# Allspring

## Summary Prospectus

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# Allspring Emerging Growth Fund

Class/Ticker: Class A - WEMAX - Class C - WEMCX

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Before you invest, you may want to review the Fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's prospectus, reports to shareholders and other information about the Fund online at allspringglobal.com/ reports. You can also get information at no cost by calling 1-800-222-8222, or by sending an email request to fundliterature@allspring-global.com. The current prospectus ("Prospectus") and statement of additional information ("SAI"), dated September 1, 2024, as supplemented from time to time, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus. The Fund's SAI may be obtained, free of charge, in the same manner as the Prospectus.

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

#### **Fees and Expenses**

These tables are intended to help you understand the various costs and expenses you will pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in the aggregate in specified classes of certain Allspring Funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and in "Share Class Features" and "Reductions and Waivers of Sales Charges" on pages 30 and 31 of the Prospectus and "Additional Purchase and Redemption Information" on page 94 of the Statement of Additional Information. Investors who purchase through certain intermediaries may be subject to different sales charge discounts than those outlined shares in these sections. Please see Appendix A on page 50 for further information.

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|   | Class A           | Class C |
|---|-------------------|---------|
| Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering |                   |         |
| price)  | 5.75%             | None    |
| Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of offering price)      | None <sup>1</sup> | 1.00%   |

1. Investments of \$1 million or more are not subject to a front-end sales charge but generally will be subject to a deferred sales charge of 1.00% if redeemed within 18 months from the date of purchase.

# Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)<sup>1</sup>

|   | Class A | Class C |
|---|---------|---------|
| Management Fees   | 0.85%   | 0.85%   |
| Distribution (12b-1) Fees   | 0.00%   | 0.75%   |
| Other Expenses  | 0.55%   | 0.55%   |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses                                | 1.40%   | 2.15%   |
| Fee Waivers   | (0.18)% | (0.18)% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers <sup>2</sup> | 1.22%   | 1.97%   |

1. Expenses have been adjusted as necessary from amounts incurred during the Fund's most recent fiscal year to reflect current fees and expenses.

2. The Manager has contractually committed through August 31, 2025, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers at 1.22% for Class A and 1.97% for Class C. Brokerage commissions, stamp duty fees, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses (if any), and extraordinary expenses are excluded from the expense cap. Prior to or after the commitment expiration date, the cap may be increased or the commitment to maintain the cap may be terminated only with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

## **Example of Expenses**

The example below is intended to help you compare the costs of investing in the Fund with the costs of investing in other funds. The example assumes a \$10,000 initial investment, 5% annual total return, and that fees and expenses remain the same as in the tables above. To the extent that the Manager is waiving fees or reimbursing expenses, the example assumes that such waiver or reimbursement will only be in place through the date noted above. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

|          | Assuming Redemption at E | nd of Period | Assuming No<br>Redemption |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| After:   | Class A                  | Class C      | Class C                   |
| 1 Year   | \$692                    | \$300        | \$200                     |
| 3 Years  | \$976                    | \$656        | \$656                     |
| 5 Years  | \$1,281                  | \$1,138      | \$1,138                   |
| 10 Years | \$2,143                  | \$2,469      | \$2,469                   |

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 79%<sup>1</sup> of the average value of its portfolio.

1. The Fund changed its fiscal year-end from May 31 to April 30. The information shown for the Fund is for this shortened period.

#### **Principal Investment Strategies**

Under normal circumstances, we invest:

- at least 80% of the Fund's total assets in equity securities of small-capitalization companies; and
- up to 25% of the Fund's total assets in equity securities of foreign issuers through American Depository Receipts (ADRs) and similar investments.

We invest principally in equity securities of small-capitalization companies, which we define as companies with market capitalizations within the range of the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index at the time of purchase. The market capitalization range of the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Index was approximately \$17.09 million to \$11.39 billion, as of July 31, 2024, and is expected to change frequently. Small-capitalization companies may include both domestic and foreign small-capitalization companies.

We seek small-capitalization companies that are in the emerging phase of their life cycle. We believe earnings and revenue growth relative to consensus expectations are critical factors in determining stock price movements. Thus, our investment process focuses on identifying companies with robust and sustainable growth in revenue and earnings that are underappreciated by the market. To find that growth, we use bottom-up research, emphasizing companies whose management teams have a history of successfully executing their strategy and whose business model have sufficient profit potential. We forecast revenue and earnings growth along with other key financial metrics to assess investment potential. We then combine that company-specific analysis with our assessment of what the market is discounting for growth to form a buy/sell decision about a particular stock. We seek to capitalize on investment opportunities where a sizable gap exists between market consensus and our expectation for a company's growth prospects. We may invest in any sector and, at times, we may emphasize one or more particular sectors. In addition, our investment process is built on a foundation of continuous risk management and a strict sell discipline. We sell a company's securities when we see signs that can cause a company's growth prospects to deteriorate, as this often leads to lower valuation potential. We may also sell or trim a position when we need to raise money to fund the purchase of a better investment opportunity or when valuation has extended beyond our expectations.

## **Principal Investment Risks**

An investment in the Fund may lose money, is not a deposit of a bank or its affiliates, is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency, and is primarily subject to the risks briefly summarized below.

**Market Risk.** The values of, and/or the income generated by, securities held by the Fund may decline due to general market conditions or other factors, including those directly involving the issuers of such securities. Securities markets are volatile and may decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, regulatory, political, or economic developments. Different sectors of the market and different security types may react differently to such developments.

**Equity Securities Risk.** The values of equity securities may experience periods of substantial price volatility and may decline significantly over short time periods. In general, the values of equity securities are more volatile than those of

debt securities. Equity securities fluctuate in value and price in response to factors specific to the issuer of the security, such as management performance, financial condition, and market demand for the issuer's products or services, as well as factors unrelated to the fundamental condition of the issuer, including general market, economic and political conditions. Different parts of a market, industry and sector may react differently to adverse issuer, market, regulatory, political, and economic developments.

**Smaller Company Securities Risk.** Securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than those of larger companies.

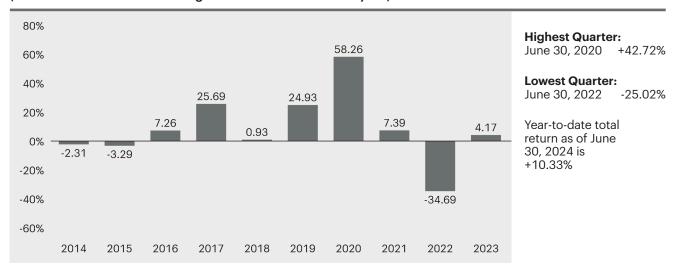
**Foreign Investment Risk.** Foreign investments may be subject to lower liquidity, greater price volatility and risks related to adverse political, regulatory, market or economic developments. Foreign investments may involve exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and may be subject to higher withholding and other taxes.

**Growth/Value Investing Risk.** Securities that exhibit growth or value characteristics tend to perform differently and shift into and out of favor with investors depending on changes in market and economic sentiment and conditions.

**Management Risk.** Investment decisions, techniques, analyses or models implemented by a Fund's manager or sub-adviser in seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective may not produce expected returns, may cause the Fund's shares to lose value or may cause the Fund to underperform other funds with similar investment objectives.

#### Performance

The following information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year. The Fund's average annual total returns are compared to the performance of one or more indices. The Fund's Regulatory Benchmark is a broad-based index that represents the overall securities markets relative to the Fund's asset category while the Fund's Strategy Benchmark is most closely aligned with the Fund's investment universe based on its investment strategy. Past performance before and after taxes is no guarantee of future results. Current month-end performance is available on the Fund's website at allspringglobal.com.



# Calendar Year Total Returns for Class A as of 12/31 each year (Returns do not reflect sales charges and would be lower if they did)

#### Average Annual Total Returns for the periods ended 12/31/2023 (returns reflect applicable sales charges)

|  | Inception<br>Date of<br>Share |        |        |         |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
|  | Class                         | 1 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year |
| Class A (before taxes)   | 3/31/2008                     | -1.82% | 6.36%  | 5.75%   |
| Class A (after taxes on distributions)   | 3/31/2008                     | -1.82% | 3.46%  | 2.82%   |
| Class A (after taxes on distributions and the sale of  |                               |        |        |         |
| Fund Shares)   | 3/31/2008                     | -1.08% | 5.59%  | 4.42%   |
| Class C (before taxes)   | 3/31/2008                     | 2.31%  | 6.84%  | 5.76%   |
| Russell 2000 <sup>®</sup> Growth Index (Strategy Benchmark)  |                               |        |        |         |
| (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)   |                               | 18.66% | 9.22%  | 7.16%   |
| Russell 3000® Index (Regulatory Benchmark)<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |                               | 25.96% | 15.16% | 11.48%  |

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not

reflect the impact of state, local or foreign taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to tax-exempt investors or investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) Plans or Individual Retirement Accounts. After-tax returns are shown for only one class of shares. After-tax returns for any other class will vary.

#### **Fund Management**

| Manager                            | Sub-Adviser                       | Portfolio Manager, Title / Managed<br>Since  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Allspring Funds Management,<br>LLC | Allspring Global Investments, LLC | Robert Gruendyke, CFA, Portfolio<br>Manager / 2020<br>David Nazaret, CFA, Portfolio Manager /<br>2020<br>Michael T. Smith, CFA, Portfolio Manager<br>/ 2024<br>Christopher J. Warner, CFA, Portfolio<br>Manager / 2024 |

#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

In general, you can buy or sell shares of the Fund online or by mail, phone or wire on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular trading. You also may buy and sell shares through a financial professional.

| Minimum Investments                                     | To Buy or Sell Shares                |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Minimum Initial Investment                              | Mail: Allspring Funds                |
| Regular Accounts: \$1,000                               | P.O. Box 219967                      |
| IRAs, IRA Rollovers, Roth IRAs: \$250                   | Kansas City, MO 64121-9967           |
| UGMA/UTMA Accounts: \$50                                | Online: allspringglobal.com          |
| Employer Sponsored Retirement Plans: No Minimum         | Phone or Wire: 1-800-222-8222        |
|   | Contact your financial professional. |
| Minimum Additional Investment                           |                                      |
| Regular Accounts, IRAs, IRA Rollovers, Roth IRAs: \$100 |                                      |
| UGMA/UTMA Accounts: \$50                                |                                      |
| Employer Sponsored Retirement Plans: No Minimum         |                                      |

## **Tax Information**

Any distributions you receive from the Fund may be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, except when your investment is in an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged investment plan. However, subsequent withdrawals from such a tax-advantaged investment plan may be subject to federal income tax. You should consult your tax adviser about your specific tax situation.

#### **Payments to Intermediaries**

If you purchase a Fund through an intermediary, the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the intermediary and your financial professional to recommend the Fund over another investment. Consult your financial professional or visit your intermediary's website for more information.

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