

ALLSPRING LAUNCHES ACTIVE EQUITY, MUNI ETFs

ALRG, ASCE, and AUSM join growing suite of ETFs, all based on proven strategies

Charlotte, NC, July 8, 2025—Allspring Global Investments[™], a global asset management firm with \$600 billion* in assets under advisement, today launched a trio of exchange-traded funds (ETFs), providing access to distinctive equity and tax-exempt investment strategies with track records ranging from 10 to nearly 25 years. The Allspring LT Large Core ETF (ALRG), Allspring SMID Core ETF (ASCE), and Allspring Ultra Short Municipal ETF (AUSM) began trading today on the NYSE Arca.

"Investors want differentiated strategies for their active management allocation, and these funds meet that expectation," Allspring CEO Kate Burke said. "The LT Large Core and SMID Core equity ETFs both use proprietary investment strategies that have held up across multiple market cycles, in part because they have evolved over time to reflect changing market dynamics. The Ultra Short Municipal ETF is designed with the goal of providing a higher all-in yield compared with taxable alternatives at a time when investors are concerned about falling short-term rates."

Managed by Neville Javeri, head of the nine-member Empiric LT Equity team, ALRG is based on a disciplined fundamental investment process anchored by a valuation framework that seeks to exploit price inefficiencies of high-quality companies.

Managed by John Campbell and supported by a team of nine investment professionals, ASCE uses a model with over 150 factors to evaluate companies across three primary categories—valuation, quality, and momentum—to generate a shortlist of companies for further qualitative analysis.

The Allspring Ultra Short Municipal ETF is led by Nick Venditti, head of Municipal Fixed Income, and a team of 10 portfolio managers who seek to exploit market inefficiencies while employing prudent risk management in the tax-exempt muni sector.

The expense ratios for ALRG, ASCE, and AUSM are 0.28%, 0.38%, and 0.18%, respectively.

"All three of these strategies were selected based on a deep assessment of client needs, Allspring's capabilities, and the broader market opportunity. I'm particularly excited we can bring one to market that can serve as an attractive cash alternative," said Rick Genoni, global head of Product Development and Innovation and leader of Allspring's ETF initiative. "'AUSM' only begins to describe a product that can deliver after-tax yields that may compare favorably with many alternative short-term fixed income options."

This is Allspring's third group of actively managed ETFs launched since late 2024: Allspring Broad Market Core Bond ETF (AFIX), Allspring Core Plus ETF (APLU), Allspring Income Plus ETF (AINP), Allspring Special Large Value ETF (ASLV), and Allspring LT Large Growth ETF (AGRW).

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*As of March 31, 2025. Figures include discretionary and non-discretionary assets.

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