

Small Company Growth Fund

Inst: WSCGX | Admin: NVSCX | A: WFSAX | C: WSMCX | R6: WSCRX

Asset class: U.S. Equity

THE FUND

The Allspring Small Company Growth Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by principally investing in small-capitalization growth companies in the discovery and rediscovery phases of development.

FUND STRATEGY

- Focuses on small, rapidly growing, and misunderstood companies that have the potential for dramatic price appreciation.
- Conducts rigorous fundamental research to target companies in discovery and rediscovery phases of development.
- Focuses on younger companies in the discovery phase that have long-term earnings growth of more than 20%, high profitability, and unique products or services.
- Looks for rediscovery-phase companies that have new management, near-term earnings growth of greater than 40%, recovering profitability, and takeover/restructuring potential.

FUND MANAGERS

Name	Yrs experience
Paul von Kuster, CFA	51
William Grierson, CFA	29
Ryan Smith, CFA	25
Samuel Smith, CFA	19
Allison Lewis, CFA	16

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Expense ratios (%)	Gross	Net
Institutional Shares	1.03	0.94
Administrator Shares	1.28	1.19
Class A Shares	1.35	1.28
Class C Shares	2.10	2.03
Class R6 Shares	0.93	0.86

Competitive advantages

- **Diverse life cycle phase exposure:** The team seeks to maintain a balanced mix of rapidly growing discovery and rediscovery holdings, providing investors with consistent, diversified small-cap growth exposure in a variety of market environments.
- **Assessment of misunderstood small-cap growth companies:** The team focuses on exploiting information gaps between a company's true fundamental value and its actual stock price in seeking to produce strong risk-adjusted returns. This approach optimizes the fund's risk/reward profile.

Sector allocation (%)¹

	Fund	Russell 2000® Growth Index ²
Industrials	25	20
Health care	22	21
Information technology	20	24
Financials	12	6
Consumer discretionary	9	11
Consumer staples	5	4
Materials	3	4
Energy	2	5
Real estate	2	2
Communication services	0	2

Sector allocation is subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. Percent total may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Annual Returns

Total returns (%)	3 Month	YTD	Annualized			
			1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Institutional Shares	8.57	8.57	19.76	2.17	9.66	8.83
Administrator Shares	8.50	8.50	19.45	1.91	9.39	8.56
Class A Shares	8.47	8.47	19.35	1.82	9.27	8.42
<i>Including sales charge</i>	2.23	2.23	12.49	-0.17	7.99	7.78
Class C Shares	8.28	8.28	18.47	1.05	8.48	7.79
<i>Including sales charge</i>	7.28	7.28	17.47	1.05	8.48	7.79
Class R6 Shares ³	8.58	8.58	19.85	2.26	9.74	8.90
Russell 2000® Growth Index ²	7.58	7.58	20.35	-2.68	7.38	7.89
Lipper Small-Cap Growth Funds ⁴	8.42	8.42	19.11	-1.53	8.91	8.84

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. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted and assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current month-end performance is available at the funds' website, allspringglobal.com. Administrator, Institutional and R6 Class shares are sold without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge. For Class A, the maximum front-end sales charge is 5.75%. For Class C, the maximum contingent deferred sales charge is 1.00%. Performance shown without sales charges would be lower if sales charges were reflected. Performance including sales charge assumes the sales charge for the corresponding time period.

The manager has contractually committed through 9-30-2024, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap the fund's total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 1.28%(A), 2.03%(C), 1.19%(Admin), 0.94%(I) and 0.86%(R6). Brokerage commissions, stamp duty fees, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses (if any) from funds in which the underlying master portfolios and funds invest and from money market funds, and extraordinary expenses are excluded from the expense cap. All other acquired fund fees and expenses from the affiliated master portfolios and funds are included in 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. 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 prospectus.



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Performance and volatility measures (3 year) [*]	Fund (INST class shares)
Alpha	4.28%
Beta	0.86
Sharpe Ratio	-0.03
Standard Deviation	19.51%
R-Squared	94%
Information Ratio	0.85

Top holdings (%)	Percent
ICON Plc	1.76
PTC Inc.	1.72
e.l.f. Beauty, Inc.	1.67
Element Solutions Inc	1.45
ICF International, Inc.	1.39
Avantor, Inc.	1.38
ASGN Incorporated	1.33
BRP Group, Inc. Class A	1.32
KBR, Inc.	1.32
SS&C Technologies Holdings, Inc.	1.32

Portfolio holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security.

Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general market and economic conditions. Smaller company stocks tend to be more volatile and less liquid than those of larger companies. Consult the fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

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^{*}**Alpha** measures the excess return of an investment vehicle, such as a mutual fund, relative to the return of its benchmark, given its level of risk (as measured by beta). **Beta** measures fund volatility relative to general market movements. It is a standardized measure of systematic risk in comparison to a specified index. The benchmark beta is 1.00 by definition. **Sharpe ratio** measures the potential reward offered by a mutual fund relative to its risk level. The ratio uses a fund's standard deviation and its excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the fund's historical risk-adjusted performance. **Standard deviation** of return measures the average deviations of a return series from its mean and is often used as a measure of risk. **R-squared** is a measurement of how similar a fund's historical performance has been to that of the benchmark. The measure ranges from 0.00, which means that the fund's performance bears no relationship to the performance of the index, to 1.00, which means that the fund's performance was perfectly synchronized with the performance of the benchmark. **Information ratio** measures how much the fund outperformed the benchmark per unit of additional risk taken. This value is determined by taking the annualized excess return over a benchmark and dividing it by the standard deviation of excess return. ^{*} Calculated based on a three-year period. Relative measures are compared with the Russell 2000[®] Growth Index² Index. **1.** Sector allocation is a breakdown of the Fund's investments based on the S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), a breakdown of market sectors used by Standard & Poor's. **2.** The Russell 2000[®] Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price/book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. You cannot invest directly in an index. **3.** Performance for the fund or the class shown reflects a predecessor fund's or class' performance and may be adjusted to reflect the fund's or class' expenses as applicable. **4.** The Lipper averages are compiled by Lipper, Inc., an independent mutual fund research and rating service. Each Lipper average represents a universe of funds that are similar in investment objective. You cannot invest directly in a Lipper average.

Class A and Class C require a minimum initial investment of \$1000 and minimum subsequent purchase of \$100 for regular accounts.

Note: Not all Share Classes may be available at all firms.

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Fund characteristics	Fund	Russell 2000 [®] Growth Index ²
P/E (Trailing 12 month)	73.26x	58.56x
P/B	3.88x	4.68x
Median market cap (\$B)	4.27	1.30
5 Year earnings growth (historic)	9.32%	18.84%
Portfolio turnover	41.54%	—
Number of holdings	126	1,064

Fund information

Advisor: Allspring Funds Management, LLC

Sub-Advisor: Peregrine Capital Management, LLC

Fund inception date: 12/31/1982

Distribution frequency: Annually

Fiscal year-end: May 31

Fund assets (\$M): 554.56

Morningstar category: Small Growth

Share class information	Class inception date	NAV	YTD high-low NAV	Class assets (\$M)
Institutional Shares	3/31/2008	\$38.76	\$38.76/\$34.37	\$310.74
Administrator Shares	11/11/1994	\$35.73	\$35.73/\$31.70	\$44.86
Class A Shares	1/30/2004	\$32.01	\$32.01/\$28.41	\$51.07
Class C Shares	1/30/2004	\$20.39	\$20.39/\$18.13	\$1.18
Class R6 Shares	10/31/2014	\$39.21	\$39.21/\$34.76	\$146.71