

Consolidated portfolio of investments

	SHARES	VALUE
Common stocks: 92.26%		
Australia: 4.82%		
Evolution Mining Ltd. (Materials, Metals & mining)	400,000	\$ 1,079,417
Northern Star Resources Ltd. (Materials, Metals & mining)	1,415,412	13,165,870
		<u>14,245,287</u>
Canada: 64.50%		
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. (Materials, Metals & mining)	325,807	17,863,385
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.-Legend Shares (Materials, Metals & mining) †	35,000	1,919,750
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.-U.S. Exchange Traded Shares (Materials, Metals & mining)	135,664	7,441,170
Alamos Gold, Inc. Class A (Materials, Metals & mining)	1,023,980	13,771,045
Artemis Gold, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	1,400,000	6,677,484
Ascot Resources Ltd. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	2,650,000	979,963
B2Gold Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining)	4,100,000	12,964,794
Barrick Gold Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining)	840,723	15,208,679
Centerra Gold, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining)	300,000	1,790,876
Centerra Gold, Inc.-Legend Shares (Materials, Metals & mining) 144A†	250,000	1,492,397
Dundee Precious Metals, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining)	1,050,000	6,719,747
Franco-Nevada Corp.-Legend Shares (Materials, Metals & mining) 144A†	115,948	12,843,054
Kinross Gold Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining)	2,332,483	14,117,591
Lundin Gold, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining)	1,070,000	13,356,326
MAG Silver Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	365,000	3,798,611
MAG Silver Corp.-Legend Shares (Materials, Metals & mining) †	100,000	1,040,716
OceanaGold Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining)	1,600,000	3,067,054
Orla Mining Ltd. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	300,000	978,076
Osisko Gold Royalties Ltd. (Materials, Metals & mining)	250,000	3,567,790
Osisko Mining, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	1,000,000	2,015,018
Pan American Silver Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining)	47,940	782,568
Pan American Silver Corp.-U.S. Exchange Traded Shares (Materials, Metals & mining)	415,000	6,776,950
Reunion Gold Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	1,500,000	481,114
SilverCrest Metals, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	700,000	4,590,770
Skeena Resources Ltd. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	500,000	2,433,870
SSR Mining, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining)	403,552	4,330,787
Torex Gold Resources, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	275,000	3,034,225
Torex Gold Resources, Inc.-Legend Shares (Materials, Metals & mining) 144A†	185,000	2,041,206
Torex Gold Resources, Inc.-Legend Shares (Materials, Metals & mining) †	266,250	2,937,682
Triple Flag Precious Metals Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining)	210,000	2,795,668
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining)	12,950	638,875
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.-U.S. Exchange Traded Shares (Materials, Metals & mining)	371,000	18,305,140
		<u>190,762,381</u>
South Africa: 4.81%		
Gold Fields Ltd. ADR (Materials, Metals & mining)	985,000	<u>14,243,100</u>

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United Kingdom: 7.18%			
Anglogold Ashanti PLC (Materials, Metals & mining)		300,591	\$ 5,618,046
Endeavour Mining PLC (Materials, Metals & mining)		695,000	15,614,618
			<u>21,232,664</u>
United States: 10.95%			
Newmont Corp.-Toronto Exchange Traded Shares (Materials, Metals & mining)		131,348	5,437,106
Newmont Corp.-U.S. Exchange Traded Shares (Materials, Metals & mining)		294,719	12,198,419
Royal Gold, Inc. (Materials, Metals & mining)		122,036	14,761,475
			<u>32,397,000</u>
Total common stocks (Cost \$174,050,772)			<u>272,880,432</u>
	EXPIRATION DATE		
Rights: 0.00%			
Canada: 0.00%			
Kinross Gold Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	3-1-2032	75,000	<u>0</u>
Total rights (Cost \$0)			<u>0</u>
Warrants: 0.00%			
Canada: 0.00%			
Marathon Gold Corp. (Materials, Metals & mining) †	9-20-2024	250,000	<u>0</u>
Total warrants (Cost \$0)			<u>0</u>
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Commodities: 5.36%			
Gold Bullion *		7,690	<u>15,866,147</u>
Total commodities (Cost \$4,532,551)			<u>15,866,147</u>
	YIELD	SHARES	
Short-term investments: 2.06%			
Investment companies: 2.06%			
Allspring Government Money Market Fund Select Class †∞	5.28%	6,091,652	<u>6,091,652</u>
Total short-term investments (Cost \$6,091,652)			<u>6,091,652</u>
Total investments in securities (Cost \$184,674,975)	99.68%		294,838,231
Other assets and liabilities, net	<u>0.32</u>		<u>934,995</u>
Total net assets	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>\$295,773,226</u>

† Non-income-earning security

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.

♦ The security is fair valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

* Represents an investment held in Special Investments (Cayman) SPC, the consolidated entity.

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

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

Abbreviations:

ADR American depository receipt

Investments in affiliates

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

	VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	PURCHASES	SALES PROCEEDS	NET REALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	NET CHANGE IN UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	VALUE, END OF PERIOD	SHARES, END OF PERIOD	INCOME FROM AFFILIATED SECURITIES
Short-term investments								
Allspring Government Money Market Fund Select Class	\$9,767,739	\$45,759,149	\$(49,435,236)	\$0	\$0	\$6,091,652	6,091,652	\$316,557

Notes to consolidated portfolio of investments

Investment in subsidiary

The Fund invests in precious metals and minerals through Special Investments (Cayman) SPC (the “Subsidiary”), a wholly owned subsidiary incorporated on May 3, 2005 under the laws of the Cayman Islands as an exempted segregated portfolio company with limited liability. As of December 31, 2023, the Subsidiary held \$15,866,147 in gold bullion representing 99.63% of its net assets. The Fund is the sole shareholder of the Subsidiary. As of December 31, 2023, the Fund held \$15,925,039 in the Subsidiary, representing 5.38% of the Fund’s net assets prior to consolidation.

Securities valuation

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

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

The values of securities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at rates provided by an independent foreign currency pricing source at a time each business day specified by the Valuation Committee at Allspring Funds Management, LLC (“Allspring Funds Management”).

Many securities markets and exchanges outside the U.S. close prior to the close of the New York Stock Exchange and therefore may not fully reflect trading or events that occur after the close of the principal exchange in which the foreign securities are traded, but before the close of the New York Stock Exchange. If such trading or events are expected to materially affect the value of such securities, then fair value pricing procedures implemented by Allspring Funds Management are applied. These procedures take into account multiple factors including movements in U.S. securities markets after foreign exchanges close. Foreign securities that are fair valued under these procedures are categorized as Level 2 and the application of these procedures may result in transfers between Level 1 and Level 2. Depending on market activity, such fair valuations may be frequent. Such fair value pricing may result in net asset values that are higher or lower than net asset values based on the last reported sales price or latest quoted bid price. On December 31, 2023, such fair value pricing was not used in pricing foreign securities.

Investments in commodities are valued at their last traded price.

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.

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 December 31, 2023:

	QUOTED PRICES (LEVEL 1)	OTHER SIGNIFICANT OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)	TOTAL
Assets				
Investments in:				
Common stocks				
<i>Australia</i>	\$ 14,245,287	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 14,245,287
<i>Canada</i>	168,487,576	22,274,805	0	190,762,381
<i>South Africa</i>	14,243,100	0	0	14,243,100
<i>United Kingdom</i>	21,232,664	0	0	21,232,664
<i>United States</i>	32,397,000	0	0	32,397,000
Rights				
<i>Canada</i>	0	0	0	0
Warrants				
<i>Canada</i>	0	0	0	0
Commodities				
<i>Investment companies</i>	15,866,147	0	0	15,866,147
Short-term investments				
<i>Investment companies</i>	6,091,652	0	0	6,091,652
Total assets	\$272,563,426	\$22,274,805	\$0	\$294,838,231

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

At December 31, 2023, the Fund did not have any transfers into/out of Level 3.