

# Allspring Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund

Class/Ticker: Institutional Class - EQIIX

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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 March 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 to achieve long-term capital appreciation and current income.

### **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	1.05%
Distribution (12b-1) Fees	0.00%
Other Expenses	0.30%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.35%
Fee Waivers	(0.13)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers <sup>1</sup>	1.22%

<sup>1.</sup> The Manager has contractually committed through February 28, 2025, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver at 1.22% for Institutional Class. 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	\$124
3 Years	\$415
5 Years	\$727
10 Years	\$1,613

#### 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 68% 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 equity securities of companies in emerging market countries; and
- across any market capitalization.

We consider emerging market countries to be, among others, countries included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. We look for companies with sustainable dividend yields backed by strong company financials and fundamentals, including above-average sales and earnings growth, overall financial strength, competitive advantages, and capable management. We may sell a holding when it no longer has some or all of these traits. Our investment strategy includes both a top-down strategy, which takes account of overall economic and market trends in each country, and a bottom-up strategy, in which we use fundamental research for security selection. In order to take advantage of the wide range of possible opportunities in a variety of markets at different stages of economic development, we construct the portfolio with the potential for a portfolio dividend yield above the index average while maintaining a controlled level of risk.

We see Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") considerations as a component of fundamental analysis and in particular climate change as a serious and complex risk. The accounting of sustainability issues is integrated into the team's investment process: research, stock selection, portfolio construction, and engagement with companies on ESG issues.

We reserve the right to hedge the portfolio's foreign currency exposure by purchasing or selling currency futures and foreign currency forward contracts. However, under normal circumstances, we will not engage in extensive foreign currency hedging.

# **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.

**Equity Securities Risk.** The values of equity securities may experience periods of substantial price volatility and may decline significantly over short time periods. In general, the values of equity securities are more volatile than those of debt securities. Equity securities fluctuate in value and price in response to factors specific to the issuer of the security, such as management performance, financial condition, and market demand for the issuer's products or services, as well as factors unrelated to the fundamental condition of the issuer, including general market, economic and political conditions. Different parts of a market, industry and sector may react differently to adverse issuer, market, regulatory, political, and economic developments.

**Foreign Investment Risk.** Foreign investments may be subject to lower liquidity, greater price volatility and risks related to adverse political, regulatory, market or economic developments. Foreign investments may involve exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and may be subject to higher withholding and other taxes.

**Emerging Markets Risk.** Emerging market securities typically present even greater exposure to the risks described under "Foreign Investment Risk" and may be particularly sensitive to global economic conditions. Emerging market securities are also typically less liquid than securities of developed countries and could be difficult to sell, particularly during a market downturn.

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.

**Foreign Currency Contracts Risk**. A Fund that enters into forwards or other foreign currency contracts, which are a type of derivative, is subject to the risk that the portfolio manager may be incorrect in his or her judgment of future exchange rate changes.

**Growth/Value Investing Risk.** Securities that exhibit growth or value characteristics tend to perform differently and shift into and out of favor with investors depending on changes in market and economic sentiment and conditions.

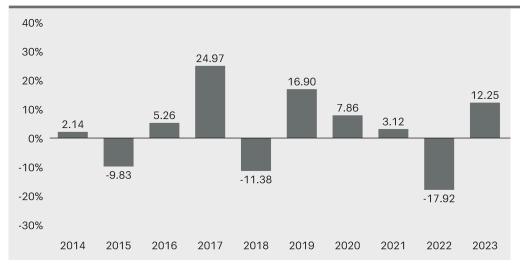
**Management Risk.** Investment decisions, techniques, analyses or models implemented by a Fund's manager or sub-adviser in seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective may not produce expected returns, may cause the Fund's shares to lose value or may cause the Fund to underperform other funds with similar investment objectives.

**Smaller Company Securities Risk.** Securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations tend to be more volatile and less liquid than those of larger companies.

#### **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. Past performance before and after taxes is no guarantee of future results. Current month-end performance is available on the Fund's website at www.allspringglobal.com.

#### Calendar Year Total Returns for Institutional Class as of 12/31 each year



# Highest Quarter: December 31, +21.65% 2020

# **Lowest Quarter:** March 31, 2020 -26.89%

#### Average Annual Total Returns for the periods ended 12/31/2023

	Inception Date of Share			
	Class	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Institutional Class (before taxes)	5/31/2012	12.25%	3.68%	2.55%
Institutional Class (after taxes on distributions)	5/31/2012	11.04%	3.18%	2.09%
Institutional Class (after taxes on distributions and the sale of Fund Shares)	5/31/2012	7.21%	2.96%	2.10%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (Net) (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)		15.62%	7.08%	3.83%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net) (USD) (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)		9.83%	3.68%	2.66%
MSCI Emerging Markets High Dividend Yield Index (Net) (USD) (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)		18.67%	3.00%	1.53%

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state, local or foreign taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to tax-exempt investors or investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) Plans or Individual Retirement Accounts.

## **Fund Management**

Manager	Sub-Adviser	Portfolio Managers, Title/Managed Since
Allspring Funds Management, LLC	Allspring Global Investments, LLC	Alison Shimada, Portfolio Manager / 2012 Elaine Tse, Portfolio Manager / 2018

#### Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Institutional shares are generally available through intermediaries for the accounts of their customers and directly to institutional investors and individuals. Institutional investors may include corporations; private banks and trust companies; endowments and foundations; defined contribution, defined benefit and other employer sponsored retirement plans; institutional retirement plan platforms; insurance companies; registered investment advisor firms; bank trusts; 529 college savings plans; family offices; and funds of funds, including those managed by Allspring Funds Management. In general, you can buy or sell shares of the Fund online or by mail, phone or wire, on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for regular trading. You also may buy and sell shares through a financial professional.

Minimum Investments	To Buy or Sell Shares
Minimum Initial Investment	Mail: Allspring Funds
Institutional Class: \$1 million (this amount may be	P.O. Box 219967
reduced or eliminated for certain eligible investors)	Kansas City, MO 64121-9967
	Online: www.allspringglobal.com
Minimum Additional Investment	Phone or Wire: 1-800-222-8222
Institutional Class: None	Contact your financial professional.

#### **Tax Information**

Any distributions you receive from the Fund may be taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, except when your investment is in an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged investment plan. 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 tax situation.

# Payments to Intermediaries

If you purchase a Fund through an intermediary, the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the intermediary and your financial professional to recommend the Fund over another investment. Consult your financial professional or visit your intermediary's website for more information.

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