#### FUND INFORMATION

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Benchmark: Russell 3000® Growth Index

Fund inception: 2 May 2008

Management approach: Actively managed

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation: Article  $8^{t}$ 

<sup>†</sup>Promotes environmental and social characteristics but does not have a sustainable investment objective.

OBJECTIVES AND PROCESS

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation
- Invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity securities of US companies of any size
- Uses bottom-up research to identify high-quality investments in companies with robust and sustainable growth of revenues and earnings
- Looks for companies that are perceived as strong ESG performers or companies with underappreciated ESG characteristics that can drive future growth
- Promotes and influences a company's ESG trajectory through engagement
- Uses a negative screen to exclude securities issued by companies based on their exposure to ESG risks
- May invest:
  - Up to 25% of total assets in equity securities through ADRs, CDRs, EDRs, GDRs and IDRs
  - In derivatives for hedging or efficient portfolio management purposes

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

#### Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
U.S. All Cap Growth Fund - Class I (USD)	-10.79	28.14	33.53	-37.17	7.65	48.66	37.42	0.23	34.53	-0.71	2.81
Russell 3000® Growth Index (USD)	-10.05	32.46	41.21	-28.97	25.85	38.26	35.85	-2.12	29.59	7.39	5.09

Fund performance calculations are net of all applicable fees and are calculated on an NAV-to-NAV basis in US dollars (with income re-invested). Share class inception date: 2 May 2008

### Quarterly review

- The fund underperformed the Russell 3000 Growth Index during the quarter that ended 31 March 2025.
- Security selection within information technology (IT) and health care detracted from returns.
- Holdings within communication services and financials contributed positively to performance.

### Market review

The two-year bull market that was driven primarily by artificial intelligence (AI), the Magnificent 7 (Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, NVIDIA and Tesla) and momentum came to a screeching halt in the latter part of the first quarter. The new US administration took office in late January and implemented swift policy changes that threatened to "move fast and break things". More than 100 executive orders were signed during the quarter, with a focus on reducing the federal deficit and trade imbalance. Along with sharp reductions in government spending, the policy implications on a wide swath of the economy contributed to a sharp rise in uncertainty. Whilst the actual impact of tariffs was unknown and possibly short term in nature, the potential consequences on household and corporate spending patterns were felt during the quarter.

China's DeepSeek launched an open-source AI model that purportedly used significantly less computing power than the US-based models. This called into question the AI narrative of high implementation costs and barriers to entry. Businesses that were viewed as beneficiaries of AI or the election sold off during the quarter as investors fled from risk on to defensive stocks.

The growing uncertainty regarding trade policy and AI trends shifted market sentiment to risk off. Industries targeted by tariffs; AI-related businesses; and various high-momentum securities, such as cryptocurrencies, slumped during the quarter. The S&P 500 Index declined by 4.27% during the quarter, whilst indices with greater AI exposure entered a correction during the quarter. The Russell 1000 Growth Index declined by 9.97%, and the Russell 2000 Growth Index declined by 11.12%.

### FUND RISKS

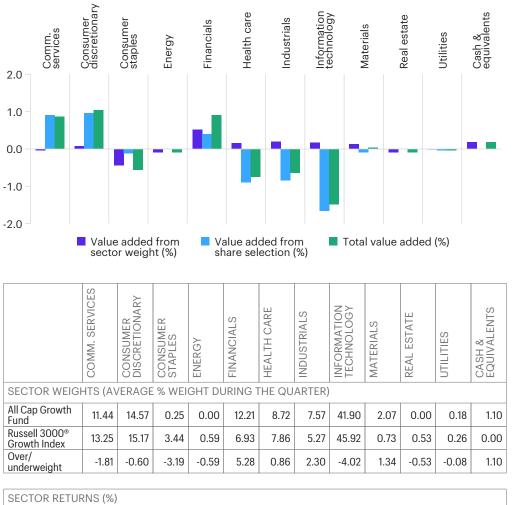
Geographic concentration risk Smaller-company securities risk ESG risk Equity securities risk Leverage risk Global investment risk Sector emphasis risk

Investors should note that, relative to the expectations of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, this fund presents disproportionate communication on the consideration of non-financial criteria in its investment policy.

### Portfolio positioning

QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION AND ANALYSIS

- Security selection within IT detracted from returns for the quarter. Arista Networks, Inc., provides networking equipment and ethernet switches for data centre applications. Although the company exceeded quarterly expectations, Arista issued conservative guidance due to macroeconomic uncertainty. The market's risk-off sentiment for AI-related companies weighed on the share price. We are closely monitoring fundamentals but believe the investment thesis remains intact. Cloudflare, Inc., provides software and services for website infrastructure. We initiated a position in Cloudflare several weeks after the company reported earnings; however, the share price fell during the broad market sell-off later in the quarter. We remain excited by Cloudflare's potential to capture market share and compound returns over time.
- · Holdings within the financials sector positively affected performance. Robinhood Markets, Inc., a financial services company offering low-cost brokerage accounts, saw trading volumes reaccelerate that resulted in the company exceeding financial expectations. We believe Robinhood has the ability to increase assets under management and deliver long-term growth. Tradeweb Markets, Inc., provides electronic trading platforms for a wide range of securities, with a specialty in fixed income instruments. The recent steepening of the yield curve was positive for Tradeweb due to the higher fees earned on longer-duration securities as well as increased trade volumes. Our research suggests Tradeweb can achieve further growth by expanding into new geographies and asset classes.



SECTOR RETURNS (%)												
Fund sector return	-1.80	-9.19	-12.49	0.00	4.84	-6.11	-12.24	-17.88	-5.63	0.00	-0.57	0.95
Index sector return	-9.75	-16.03	3.75	5.93	0.84	2.87	-1.04	-14.18	-0.07	7.85	-10.46	0.00
Relative return	7.95	6.84	-16.24	-5.93	4.00	-8.98	-11.20	-3.70	-5.56	-7.85	9.89	0.95

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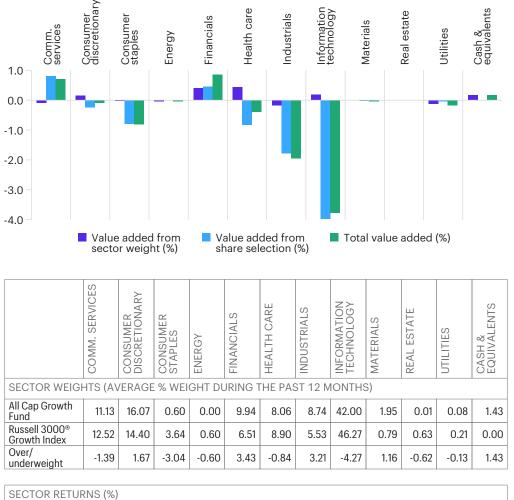
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### Portfolio positioning

#### TRAILING

**12-MONTH ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS** 

- The fund underperformed the benchmark over the trailing 12-month period, in part due to security selection within IT. MongoDB, Inc., a provider of next-generation database software, lowered fiscal-2025 guidance due to reduced consumption and macroeconomic headwinds. With a change in MongoDB's marketing strategy, we closed the position for higher-conviction ideas. The fund's relative underweight to Apple Inc., which is one of the largest companies in the index, relatively detracted from returns. Whilst Apple remains a stalwart in terms of cash generation and earnings within the benchmark, we have continued to maintain an underweight position due to the mature market and modest growth of the company.
- The communication services sector, along with select IT holdings, contributed positively to returns. Spotify Technology SA has established itself as a leader within audio streaming. In 2024, Spotify produced the first full year of profit, with margins improving sharply during the year. The company has a strong global presence and has continued to generate steady growth within its monthly average user base. Within IT, Fair Isaac Corp. is a key data provider for consumer credit scores. The company holds significant market share, robust margins and strong pricing power that allowed the company to exceed expectations during the year. We trimmed the position on valuation discipline vet remain optimistic for Fair Isaac's ability to drive consistent long-term growth.



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SECTOR RETURNS (%)												
Fund sector return	21.08	7.55	-56.55	0.00	20.99	-8.03	-17.45	-2.16	-4.75	-10.08	-17.59	4.66
Index sector return	13.90	7.88	6.72	17.08	17.08	-1.88	2.42	6.82	-2.81	8.22	32.29	0.00
Relative return	7.18	-0.33	-63.27	-17.08	3.91	-6.15	-19.87	-8.98	-1.94	-18.30	-49.88	4.66

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### Portfolio positioning

#### OUTLOOK

- Investors came into 2025 with a degree of clarity into the trajectory of the economy. This outlook shifted significantly during the quarter as the magnitude of policy changes threatened to annihilate profitability, disrupt supply chains and fuel inflation. Whilst recognising the rise in uncertainty, our strategy remained consistent; we rely heavily on company-specific fundamentals to identify robust and mis-priced growth.
- We used the market volatility to upgrade quality and resilience by modestly shifting portfolios towards growth companies with higher visibility. We reduced exposure to businesses dependent on government spending, IT capital expenditure budgets and consumer spending. We increased weight in businesses with resilient growth and free cash flow generation. We rebalanced AI exposure from infrastructure-oriented holdings to companies positioned at the application layer, which could benefit from lower AI development costs and faster adoption.
- Whilst macroeconomic uncertainties persist, we believe companies with durable competitive advantages should be rewarded for their superior revenue and earnings growth. In a possible economic slowdown, our focus on secular growth companies should prove advantageous as growth becomes increasingly scarce and valuable. Our relative overweight to small- and mid-cap stocks combined with an expected broadening of market leadership creates an encouraging backdrop for the portfolios in 2025. Whilst passive indices remain highly concentrated, we are positioning clients to potentially benefit from improved diversification, resilient fundamentals and broadening market leadership.

#### TOP CONTRIBUTORS AND DETRACTORS TO QUARTER-END FUND PERFORMANCE

CONTRIBUTORS	DETRACTORS
Robinhood Markets, Inc. Class A	Deckers Outdoor Corp.
Tradeweb Markets, Inc. Class A	Vaxcyte, Inc.
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	Arista Networks, Inc.
Boston Scientific Corp.	Zebra Technologies Corp. Class A
GE Aerospace	Cloudflare Inc. Class A

The holdings identified do not represent all of the securities purchased or sold during the time period shown and should not be construed as a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. Information on calculation methodology and a list showing the overall contribution of each holding in the fund for the time period shown are available upon request.

#### SHARE CLASS INFORMATION (Share class and currency availability varies by jurisdiction)

	INCEPTION DATE	ТҮРЕ	ISIN		ONGOING CHARGES/ TER (%)*
Class I (USD)	2008-05-02	Accumulating	LU0353189763	0.80	0.93

\*The ongoing charges/total expense ratio (TER) reflects annual total operating expenses for the class, excludes transaction costs and is expressed as a percentage of net asset value. The figure shown is from current KID. The investment manager has committed to reimburse the Sub-Fund when the ongoing charges exceed the agreed upon TER. Ongoing charges may vary over time.

#### TOP HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

SHARES	% OF NET ASSETS
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	6.57
Amazon.com, Inc.	6.21
Microsoft Corporation	6.02
NVIDIA Corporation	5.53
Apple Inc.	4.07
Broadcom Inc.	3.51
Mastercard Incorporated Class A	2.87
Tradeweb Markets, Inc. Class A	2.31
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. Sponsored ADR	2.04
ServiceNow, Inc.	2.01

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS (USD)<sup>1</sup>

	FUND	RUSSELL 3000® GROWTH INDEX
Weighted average market cap	\$833.27bn	\$1273.42bn
Weighted median market cap	\$151.78bn	\$787.26bn
EPS Growth (3- to 5-year forecast)	17.33%	14.87%
Forward P/E ratio	26.25x	25.38x
P/B ratio	9.11x	10.60x
P/S ratio	5.63x	5.54x
Number of equity holdings	63	1,510

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments

#### ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)

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	3		1	3	5	10
	MONTH	YTD	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
U.S. All Cap Growth Fund - Class I (USD)	-10.79	-10.79	0.43	3.69	12.97	10.72
Russell 3000® Growth Index	-10.05	-10.05	7.12	9.61	19.55	14.54

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#### **RANKINGS AND RATINGS**

Morningstar total return rankings—Institutional Class (as of 31 Mar 2025)

MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY	US FLEX-CAP EQUITY
1 year	119 out of 202
3 year	59 out of 157
5 year	59 out of 139
10 year	5 out of 88

#### Overall Morningstar Rating <sup>™</sup> ★★★★

The Overall Morningstar Rating, a weighted average of the 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) ratings, is out of 157 funds in the US flex-cap equity category, based on risk-adjusted returns as of 31 Mar 2025. Ratings and awards are not an indication, promise, or guarantee of future performance. Ratings and awards should not be relied upon when making an investment decision.

#### FUND FACTS—CLASS I (USD)

Fund inception date	2 May 2008
Net expense ratio—Inst (USD)	0.93%
Assets—all share classes	\$198.92m

#### PERFORMANCE AND VOLATILITY MEASURES

	FUND
Alpha	-5.71
Beta	1.03
Sharpe ratio	-0.03
Standard deviation	21.14%
R-squared	0.96
Information ratio	-1.44
Upside capture	91.08%
Downside capture	109.24%
Tracking error	4.12%

Sources: FactSet and Allspring Global Investments

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#### **ESG METRICS**

The data provided is for transparency and informational purposes only. The ESG metrics are not indicative of how or whether ESG factors will be utilised by the fund. The information is based on third party ratings and, unless otherwise stated within a fund's investment objective, do not change a fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe. For more information regarding a fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus. Refer to allspringglobal.com for further sustainability disclosures.

#### MSCI ESG SCORE

	FUND		BENCHMARK			
	VALUE	COVERAGE	VALUE	COVERAGE		
MSCI Overall Score	6.1	98%	6.3	100%		

Data is sourced from MSCI ESG Research where companies are rated on a scale of 0 - 10 (0 - worst, 10 - best). Weighted average scores exclude effects of unrated securities.

#### PRODUCT/ACTIVITY INVOLVEMENT (%)

	FUND	BENCHMARK	
Controversial Weapons	0.00	0.31	
Oil Sands	0.00	0.00	
Small Arms	0.00	0.00	
Thermal Coal	0.00	0.01	
Торассо	0.00	0.05	
UNGC violators	0.00	0.12	

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#### SUSTAINALYTICS ESG RISK SCORE

	VALUE	COVERAGE
Fund	21	99%
Benchmark	20	100%

ESG Risk Ratings measure exposure to and management of ESG risks. Lower risk scores reflect less ESG risk. Sustainalytics ESG Risk Scores measure ESG risks on a scale of 0 - 100 (0 - no ESG Risk, >40 - Severe ESG Risk).

#### CARBON CHARACTERISTICS

	FUND		BENCHMARK		
	VALUE	COVERAGE	VALUE	COVERAGE	% ABOVE/ BELOW BENCHMARK
Carbon to value invested (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM invested)*	6	98%	8	100%	-25%
Weighted average carbon intensity (metric tons CO2e/\$1MM revenues)*	33	98%	34	100%	-3%

 $^{*}\mbox{Carbon emissions}$  includes scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions. Data sourced from MSCI ESG Research.

#### **BENCHMARK DESCRIPTIONS:**

The Russell 3000 Growth Index is the benchmark for the fund and measures the performance of those Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Index companies with higher price/book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The shares in this index are also members of either the Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index or the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index. Russell 3000 Growth Index returns are provided to represent the investment environment that existed during the time periods shown. The returns for the index do not include any transaction costs, management fees or other costs. You cannot invest directly in the index. The Fund uses the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index for performance comparison. The investments of the sub-fund may deviate significantly from the components of and their respective weightings in the benchmark.

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.

The Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) Core Deflator is a United States-wide indicator of the average increase in prices for all domestic personal consumption. It is benchmarked to a base of 2012 = 100. Using a variety of data including U.S. Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index prices, it is derived from the largest component of the gross domestic product. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food, and medical care. It is calculated by taking price changes for each item in the predetermined basket of goods and averaging them. Changes in the CPI are used to assess price changes associated with the cost of living. The CPI is one of the most frequently used statistics for identifying periods of inflation or deflation. You cannot invest directly in an index.

The Morningstar Rating for funds, or star rating, is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar risk-adjusted return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% 3-year rating for 36–59 months of total returns, 60% 5-year rating/40% 3-year rating for 60–119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% 5-year rating/20% 3-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent 3-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods.

The U.S. All Cap Growth Fund received 3 stars among 157 funds, 3 stars among 139 funds, and 4 stars among 88 funds for the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods, respectively. The Morningstar Rating is for the Institutional Class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

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#### ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS:

**Performance attribution and sector and country returns** are calculated using the Brinson-Fachler attribution model. As a result, performance attribution calculations may differ from the fund's actual investment results. Common sources of attribution dispersion from official returns include: the use of end of day holdings and prices, the exclusion of fees, and the use of myriad pricing sources to accommodate different benchmark providers.

#### KEY RISKS

Geographic concentration risk: investments concentrated in specific geographic regions and markets may be subject to greater volatility due to economic downturns and other factors affecting the specific geographic regions. Smaller-company securities risk: securities of companies with smaller market capitalisations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than securities of larger companies. ESG risk: applying an ESG screen for security selection may result in lost opportunity in a security or industry resulting in possible underperformance relative to peers. ESG screens are dependent on third-party data and errors in the data may result in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security. Equity securities risk: These securities fluctuate in value and price in response to factors impacting the issuer of the security as well as general market, economic and political conditions. Leverage risk: the use of certain types of financial derivative instruments may create leverage which may increase share price volatility. Global investment risk: securities of certain jurisdictions may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value and may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which an investment may be made. Sector emphasis risk: investing a substantial portion of assets in related industries or sectors may have greater risks because companies in these sectors may share common characteristics and may react similarly to market developments.

#### **DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

Alpha measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance given its level of risk (as measured by beta).

**Beta** measures fund volatility relative to general market movements. It is a standardised measure of systematic risk in comparison with a specified index. The benchmark beta is 1.00 by definition.

**Downside capture** measures a fund's replication of its benchmark during periods of negative returns. During periods of negative benchmark returns, a downside capture ratio less than 100% reflects product performance greater than the benchmark and a downside capture ratio greater than 100% reflects performance less than the benchmark.

**Information ratio** measures the consistency of excess return (return in excess of a benchmark). This value is determined by taking the annualised excess return over a benchmark (style benchmark by default) and dividing it by the standard deviation of excess return.

**R-squared** is a measurement of how similar a fund's historical performance has been to that of the benchmark. The measure ranges from 0.0, which means that the fund's performance bears no relationship to the performance of the index, to 1.0, which means that the fund's performance was perfectly synchronised with the performance of the benchmark.

**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** represents the degree to which an investment's performance has varied from its average performance over a particular time period.

**Tracking error** measures the extent to which a manager's performance mimics that of a benchmark. The value is the standard deviation of the difference between a fund's performance and a benchmark's performance.

**Upside capture** measures a fund's replication of its benchmark during periods of positive returns. During periods of positive benchmark returns, an upside capture ratio greater than 100% reflects product performance greater than the benchmark and an upside capture ratio less than 100% reflects performance less than the benchmark.

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