2024		1,500,000	1,497,650
Federation des Caisses Desjardins du Quebec 144A	5.70	3-14-2028		1,490,000	1,492,132
HSBC Holdings PLC (U.S. SOFR +0.71%) [±]	0.98	5-24-2025		600,000	576,687
HSBC Holdings PLC (U.S. SOFR +1.10%) [±]	2.25	11-22-2027		1,760,000	1,569,472
HSBC Holdings PLC (U.S. SOFR +2.61%) [±]	5.21	8-11-2028		2,400,000	2,341,924
Intesa Sanpaolo SpA Series XR 144A	3.25	9-23-2024		2,000,000	1,930,637
Macquarie Group Ltd. (U.S. SOFR +1.07%) 144A [±]	1.34	1-12-2027		1,885,000	1,690,763
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +1.08%) [±]	5.72	2-20-2026		3,000,000	2,991,224
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +1.90%) [±]	5.35	9-13-2028		2,950,000	2,922,207
Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. (U.S. SOFR 3 Month +1.24%) [±]	2.84	7-16-2025		1,000,000	970,492
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	5.52	1-13-2028		2,840,000	2,838,921
Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.52	7-17-2028		1,000,000	1,004,935
UBS Group AG (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +0.85%) 144A [±]	1.49	8-10-2027		2,000,000	1,758,675
UBS Group AG (1 Year Treasury Constant Maturity +1.08%) 144A [±]	1.36	1-30-2027		2,000,000	1,787,232
UBS Group AG (U.S. SOFR +2.04%) 144A [±]	2.19	6-5-2026		3,000,000	<u>2,794,341</u>
					<u>43,925,907</u>
Diversified financial services: 0.71%					
AerCap Ireland Capital DAC/AerCap Global Aviation Trust	1.65	10-29-2024		2,500,000	2,376,794

	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE	PRINCIPAL	VALUE
Diversified financial services (continued)				
Avolon Holdings Funding Ltd. 144A	2.53%	11-18-2027	\$ 862,000	\$ 735,869
Avolon Holdings Funding Ltd. 144A	5.50	1-15-2026	965,000	939,478
				<u>4,052,141</u>
Real estate: 0.27%				
Ontario Teachers' Cadillac Fairview Properties Trust 144A	3.88	3-20-2027	1,687,000	<u>1,561,469</u>
REITS: 0.33%				
Scentre Group Trust 1/Scentre Group Trust 2 144A	3.63	1-28-2026	2,000,000	<u>1,909,894</u>
Savings & loans: 0.49%				
Nationwide Building Society 144A	4.85	7-27-2027	2,860,000	<u>2,791,506</u>
Government securities: 1.20%				
Multi-national: 1.20%				
African Export-Import Bank 144A	2.63	5-17-2026	2,185,000	1,962,786
Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement 144A	5.00	7-27-2027	3,000,000	2,696,250
Central American Bank for Economic Integration 144A	1.14	2-9-2026	2,500,000	2,256,110
				<u>6,915,146</u>
Industrial: 0.17%				
Trucking & leasing: 0.17%				
SMBC Aviation Capital Finance DAC 144A	5.45	5-3-2028	1,005,000	<u>990,736</u>
Technology: 0.46%				
Semiconductors: 0.46%				
Renesas Electronics Corp. 144A	1.54	11-26-2024	2,830,000	<u>2,664,398</u>
Total yankee corporate bonds and notes (Cost \$79,111,624)				<u>76,163,957</u>
	YIELD		SHARES	
Short-term investments: 2.43%				
Investment companies: 2.43%				
Allspring Government Money Market Fund Select Class $\clubsuit\infty\#\#$	5.26		13,985,749	<u>13,985,749</u>
Total short-term investments (Cost \$13,985,749)				<u>13,985,749</u>
Total investments in securities (Cost \$597,215,940)				577,342,834
Other assets and liabilities, net				<u>(1,127,060)</u>
Total net assets	<u>100.00%</u>			<u>\$576,215,774</u>

- ± Variable rate investment. The rate shown is the rate in effect at period end.
- ±± The coupon of the security is adjusted based on the principal and/or interest payments received from the underlying pool of mortgages as well as the credit quality and the actual prepayment speed of the underlying mortgages. The rate shown is the rate in effect at period end.
- %% The security is purchased on a when-issued basis.
- 144A The security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers, pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933.
- f Investment in an interest-only security that entitles holders to receive only the interest payments on the underlying mortgages. The principal amount shown is the notional amount of the underlying mortgages. The rate represents the coupon rate.
- ☐ The security is issued in zero coupon form with no periodic interest payments.
- † Non-income-earning security
- ∞ Security is perpetual in nature and has no stated maturity date. The date shown reflects the next call date.
- ♣ 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.
- ## All or a portion of this security is segregated as collateral for when-issued securities.

Abbreviations:

BRL	Brazilian real
EUR	Euro
EURIBOR	Euro Interbank Offered Rate
FHLMC	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
FNMA	Federal National Mortgage Association
GBP	Great British pound
GNMA	Government National Mortgage Association
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
MYR	Malaysian ringgit
REIT	Real estate investment trust
SOFR	Secured Overnight Financing Rate

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	\$34,859,487	\$356,712,066	\$(377,585,804)	\$ 0	\$0	\$13,985,749	13,985,749	\$ 816,547
Investments in affiliates no longer held at end of period								
Securities Lending Cash Investments LLC	385,605	159,872,526	(160,257,862)	(269)	0	0	0	144,250 ¹
				\$ (269)	\$0	\$13,985,749		\$ 960,797

¹ Amount shown represents income before fees and rebates.

Forward foreign currency contracts

CURRENCY TO BE RECEIVED	CURRENCY TO BE DELIVERED	COUNTERPARTY	SETTLEMENT DATE	UNREALIZED GAINS	UNREALIZED LOSSES
USD 33,877,711	EUR 31,552,600	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	\$ 0	\$(375,785)
USD 745,672	EUR 680,000	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	7,465	0
USD 2,632,397	EUR 2,400,000	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	26,957	0
USD 619,197	EUR 565,000	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	5,833	0
EUR 7,875,000	USD 8,847,452	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	0	(298,354)
EUR 1,450,000	USD 1,584,625	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	0	(10,506)
USD 8,861,220	GBP 6,860,000	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	169,993	0

Forward foreign currency contracts (continued)

CURRENCY TO BE RECEIVED		CURRENCY TO BE DELIVERED		COUNTERPARTY	SETTLEMENT DATE	UNREALIZED GAINS	UNREALIZED LOSSES
GBP	2,300,000	USD	2,928,172	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	\$ 0	\$ (14,203)
JPY	90,451,034	EUR	615,808	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	0	(44,455)
USD	1,485,040	MYR	6,800,000	Morgan Stanley Inc.	9-29-2023	17,212	0
						\$227,460	\$(743,303)

Futures contracts

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	EXPIRATION DATE	NOTIONAL COST	NOTIONAL VALUE	UNREALIZED GAINS	UNREALIZED LOSSES	
Long							
2-Year U.S. Treasury Notes	1,203	12-29-2023	\$244,455,284	\$245,177,040	\$721,756	\$ 0	
Short							
1-Year Euro-BOBL Futures	(41)	9-7-2023	(5,215,350)	(5,162,062)	53,288	0	
10-Year U.S. Treasury Notes	(40)	12-19-2023	(4,404,531)	(4,441,250)	0	(36,719)	
5-Year U.S. Treasury Notes	(592)	12-29-2023	(62,878,104)	(63,297,750)	0	(419,646)	
						\$775,044	\$(456,365)

Financial statements

Statement of assets and liabilities

Assets	
Investments in unaffiliated securities, at value (cost \$583,230,191)	\$563,357,085
Investments in affiliated securities, at value (cost \$13,985,749)	13,985,749
Cash	1,276
Cash at broker segregated for futures contracts	1,835,000
Segregated cash for forward foreign currency contracts	602,397
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$2,106)	2,107
Receivable for interest	3,707,408
Receivable for Fund shares sold	658,072
Unrealized gains on forward foreign currency contracts	227,460
Receivable for daily variation margin on open futures contracts	65,789
Prepaid expenses and other assets	105,265
Total assets	584,547,608
Liabilities	
Payable for when-issued transactions	6,193,053
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	1,068,525
Unrealized losses on forward foreign currency contracts	743,303
Payable for daily variation margin on open futures contracts	96,436
Management fee payable	64,621
Administration fees payable	47,397
Distribution fee payable	2,062
Trustees' fees and expenses payable	1,237
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	115,200
Total liabilities	8,331,834
Total net assets	\$576,215,774
Net assets consist of	
Paid-in capital	\$611,251,817
Total distributable loss	(35,036,043)
Total net assets	\$576,215,774

Computation of net asset value and offering price per share

Net assets—Class A	\$129,076,478
Shares outstanding—Class A ¹	15,494,707
Net asset value per share—Class A	\$8.33
Maximum offering price per share – Class A ²	\$8.50
Net assets—Class C	\$ 3,109,003
Shares outstanding—Class C ¹	373,701
Net asset value per share—Class C	\$8.32
Net assets—Class R6	\$ 12,140,522
Shares outstanding—Class R6 ¹	1,457,957
Net asset value per share—Class R6	\$8.33
Net assets—Institutional Class	\$431,889,771
Shares outstanding—Institutional Class ¹	51,825,748
Net asset value per share—Institutional Class	\$8.33

¹ The Fund has an unlimited number of authorized shares.

² Maximum offering price is computed as 100/98 of net asset value. On investments of \$100,000 or more, the offering price is reduced.

Statement of operations

Investment income

Interest	\$ 22,822,631
Income from affiliated securities	887,961
Dividends	112,223
Total investment income	23,822,815

Expenses

Management fee	2,183,236
Administration fees	
Class A	215,232
Class C	5,720
Class R6	4,171
Institutional Class	376,269
Shareholder servicing fees	
Class A	339,534
Class C	9,003
Distribution fee	
Class C	27,009
Custody and accounting fees	45,643
Professional fees	102,989
Registration fees	66,328
Shareholder report expenses	67,758
Trustees' fees and expenses	25,628
Other fees and expenses	21,232
Total expenses	3,489,752
Less: Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements	
Fund-level	(572,971)
Class A	(59,950)
Class C	(1,328)
Net expenses	2,855,503
Net investment income	20,967,312

Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments

Net realized gains (losses) on	
Unaffiliated securities	\$ (6,963,457)
Affiliated securities	(269)
Foreign currency and foreign currency translations	(57,101)
Forward foreign currency contracts	95,919
Futures contracts	(4,912,032)
Net realized losses on investments	(11,836,940)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on	
Unaffiliated securities	6,866,512
Foreign currency and foreign currency translations	45,366
Forward foreign currency contracts	(1,345,909)
Futures contracts	538,661
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments	6,104,630
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(5,732,310)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 15,235,002

Statement of changes in net assets

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023		YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022	
Operations				
Net investment income		\$ 20,967,312		\$ 8,785,034
Net realized losses on investments		(11,836,940)		(4,518,213)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments		6,104,630		(32,399,021)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations		15,235,002		(28,132,200)
Distributions to shareholders from				
Net investment income and net realized gains				
Class A		(4,184,146)		(3,260,447)
Class C		(82,342)		(66,976)
Class R6		(468,196)		(576,380)
Institutional Class		(15,818,576)		(9,456,485)
Total distributions to shareholders		(20,553,260)		(13,360,288)
Capital share transactions				
	SHARES		SHARES	
Proceeds from shares sold				
Class A	1,520,269	12,650,875	1,472,078	12,971,130
Class C	33,557	279,900	111,895	994,577
Class R6	247,240	2,055,487	489,531	4,166,599
Institutional Class	31,678,230	263,290,807	29,373,532	254,171,578
		278,277,069		272,303,884
Reinvestment of distributions				
Class A	477,435	3,966,133	351,308	3,077,067
Class C	9,925	82,335	7,551	66,318
Class R6	16,522	137,208	4,660	40,256
Institutional Class	1,428,058	11,868,020	867,848	7,589,450
		16,053,696		10,773,091
Payment for shares redeemed				
Class A	(3,364,492)	(27,990,635)	(4,367,651)	(38,301,946)
Class C	(172,942)	(1,435,938)	(203,015)	(1,765,491)
Class R6	(777,901)	(6,469,610)	(2,084,157)	(18,249,955)
Institutional Class	(34,372,447)	(286,091,490)	(22,157,051)	(192,938,192)
		(321,987,673)		(251,255,584)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from capital share transactions		(27,656,908)		31,821,391
Total decrease in net assets		(32,975,166)		(9,671,097)
Net assets				
Beginning of period		609,190,940		618,862,037
End of period		\$ 576,215,774		\$ 609,190,940

Financial highlights

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

CLASS A	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$8.41	\$9.02	\$9.09	\$8.84	\$8.65
Net investment income	0.27	0.11 ¹	0.14	0.19	0.20
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(0.09)	(0.54)	0.02	0.24	0.19
Total from investment operations	0.18	(0.43)	0.16	0.43	0.39
Distributions to shareholders from					
Net investment income	(0.26)	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.18)	(0.20)
Net realized gains	0.00	(0.07)	(0.10)	0.00	0.00
Total distributions to shareholders	(0.26)	(0.18)	(0.23)	(0.18)	(0.20)
Net asset value, end of period	\$8.33	\$8.41	\$9.02	\$9.09	\$8.84
Total return²	2.16%	(4.83)%	1.76%	4.96%	4.60%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)					
Gross expenses	0.81%	0.81%	0.81%	0.82%	0.82%
Net expenses	0.68%	0.70%	0.70%	0.71%	0.72%
Net investment income	3.13%	1.30%	1.48%	2.10%	2.33%
Supplemental data					
Portfolio turnover rate	79%	65%	65%	88%	43%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$129,076	\$141,782	\$175,111	\$170,975	\$170,345

¹ Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

² Total return calculations do not include any sales charges.

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

CLASS C	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$8.40	\$9.01	\$9.07	\$8.83	\$8.64
Net investment income	0.21	0.05	0.06	0.12	0.14
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(0.10)	(0.55)	0.04	0.24	0.19
Total from investment operations	0.11	(0.50)	0.10	0.36	0.33
Distributions to shareholders from					
Net investment income	(0.19)	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.14)
Net realized gains	0.00	(0.07)	(0.10)	0.00	0.00
Total distributions to shareholders	(0.19)	(0.11)	(0.16)	(0.12)	(0.14)
Net asset value, end of period	\$8.32	\$8.40	\$9.01	\$9.07	\$8.83
Total return¹	1.38%	(5.57)%	1.10%	4.10%	3.82%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)					
Gross expenses	1.56%	1.55%	1.56%	1.56%	1.57%
Net expenses	1.43%	1.47%	1.47%	1.47%	1.47%
Net investment income	2.35%	0.53%	0.71%	1.36%	1.57%
Supplemental data					
Portfolio turnover rate	79%	65%	65%	88%	43%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$3,109	\$4,225	\$5,286	\$5,773	\$7,146

¹ Total return calculations do not include any sales charges.

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

CLASS R6	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$8.40	\$9.02	\$9.08	\$8.83	\$8.66
Net investment income	0.32	0.14 ¹	0.16	0.21	0.23
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(0.10)	(0.56)	0.03	0.25	0.17
Total from investment operations	0.22	(0.42)	0.19	0.46	0.40
Distributions to shareholders from					
Net investment income	(0.29)	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.21)	(0.23)
Net realized gains	0.00	(0.07)	(0.10)	0.00	0.00
Total distributions to shareholders	(0.29)	(0.20)	(0.25)	(0.21)	(0.23)
Net asset value, end of period	\$8.33	\$8.40	\$9.02	\$9.08	\$8.83
Total return	2.63%	(4.65)%	2.18%	5.28%	4.69%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)					
Gross expenses	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	0.44%	0.44%
Net expenses	0.35%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%
Net investment income	3.43%	1.55%	1.79%	2.41%	2.71%
Supplemental data					
Portfolio turnover rate	79%	65%	65%	88%	43%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$12,141	\$16,575	\$32,131	\$35,301	\$30,585

¹ Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

INSTITUTIONAL CLASS	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$8.41	\$9.03	\$9.09	\$8.84	\$8.65
Net investment income	0.29	0.13	0.15	0.21	0.23
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(0.09)	(0.55)	0.04	0.24	0.19
Total from investment operations	0.20	(0.42)	0.19	0.45	0.42
Distributions to shareholders from					
Net investment income	(0.28)	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.20)	(0.23)
Net realized gains	0.00	(0.07)	(0.10)	0.00	0.00
Total distributions to shareholders	(0.28)	(0.20)	(0.25)	(0.20)	(0.23)
Net asset value, end of period	\$8.33	\$8.41	\$9.03	\$9.09	\$8.84
Total return	2.45%	(4.69)%	2.13%	5.23%	4.88%
Ratios to average net assets (annualized)					
Gross expenses	0.48%	0.48%	0.48%	0.49%	0.49%
Net expenses	0.39%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
Net investment income	3.43%	1.57%	1.69%	2.37%	2.60%
Supplemental data					
Portfolio turnover rate	79%	65%	65%	88%	43%
Net assets, end of period (000s omitted)	\$431,890	\$446,610	\$406,333	\$251,480	\$226,517

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 Short-Term Bond Plus 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.

Debt securities are valued at the evaluated bid price provided by an independent pricing service (e.g. taking into account various factors, including yields, maturities, or credit ratings) or, if a reliable price is not available, the quoted bid price from an independent broker-dealer.

Equity securities, exchange-traded funds and futures contracts 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”).

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.

Swap contracts are valued at the evaluated price provided by an independent pricing service or, if a reliable price is not available, the quoted bid price from an independent broker-dealer.

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.

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. 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.

When-issued transactions

The Fund may purchase securities on a forward commitment or when-issued basis. The Fund records a when-issued transaction on the trade date and will segregate assets in an amount at least equal in value to the Fund’s commitment to purchase when-issued securities. Securities purchased on a when-issued basis are marked-to-market daily and the Fund begins earning interest on the settlement date. Losses may arise due to changes in the market value of the underlying securities or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract.

Loans

The Fund may invest in direct debt instruments which are interests in amounts owed to lenders by corporate or other borrowers. The loans pay interest at rates which are periodically reset by reference to a base lending rate plus a spread. Investments in loans may be in the form of participations in loans or assignments of all or a portion of loans from third parties. When the Fund purchases participations, it generally has no rights to enforce compliance with the terms of the loan agreement with the borrower. As a result, the Fund assumes the credit risk of both the borrower and the lender that is selling the participation. When the Fund purchases assignments from lenders, it acquires direct rights against the borrower on the loan and may enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement. Loans may include fully funded term loans or unfunded loan commitments, which are contractual obligations for future funding. Unfunded loan commitments represent the remaining obligation of the Fund to the borrower. At any point in time, up to the maturity date of the issue, the borrower may demand the unfunded portion. Unfunded amounts, if any, are marked to market and any unrealized gains or losses are recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Forward foreign currency contracts

A forward foreign currency contract is an agreement between two parties to purchase or sell a specific currency for an agreed-upon price at a future date. The Fund enters into forward foreign currency contracts to facilitate transactions in foreign-denominated 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.

Futures contracts

Futures contracts are agreements between the Fund and a counterparty to buy or sell a specific amount of a commodity, financial instrument or currency at a specified price and on a specified date. The Fund may buy and sell futures contracts in order to gain exposure to, or protect against, changes in interest rates and is subject to interest rate risk. The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts are the imperfect correlation between changes in market values of securities held by the Fund and the prices of futures contracts, and the possibility of an illiquid market. Futures contracts are generally entered into on a regulated futures exchange and cleared through a clearinghouse associated with the exchange. With futures contracts, there is minimal counterparty risk to the Fund since futures contracts are exchange-traded and the exchange’s clearinghouse, as the counterparty to all exchange-traded futures, guarantees the futures contracts against default.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit either cash or securities (initial margin) with the broker in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the contract value. Subsequent payments (variation margin) are paid to or received from the broker each day equal to the daily changes in the contract value. Such payments are recorded as unrealized gains or losses and, if any, shown as variation margin receivable (payable) in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Should the Fund fail to make requested variation margin payments, the broker can gain access to the initial margin to satisfy the Fund’s payment obligations. When the contracts are closed, a realized gain or loss is recorded in the Statement of Operations.

Swap contracts

Swap contracts are agreements between the Fund and a counterparty to exchange a series of cash flows over a specified period. Swap agreements are privately negotiated contracts between the Fund that are entered into as bilateral contracts in the over-the-counter market or centrally cleared (“centrally cleared swaps”) with a central clearinghouse.

The Fund entered into centrally cleared swaps. In a centrally cleared swap, immediately following execution of the swap contract, the swap contract is novated to a central counterparty (the “CCP”) and the Fund’s counterparty on the swap agreement becomes the CCP. Upon entering into a centrally cleared swap, the Fund is required to deposit an initial margin with the broker in the form of cash or securities. Securities deposited as initial margin are

designated in the Portfolio of Investments and cash deposited is shown as cash segregated for centrally cleared swaps in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Pursuant to the contract, the Fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in market value of the contract (“variation margin”). The variation margin is recorded as an unrealized gain (or loss) and shown as daily variation margin receivable (or payable) on centrally cleared swaps in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Payments received from (paid to) the counterparty are recorded as realized gains (losses) in the Statement of Operations when the contract is closed.

Credit default swaps

The Fund may enter into credit default swaps for hedging or speculative purposes to provide or receive a measure of protection against default on a referenced entity, obligation or index or a basket of single-name issuers or traded indexes. An index credit default swap references all the names in the index, and if a credit event is triggered, the credit event is settled based on that name’s weight in the index. Credit default swaps are agreements in which the protection buyer pays fixed periodic payments to the protection seller in consideration for a promise from the protection seller to make a specific payment should a negative credit event take place with respect to the referenced entity (e.g., bankruptcy, failure to pay, obligation acceleration, repudiation, moratorium or restructuring).

The Fund may enter into credit default swaps as either the seller of protection or the buyer of protection. If the Fund is the buyer of protection and a credit event occurs, the Fund will either receive from the seller an amount equal to the notional amount of the swap and deliver the referenced security or underlying securities comprising the index, or receive a net settlement of cash equal to the notional amount of the swap less the recovery value of the security or underlying securities comprising the index. If the Fund is the seller of protection and a credit event occurs, the Fund will either pay the buyer an amount equal to the notional amount of the swap and take delivery of the referenced security or underlying securities comprising the index or pay a net settlement of cash equal to the notional amount of the swap less the recovery value of the security or underlying securities comprising the index.

As the seller of protection, the Fund is subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap and has assumed the risk of default of the underlying security or index. As the buyer of protection, the Fund could be exposed to risks if the seller of the protection defaults on its obligation to perform, or if there are unfavorable changes in the fluctuation of interest rates.

By entering into credit default swap contracts, the Fund is exposed to credit risk. In addition, certain credit default swap contracts entered into by the Fund provide for conditions that result in events of default or termination that enable the counterparty to the agreement to cause an early termination of the transactions under those agreements.

Mortgage dollar roll transactions

The Fund may engage in mortgage dollar roll transactions through TBA mortgage-backed securities issued by Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC). In a mortgage dollar roll transaction, the Fund sells a mortgage-backed security to a financial institution, such as a bank or broker-dealer and simultaneously agrees to repurchase a substantially similar security from the institution at a later date at an agreed upon price. The mortgage-backed securities that are repurchased will bear the same interest rate as those sold, but generally will be collateralized by different pools of mortgages with different pre-payment histories. During the roll period, the Fund foregoes principal and interest paid on the securities. The Fund is compensated by the difference between the current sales price and the forward price for the future purchase as well as by the earnings on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. Mortgage dollar rolls may be renewed without physical delivery of the securities subject to the contract. The Fund accounts for TBA dollar roll transactions as purchases and sales which, as a result, may increase its portfolio turnover rate.

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.

Interest income is accrued daily and bond discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized daily. To the extent debt obligations are placed on non-accrual status, any related interest income may be reduced by writing off interest receivables when the collection of all or a portion of interest has been determined to be doubtful based on consistently applied procedures and the fair value has decreased. If the issuer subsequently resumes interest payments or when the collectability of interest is reasonably assured, the debt obligation is removed from non-accrual status. Paydown gains and losses are included in interest income.

Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date.

Income dividends and capital gain distributions from investment companies are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Capital gain distributions from investment companies are treated as realized gains.

Distributions to shareholders

Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date and paid from net investment income monthly and any net realized gains are 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 August 31, 2023, the aggregate cost of all investments for federal income tax purposes was \$596,775,091 and the unrealized gains (losses) consisted of:

Gross unrealized gains	\$ 884,194
Gross unrealized losses	(20,513,615)
Net unrealized losses	\$(19,629,421)

As of August 31, 2023, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards which consist of \$8,694,656 in short-term capital losses and \$8,467,072 in long-term capital losses.

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 August 31, 2023:

	QUOTED PRICES (LEVEL 1)	OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)	TOTAL
Assets				
Investments in:				
Agency securities	\$ 0	\$ 9,549,125	\$0	\$ 9,549,125
Asset-backed securities	0	112,628,817	0	112,628,817
Common stocks				
Consumer discretionary	52,933	0	0	52,933
Corporate bonds and notes	0	164,353,207	0	164,353,207
Foreign corporate bonds and notes	0	9,796,280	0	9,796,280
Foreign government bonds	0	26,102,709	0	26,102,709
Investment companies	3,353,766	0	0	3,353,766
Loans	0	1,864,114	0	1,864,114
Municipal obligations	0	807,350	0	807,350
Non-agency mortgage-backed securities	0	53,961,352	0	53,961,352
U.S. Treasury securities	104,723,475	0	0	104,723,475
Yankee corporate bonds and notes	0	76,163,957	0	76,163,957
Short-term investments				
Investment companies	13,985,749	0	0	13,985,749
	122,115,923	455,226,911	0	577,342,834
Forward foreign currency contracts	0	227,460	0	227,460
Futures contracts	775,044	0	0	775,044
Total assets	\$122,890,967	\$455,454,371	\$0	\$578,345,338
Liabilities				
Forward foreign currency contracts	\$ 0	\$ 743,303	\$0	\$ 743,303
Futures contracts	456,365	0	0	456,365
Total liabilities	\$ 456,365	\$ 743,303	\$0	\$ 1,199,668

Futures contracts and forward foreign currency contracts are reported at their cumulative unrealized gains (losses) at measurement date as reported in the table following the Portfolio of Investments. For futures contracts, the current day's variation margin is reported on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. All other assets and liabilities are reported at their market value at measurement date.

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

For the year ended August 31, 2023, the Fund did not have any 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 \$1 billion	0.350%
Next \$4 billion	0.325
Next \$3 billion	0.290
Next \$2 billion	0.265
Over \$10 billion	0.255

For the year ended August 31, 2023, the management fee was equivalent to an annual rate of 0.35% 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 0.15% and declining to 0.05% 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	0.15%
Class C	0.15
Class R6	0.03
Institutional Class	0.08

Prior to June 30, 2023, the class-level administration fee for Class A and Class C was 0.16% of the average daily net assets of each respective class.

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 December 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 August 31, 2023, the contractual expense caps are as follows:

	EXPENSE RATIO CAPS	
	CURRENT	PRIOR TO APRIL 17, 2023
Class A	0.61%	0.72%
Class C	1.36	1.47
Class R6	0.24	0.40
Institutional Class	0.29	0.45

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 year ended August 31, 2023, Allspring Funds Distributor received \$293 from the sale of Class A shares. No contingent deferred sales charges were incurred by Class A and Class C shares for the year ended August 31, 2023.

Shareholder servicing fees

The Trust has entered into contracts with one or more shareholder servicing agents, whereby Class A and Class C 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. Pursuant to these procedures, the Fund did not have any interfund transactions during the year ended August 31, 2023.

5. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding short-term securities, for the year ended August 31, 2023 were as follows:

PURCHASES AT COST		SALES PROCEEDS	
U.S. GOVERNMENT	NON-U.S. GOVERNMENT	U.S. GOVERNMENT	NON-U.S. GOVERNMENT
\$201,576,291	\$324,204,585	\$210,296,788	\$258,117,107

6. DERIVATIVE TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended August 31, 2023, the Fund entered into futures contracts to speculate on interest rates and to help manage the duration of the portfolio. The Fund also entered into forward foreign currency contracts for economic hedging purposes.

The volume of the Fund's derivative activity during the year ended August 31, 2023 was as follows:

Forward foreign currency contracts

Average contract amounts to buy	\$ 4,818,809
Average contract amounts to sell	33,867,280

Futures contracts

Average notional balance on long futures	\$223,697,192
Average notional balance on short futures	59,067,431

The fair value of derivative instruments as of August 31, 2023 by primary risk type was as follows for the Fund:

	INTEREST RATE RISK	FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK	TOTAL
Asset derivatives			
Forward foreign currency contracts	\$ 0	\$227,460	\$ 227,460
Futures contracts	775,044*	0	775,044
	\$775,044	\$227,460	\$1,002,504
Liability derivatives			
Forward foreign currency contracts	\$ 0	\$743,303	\$ 743,303
Futures contracts	456,365*	0	456,365
	\$456,365	\$743,303	\$1,199,668

* Amount represents the cumulative unrealized gains (losses) as reported in the table following the Portfolio of Investments. For futures contracts, only the current day's variation margin as of August 31, 2023 is reported separately on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations for the year ended August 31, 2023 was as follows:

	INTEREST RATE RISK	FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK	TOTAL
Net realized gains (losses) on derivatives			
Forward foreign currency contracts	\$ 0	\$ 95,919	\$ 95,919
Futures contracts	(4,912,032)	0	(4,912,032)
	\$(4,912,032)	\$ 95,919	\$(4,816,113)
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives			
Forward foreign currency contracts	\$ 0	\$(1,345,909)	\$(1,345,909)
Futures contracts	538,661	0	538,661
	\$ 538,661	\$(1,345,909)	\$ (807,248)

For certain types of derivative transactions, the Fund has entered into International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. master agreements ("ISDA Master Agreements") or similar agreements with approved counterparties. The ISDA Master Agreements or similar agreements may have requirements to deliver/deposit securities or cash to/with an exchange or broker-dealer as collateral and allows the Fund to offset, with each counterparty, certain derivative financial instrument's assets and/or liabilities with collateral held or pledged. Collateral requirements differ by type of derivative. Collateral or margin requirements are set by the broker or exchange clearinghouse for exchange traded derivatives while collateral terms are contract specific for over-the-counter traded derivatives. Cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of the Fund under ISDA Master Agreements or similar agreements, if any, are reported separately in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Securities pledged as collateral, if any, are noted in the Portfolio of Investments. With respect to balance sheet offsetting, absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the reported amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities are not offset across transactions between the Fund and the

applicable counterparty. A reconciliation of the gross amounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities to the net amounts by counterparty, including any collateral exposure, for OTC derivatives is as follows:

COUNTERPARTY	GROSS AMOUNTS OF ASSETS IN THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	AMOUNTS SUBJECT TO NETTING AGREEMENTS	COLLATERAL RECEIVED	NET AMOUNT OF ASSETS
Morgan Stanley Inc.	\$227,460	\$(227,460)	\$0	\$0

COUNTERPARTY	GROSS AMOUNTS OF LIABILITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	AMOUNTS SUBJECT TO NETTING AGREEMENTS	COLLATERAL PLEDGED ¹	NET AMOUNT OF LIABILITIES
Morgan Stanley Inc.	\$743,303	\$(227,460)	\$(515,843)	\$0

¹ Collateral pledged within this table is limited to the collateral for the net transaction with the counterparty.

7. 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 August 31, 2023, there were no borrowings by the Fund under the agreement.

8. DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

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

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31	
	2023	2022
Ordinary income	\$20,553,260	\$12,313,837
Long-term capital gain	0	1,046,451

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

UNDISTRIBUTED ORDINARY INCOME	UNREALIZED LOSSES	CAPITAL LOSS CARRYFORWARD
\$1,743,557	\$(19,617,872)	\$(17,161,728)

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 Short-Term Bond Plus Fund (the Fund), one of the funds constituting Allspring Funds Trust, including the portfolio of investments, as of August 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 August 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 August 31, 2023, by correspondence with the custodian, transfer agent, agent bank and brokers, or by other appropriate auditing procedures. 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.

KPMG LLP

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
October 26, 2023

Other information

Tax information

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2023, \$14,135,002 has been designated as interest-related dividends for nonresident alien shareholders pursuant to Section 871 of the Internal Revenue Code.

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2023, 22% of the ordinary income distributed was derived from interest on U.S. government securities.

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 **1-866-259-3305**, 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 126 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.

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

¹ 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.

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
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

* Length of service dates reflect the Trustee's commencement of service with the Trust's predecessor entities, where applicable.

Officers¹

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 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.

¹ 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.

Board consideration of investment management and sub-advisory agreements:

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”), the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Allspring Funds Trust (the “Trust”) must determine annually whether to approve the continuation of the Trust’s investment management and sub-advisory agreements. In this regard, at a Board meeting held on May 15-17, 2023 (the “Meeting”), the Board, all the members of which have no direct or indirect interest in the investment management and sub-advisory agreements and are not “interested persons” of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act (the “Independent Trustees”), reviewed and approved for the Allspring Short-Term Bond Plus Fund (the “Fund”): (i) an investment management agreement (the “Management Agreement”) with Allspring Funds Management, LLC (“Allspring Funds Management”); and (ii) an investment sub-advisory agreement (the “Sub-Advisory Agreement”) with Allspring Global Investments, LLC (the “Sub-Adviser”), an affiliate of Allspring Funds Management. The Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement are collectively referred to as the “Advisory Agreements.”

At the Meeting, the Board considered the factors and reached the conclusions described below relating to the selection of Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser and the approval of the Advisory Agreements. Prior to the Meeting, including at a Board meeting held in April 2023, and at the Meeting, the Trustees conferred extensively among themselves and with representatives of Allspring Funds Management about these matters. The Board has adopted a team-based approach, with each team consisting of a sub-set of Trustees, to assist the full Board in the discharge of its duties in reviewing investment performance and other matters throughout the year. The Independent Trustees were assisted in their evaluation of the Advisory Agreements by independent legal counsel, from whom they received separate legal advice and with whom they met separately.

The Board noted that it initially approved the Advisory Agreements at a Board meeting held in May 2021, each for a two-year term, in advance of the sale of Wells Fargo Asset Management to Allspring Global Investments Holdings, LLC,¹ a holding company indirectly owned by certain private funds of GTCR LLC and Reverence Capital Partners, L.P. (the “Transaction”). The Trustees also noted that, while they did not specifically consider the continuation of the Advisory Agreements in 2022 as a result of the two-year term that was approved in 2021, the Trustees received and considered certain information at a Board meeting held in April 2022 that was applicable to the Advisory Agreements, including an overview and financial review of the Allspring Global Investments business, information regarding certain ancillary agreements that were approved by the Board at the April 2022 Board meeting, and comparative data regarding Fund fees and expenses.

In providing information to the Board, Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser were guided by a detailed set of requests for information submitted to them by independent legal counsel on behalf of the Independent Trustees at the start of the Board’s annual contract renewal process earlier in 2023. In considering and approving the Advisory Agreements, the Trustees considered the information they believed relevant, including but not limited to the information discussed below. The Board considered not only the specific information presented in connection with the Meeting, but also the knowledge gained over time through interactions with Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser about various topics. In this regard, the Board reviewed reports of Allspring Funds Management at each of its quarterly meetings, which included, among other things, portfolio reviews and investment performance reports. In addition, the Board and the teams mentioned above confer with portfolio managers at various times throughout the year. The Board did not identify any particular information or consideration that was all-important or controlling, and each individual Trustee may have attributed different weights to various factors.

After its deliberations, the Board unanimously determined that the compensation payable to Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser under each of the Advisory Agreements was reasonable, and approved the continuation of the Advisory Agreements for a one-year term. The Board considered the approval of the Advisory Agreements for the Fund as part of its consideration of agreements for funds across the complex, but its approvals were made on a fund-by-fund basis. The following summarizes a number of important, but not necessarily all, factors considered by the Board in support of its approvals.

Nature, extent, and quality of services

The Board received and considered various information regarding the nature, extent, and quality of services provided to the Fund by Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser under the Advisory Agreements. This information included a description of the investment advisory services and Fund-level administrative services covered by the Management Agreement, as well as, among other things, a summary of the background and experience of senior management of Allspring Global Investments, of which Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser are a part, and a summary of investments made in the Allspring Global Investments business. The Board also considered information about retention arrangements with respect to key personnel of Allspring Global Investments that were put in place in connection with the Transaction. The Board took into account information about the services that continue to be provided by Wells Fargo & Co. and/or its affiliates (“Wells Fargo”) since the Transaction under a transition services agreement and the anticipated timeline for exiting the transition services agreement. In addition, the Board received and considered information about the full range of services provided to the Fund by Allspring Funds Management and its affiliates.

¹ The trade name for the asset management firm that includes Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser is “Allspring Global Investments.”

The Board considered the qualifications, background, tenure, and responsibilities of each of the portfolio managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. The Board evaluated the ability of Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser to attract and retain qualified investment professionals, including research, advisory, and supervisory personnel.

The Board further considered the compliance programs and compliance records of Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser. The Board received and considered information about Allspring Global Investments' risk management functions, which included information about Allspring Funds Management's and the Sub-Adviser's business continuity plans, their approaches to data privacy and cybersecurity, Allspring Funds Management's role as administrator of the Fund's liquidity risk management program, and the Fund's derivatives risk management program. The Board also received and considered information about Allspring Funds Management's intermediary and vendor oversight program.

Fund investment performance and expenses

The Board considered the investment performance results for the Fund over various time periods ended December 31, 2022. The Board considered these results in comparison to the investment performance of funds in a universe that was determined by Broadridge Inc. ("Broadridge") to be similar to the Fund (the "Universe"), and in comparison to the Fund's benchmark index and to other comparative data. Broadridge is an independent provider of investment company data. The Board received a description of the methodology used by Broadridge to select the mutual funds in the performance Universe. The Board noted that the investment performance of the Fund (Class A) was higher than the average investment performance of the Universe for all periods under review except the one-year period, which was lower than the average investment performance of the Universe. The Board also noted that the investment performance of the Fund was higher than the investment performance of its benchmark index, the Bloomberg U.S. 1-3 Year Government/Credit Bond Index, for all periods under review except the one-year period, which was lower than its benchmark index.

The Board also received and considered information regarding the Fund's net operating expense ratios and their various components, including actual management fees, custodian and other non-management fees, and Rule 12b-1 and non-Rule 12b-1 shareholder service fees. The Board considered these ratios in comparison to the median ratios of funds in class-specific expense groups that were determined by Broadridge to be similar to the Fund (the "Groups"). The Board received a description of the methodology used by Broadridge to select the mutual funds in the expense Groups and an explanation of how funds comprising expense groups and their expense ratios may vary from year-to-year. Based on the Broadridge reports, the Board noted that the net operating expense ratios of the Fund were lower than or in range of the median net operating expense ratios of the expense Groups for all share classes.

The Board took into account the Fund's investment performance and expense information provided to it among the factors considered in deciding to re-approve the Advisory Agreements.

Investment management and sub-advisory fee rates

The Board reviewed and considered the contractual fee rates payable by the Fund to Allspring Funds Management under the Management Agreement, as well as the contractual fee rates payable by the Fund to Allspring Funds Management for class-level administrative services under a Class-Level Administration Agreement, which include, among other things, class-level transfer agency and sub-transfer agency costs (collectively, the "Management Rates"). The Board also reviewed and considered the contractual investment sub-advisory fee rates that are payable by Allspring Funds Management to the Sub-Adviser for investment sub-advisory services. It was noted that advisory fee waivers, if any, are at the fund level and not class level.

Among other information reviewed by the Board was a comparison of the Fund's Management Rates with the average contractual investment management fee rates of funds in the expense Groups at a common asset level as well as transfer agency costs of the funds in the expense Groups. The Board noted that the Management Rates of the Fund were lower than, equal to or in range of the sum of these average rates for the Fund's expense Groups for all share classes.

The Board also received and considered information about the portion of the total management fee that was retained by Allspring Funds Management after payment of the fee to the Sub-Adviser for sub-advisory services. In assessing the reasonableness of this amount, the Board received and evaluated information about the nature and extent of responsibilities retained and risks assumed by Allspring Funds Management and not delegated to or assumed by the Sub-Adviser, and about Allspring Funds Management's on-going oversight services. Given the affiliation between Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser, the Board ascribed limited relevance to the allocation of fees between them.

The Board also received and considered information about the nature and extent of services offered and fee rates charged by Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser to other types of clients with investment strategies similar to those of the Fund. In this regard, the Board received information about the significantly greater scope of services, and compliance, reporting and other legal burdens and risks of managing proprietary mutual funds compared with those associated with managing assets of other types of clients, including third-party sub-advised fund clients and non-mutual fund clients such as institutional separate accounts.

Based on its consideration of the factors and information it deemed relevant, including those described here, the Board determined that the compensation payable to Allspring Funds Management under the Management Agreement and to the Sub-Adviser under the Sub-Advisory Agreement was reasonable.

Profitability

The Board received and considered information concerning the profitability of Allspring Funds Management, as well as the profitability of Allspring Global Investments, from providing services to the fund complex as a whole. The Board noted that the Sub-Adviser's profitability information with respect to providing services to the Fund and other funds in the complex was subsumed in the Allspring Global Investments profitability analysis.

Allspring Funds Management reported on the methodologies and estimates used in calculating profitability, including a description of the methodology used to allocate certain expenses and differences in how Allspring Global Investments calculates its pre-tax profit metric versus the methodology used when Allspring Funds Management was part of Wells Fargo. It was noted that the impact of such differences had only minor impact on the financial results presented. Among other things, the Board noted that the levels of profitability reported on a fund-by-fund basis varied widely, depending on factors such as the size, type, and age of fund.

Based on its review, the Board did not deem the profits reported by Allspring Funds Management or Allspring Global Investments from services provided to the Fund to be at a level that would prevent it from approving the continuation of the Advisory Agreements.

Economies of scale

The Board received and considered information about the potential for Allspring Funds Management to experience economies of scale in the provision of management services to the Fund, the difficulties of calculating economies of scale at an individual fund level, and the extent to which potential scale benefits are shared with Fund shareholders. The Board noted the existence of breakpoints in the Fund's management fee structure, which operate generally to reduce the Fund's expense ratios as the Fund grows in size, and the size of the Fund in relation to such breakpoints. The Board considered that in addition to management fee breakpoints, Allspring Funds Management shares potential economies of scale from its management business in a variety of ways, including through fee waiver and expense reimbursement arrangements, competitive management fee rates set at the outset without regard to breakpoints, and investments in the business intended to enhance services available to shareholders.

The Board concluded that Allspring Funds Management's arrangements with respect to the Fund, including contractual breakpoints, constituted a reasonable approach to sharing potential economies of scale with the Fund and its shareholders.

Other benefits to Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser

The Board received and considered information regarding potential "fall-out" or ancillary benefits received by Allspring Funds Management and its affiliates, including the Sub-Adviser, as a result of their relationships with the Fund. Ancillary benefits could include, among others, benefits directly attributable to other relationships with the Fund and benefits potentially derived from an increase in Allspring Funds Management's and the Sub-Adviser's business as a result of their relationships with the Fund. The Board noted that Allspring Funds Distributor, LLC, an affiliate of Allspring Funds Management, receives distribution-related fees in respect of shares sold or held through it.

The Board also reviewed information about soft dollar credits earned and utilized by the Sub-Adviser and fees earned in the past by Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser from managing a private investment vehicle for the fund complex's securities lending collateral.

Based on its consideration of the factors and information it deemed relevant, including those described here, the Board did not find that any ancillary benefits received by Allspring Funds Management and its affiliates, including the Sub-Adviser, were unreasonable.

Conclusion

At the Meeting, after considering the above-described factors and based on its deliberations and its evaluation of the information described above, the Board unanimously determined that the compensation payable to Allspring Funds Management and the Sub-Adviser under each of the Advisory Agreements was reasonable, and approved the continuation of the Advisory Agreements for a one-year term.

Liquidity risk management program

In accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Liquidity Rule”), Allspring Funds Trust (the “Trust”) has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) on behalf of each of its series (other than the series that operate as money market funds), including the Fund, which is reasonably designed to assess and manage the Fund’s liquidity risk. “Liquidity risk” is defined under the Liquidity Rule as the risk that the Fund is unable to meet redemption requests without significantly diluting remaining investors’ interests in the Fund. The Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) previously approved the designation of Allspring Funds Management, LLC (“Allspring Funds Management”), the Fund’s investment manager, to administer the Program, and Allspring Funds Management has established a Liquidity Risk Management Council (the “Council”) composed of personnel from multiple departments within Allspring Funds Management and its affiliates to assist Allspring Funds Management in the administration of the Program.

The Program is comprised of various components designed to support the assessment and/or management of liquidity risk, including: (1) the periodic assessment (no less frequently than annually) of certain factors that influence the Fund’s liquidity risk; (2) the periodic classification (no less frequently than monthly) of the Fund’s investments into one of four liquidity categories that reflect an estimate of their liquidity under current market conditions; (3) a 15% limit on the acquisition of “illiquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule); (4) to the extent the Fund does not invest primarily in “highly liquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule), the determination of a minimum percentage of the Fund’s assets that generally will be invested in highly liquid investments (an “HLIM”); (5) if the Fund has established an HLIM, the periodic review (no less frequently than annually) of the HLIM and the adoption of policies and procedures for responding to a shortfall of the Fund’s “highly liquid investments” below its HLIM; and (6) periodic reporting to the Board.

At a meeting of the Board held on May 16-17, 2023, the Board received and reviewed a written report (the “Report”) from Allspring Funds Management that, among other things, addressed the operation of the Program and assessed its adequacy and effectiveness for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (the “Reporting Period”). Other than extended foreign market holidays, no significant liquidity events impacting the Funds were noted in the Report. In addition, other than corporate-related changes to the Program, there were no material changes to the Program during the Reporting Period.

Allspring Funds Management determined in the Report that the Program has been implemented and operates effectively to manage the Fund’s liquidity risk, and Allspring Funds Management continues to believe that the Program has been and continues to be adequately and effectively implemented to monitor and, as applicable, respond to the Fund’s liquidity developments.

There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives under all circumstances in the future. Please refer to the Fund’s prospectus for more information regarding the Fund’s exposure to liquidity risk and other risks to which an investment in the Fund may be subject.



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