# **Growth Fund**

### Asset class: U.S. Equity

#### THE FUND

The Allspring Growth Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by principally investing in small-, mid-, and large-capitalization companies where growth is robust, sustainable, and not fully recognized by the market.

#### FUND STRATEGY

- Invests in companies where growth of revenue and earnings is robust, sustainable, and not fully recognized by the market.
- Conducts fundamental, all-cap research that provides unique insights into a company's true growth rate.
- Continuously manages risk by evaluating the rate and sustainability of a company's true growth rate relative to the market's expectations.
- Acts quickly on new information, both positive and negative, in an effort to exploit investor biases.

#### FUND MANAGERS

Name	Yrs experience	
Thomas Ognar, CFA	31	
Robert Gruendyke, CFA	25	
David Nazaret, CFA	24	

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Expense ratios (%)	Gross	Net
Institutional Shares	0.86	0.75
Administrator Shares	1.11	0.96
Class A Shares	1.18	1.15
Class C Shares	1.93	1.90
Class R6 Shares	0.76	0.70

#### Inst: SGRNX | Admin: SGRKX | A: SGRAX | C: WGFCX | R6: SGRHX

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### Competitive advantages

- Access to volatility-managed "pure growth": Focusing on companies where growth is robust, sustainable, and not fully recognized by the marketplace enables the team to exploit sizable gaps between market consensus and a company's true growth rate.
- Fundamental, all-cap research: Conducting rigorous, bottom-up research across the marketcapitalization spectrum provides powerful insights and an informational advantage that supports the team's efforts to identify the most attractive investment opportunities.
- Continuous risk management and a strict sell discipline: These are critical elements ingrained in the team's investment process, given that fast-growing companies often command premium valuations and can be prone to higher volatility.

Fund

## Sector allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Fund	Russell 3000° Growth Index <sup>2</sup>
Information technology	43	43
Consumer discretionary	17	15
Communication services	13	12
Financials	9	6
Health care	8	11
Industrials	8	7
Consumer staples	1	4
Materials	1	1
Real estate	0	1

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

3 Month 14.58	YTD 14.58	1Y 34.12	3Y	5Y	10Y
	14.58	3/112	0.00		
		J4.1Z	2.29	12.41	12.27
14.53	14.53	33.85	2.07	12.18	12.03
14.46	14.46	33.64	1.90	11.97	11.82
7.87	7.87	25.96	-0.09	10.65	11.16
14.27	14.27	32.60	1.28	11.58	11.31
13.27	13.27	31.60	1.28	11.58	11.31
14.59	14.59	34.21	2.34	12.47	12.32
11.23	11.23	37.95	11.54	17.82	15.43
11.66	11.66	32.78	2.95	12.61	11.68
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*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 11-30-2024, 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 1.15%(A), 1.90%(C), 0.96%(Admin), 0.75%(I) and 0.70% (R6). 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. Without this cap, 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 prospectus.

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Performance and volatility measures	
(3 year) <sup>*</sup>	Fund (INST class shares)
Alpha	-8.90%
Beta	1.04
Sharpe Ratio	-0.02
Standard Deviation	22.22%
R-Squared	94%
Information Ratio	-1.61
Top holdings (%)	Percent
Microsoft Corporation	11.64
NVIDIA Corporation	8.47
Amazon.com, Inc.	8.12
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	6.12
Apple Inc., Swap	5.48
Alphabet Inc. Class A	4.22
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	A 2.44
Tradeweb Markets, Inc. Class A	1.73
Copart, Inc.	1.70
MongoDB, Inc. Class A	1.70

Fund characteristics P/E (Excluding negative EP	PS)	Fund 41.71x	Russell 3000® Gro 33.15>		
Р/В		11.33x	11.50>	(	
Median market cap (\$B)		39.36	2.34		
5 Year earnings growth (hi	storic)	20.04%	19.01%		
Portfolio turnover		37.64%	_		
Number of holdings		86	1,504		
Fund information					
Advisor: Allspring Funds M	lanagement, LLC				
Sub-Advisor: Allspring Glo	bal Investments, LLC				
Fund inception date: 12/3	1/1993				
Distribution frequency: A	nnually				
Fiscal year-end: July 31					
Fund assets (\$M): 3,150.2	4				
Morningstar category: La	rge Growth				
Share class information	Class inception date	NAV	YTD high-low NAV	Class assets (\$M)	
Institutional Shares	2/24/2000	\$46.99	\$47.32/\$39.50	\$596.60	
Administrator Shares	8/30/2002	\$39.73	\$40.01/\$33.41	\$221.50	
Class A Shares	2/24/2000	\$29.60	\$29.81/\$24.90	\$1981.22	

\$13.69

\$47.37

\$13.79/\$11.54

\$47.70/\$39.82

\$14.01

\$336.91

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. Consult the fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

12/26/2002

9/30/2015

**Class C Shares** 

**Class R6 Shares** 

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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 3000° Growth Index<sup>2</sup> 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 3000® Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 3000 Index 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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