## **Product Alert**



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# Portfolio manager changes to the Wells Fargo High Yield Bond Fund

Allspring Global Investments announced today a change in the portfolio management team for the High Yield Bond Fund from Margaret Patel and Robert Junkin, to Chris Lee, CFA, and Michael Schueller, CFA. As part of the transition, there will be three changes to the fund's strategy, described below. All changes will be effective on December 13, 2021.

Allspring is aligning the management of the High Yield Bond Fund under the Multi Sector Fixed Income Plus & High Yield team led by Janet Rilling, CFA. This team is supported by 12 high yield credit analysts, in addition to the broader global fixed income credit team. The changes to the fund's strategy will better align the fund's investment process with the Multi-Sector Fixed Income Plus & High Yield team's existing investment process.

Wells Fargo Fund	Portfolio managers as of 11/1/2021	Portfolio managers as of 12/13/2021	Years of experience	Manager since
High Yield Bond Fund	Margaret Patel Robert Junkin	Chris Lee, CFA Michael Schueller, CFA	48 33 20 22	2012 2019 2021 2021

### What strategy changes will be made to the High Yield Bond Fund?

There will be three modifications to the High Yield Bond Fund's principal investment strategy:

- The fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in foreign currency-denominated fixed income securities issued by foreign or domestic issuers.
- The fund's average effective duration is expected to generally be within one year of the duration of the fund's benchmark, the ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Constrained Index.
- The fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in leveraged loans.

#### Are Margaret Patel and Robert Junkin remaining with Allspring?

Margaret Patel and Robert Junkin will continue to manage the Diversified Capital Builder Fund and we do not anticipate any changes to the investment strategy or investment personnel for this fund. They will continue to report to the Head of Active Equity, Ann Miletti.

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