

# Allspring Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund

Class/Ticker: Class R6 - WSSRX Link to Prospectus Link to SAI

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 November 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 current income exempt from federal income tax consistent with capital preservation.

## 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.

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

| Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering |      |
|---|------|
| price)  | None |
| Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of offering price)      | None |

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

| Management Fees   | 0.34%   |
|---|---------|
| Distribution (12b-1) Fees   | 0.00%   |
| Other Expenses  | 0.05%   |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses                                | 0.39%   |
| Fee Waivers   | (0.04)% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers <sup>1</sup> | 0.35%   |

<sup>1.</sup> The Manager has contractually committed through October 31, 2025, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver at 0.35% for Class 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.

# **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:

| After:   |       |
|----------|-------|
| 1 Year   | \$36  |
| 3 Years  | \$121 |
| 5 Years  | \$215 |
| 10 Years | \$489 |

#### 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 24% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal Investment Strategies**

Under normal circumstances, we invest:

- at least 80% of the Fund's net assets in municipal securities whose interest is exempt from federal income tax, but not necessarily federal alternative minimum tax (AMT);
- up to 20% of the Fund's total assets in securities whose interest is subject to federal AMT;
- up to 15% of the Fund's total assets in below investment-grade municipal securities; and
- up to 10% of the Fund's total assets in inverse floaters.

We invest principally in short-term municipal securities of states, territories and possessions of the United States whose interest is exempt from federal income tax, but not necessarily federal AMT. Some of the securities may be below investment grade or may be unrated and deemed by us to be of comparable quality. We may also invest a portion of the Fund's assets in securities whose interest is subject to federal AMT. We may use futures for duration and yield curve management. While we may purchase securities of any maturity, under normal circumstances, we expect the Fund's dollar-weighted average effective maturity to be 3 years or less.

We may invest up to 10% of the Fund's total assets in inverse floaters to seek enhanced returns. Inverse floaters are derivative debt instruments created by depositing a municipal security in a trust. Inverse floaters pay interest at rates that generally vary inversely with specified short-term interest rates and involve leverage. We intend to limit leverage created by the Fund's investment in inverse floaters to an amount equal to 10% of the Fund's total assets.

We use a combination of top-down and bottom-up research to cover the four main elements of total return: duration management, yield curve positioning, sector and credit quality allocation, and security selection. Our top-down analysis involves an evaluation of macroeconomic factors that may include, among others, the pace of economic growth, employment conditions, inflation, and monetary and fiscal policy. Our bottom-up analysis, which involves intensive research into the credit fundamentals of individual issuers and the relative value of individual issues, is used to uncover solid investment opportunities. Securities are selected based on several factors, including, among others, improving financial trends, positive industry and sector dynamics, improving economic conditions, and specific demographic trends. Securities may be sold based on relative value considerations and could be replaced with a security that presents a better value or risk/reward profile. A security may also be sold due to changes in credit characteristics or outlook, as well as changes in portfolio strategy or cash flow needs.

# **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.

**Debt Securities Risk.** Debt securities are subject to credit risk and interest rate risk. Credit risk is the possibility that the issuer or guarantor of a debt security may be unable, or perceived to be unable or unwilling, to pay interest or repay principal when they become due. In these instances, the value of an investment could decline and the Fund could lose money. Credit risk increases as an issuer's credit quality or financial strength declines. Interest rate risk is the possibility that interest rates will change over time. When interest rates rise, the value of debt securities tends to fall. The longer the terms of the debt securities held by a Fund, the more the Fund is subject to this risk. If interest rates decline, interest that the Fund is able to earn on its investments in debt securities may also decline, which could cause the Fund to reduce the dividends it pays to shareholders, but the value of those securities may increase. Very low or negative interest rates may magnify interest rate risk.

**Municipal Securities Risk.** Municipal securities may be fully or partially backed or enhanced by the taxing authority of a local government, by the current or anticipated revenues from a specific project or specific assets, or by the credit of, or liquidity enhancement provided by, a private issuer. Various types of municipal securities are often related in such a way that political, economic or business developments affecting one obligation could affect other municipal securities held by a Fund.

**Derivatives Risk.** The use of derivatives, such as futures, options and swap agreements, can lead to losses, including those magnified by leverage, particularly when derivatives are used to enhance return rather than mitigate risk. Certain derivative instruments may be difficult to sell when the portfolio manager believes it would be appropriate to do so, or the other party to a derivative contract may be unwilling or unable to fulfill its contractual obligations.

**Futures Contracts Risk.** A Fund that uses futures contracts, which are a type of derivative, is subject to the risk of loss caused by unanticipated market movements. In addition, there may at times be an imperfect correlation between the movement in the prices of futures contracts and the value of their underlying instruments or indexes, and there may at times not be a liquid secondary market for certain futures contracts.

**High Yield Securities Risk**. High yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as "junk bonds") are considered speculative and have a much greater risk of default or of not returning principal and their values tend to be more volatile than higher-rated securities with similar maturities.

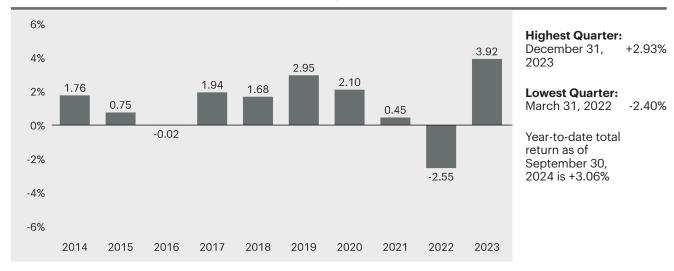
**Inverse Floater Risk.** The holder of an inverse floater, which is a type of derivative, could lose more than its principal investment. An inverse floater produces less income and may decline in value when market rates and the rate payable on the floater rises. An inverse floater typically involves leverage, which may magnify a Fund's losses, and exhibits greater price and income volatility than an unleveraged bond with a similar maturity.

**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 R6 as of 12/31 each year<sup>1</sup>



#### Average Annual Total Returns for the periods ended 12/31/20231

|   | Inception<br>Date of<br>Share<br>Class | 1 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year |
|---|--|--------|--------|---------|
| Class R6  | 7/31/2018                              | 3.92%  | 1.35%  | 1.28%   |
| Bloomberg 1-3 Year Composite Municipal Bond<br>Index (Strategy Benchmark) (reflects no deduction<br>for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 3.43%  | 1.37%  | 1.18%   |
| Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index (Regulatory<br>Benchmark) (reflects no deduction for fees,<br>expenses, or taxes)                  |  | 6.40%  | 2.25%  | 3.03%   |

<sup>1.</sup> Historical performance shown for the Class R6 shares prior to their inception reflects the performance of the Institutional Class shares, and includes the higher expenses applicable to the Institutional Class shares. If these expenses had not been included, returns for the Class R6 shares would be higher.

## **Fund Management**

| Manager                            | Sub-Adviser                       | Portfolio Manager, Title/Managed<br>Since   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Allspring Funds Management,<br>LLC | Allspring Global Investments, LLC | <b>Bruce R. Johns</b> , Portfolio Manager / 2019<br><b>Nicholos Venditti, CFA</b> , Portfolio<br>Manager / 2020 |

#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Class R6 shares generally are available only to certain retirement plans, including: 401(k) plans, 457 plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans, defined benefit plans, target benefit plans, and non-qualified deferred compensation plans. Class R6 shares also are generally available only to retirement plans where plan level or omnibus accounts are held on the books of the Fund. Class R6 shares also are available to funds of funds including those managed by Allspring Funds Management. Class R6 shares generally are not available to retail accounts but may be offered through intermediaries for the accounts of their customers to certain institutional and fee-based investors, and in each case, only if a dealer agreement is in place with Allspring Funds Distributor, LLC to offer Class R6 shares.

## **Institutions Purchasing Fund Shares**

#### **Minimum Initial Investment**

Class R6: Eligible investors are not subject to a minimum initial investment (intermediaries may require different minimum investment amounts)

#### **Minimum Additional Investment**

Class R6: None (intermediaries may require different minimum additional investment amounts)

#### Tax Information

The Fund's distributions normally consist of exempt-interest dividends, which are generally not taxable to you for federal income tax purposes, but may be subject to federal AMT. A portion of the Fund's distributions may not qualify as exempt-interest dividends; such distributions will generally be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account. 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 situation.

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