

# Discovery SMID Cap Growth Fund

Inst: WFDSX | Admin: WFDDX | A: WFDAX | C: WDSCX | R6: WFDRX

## Asset class: U.S. Equity

### THE FUND

The Allspring Discovery SMID Cap Growth Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by "surrounding the company" and principally investing in small- and mid-capitalization growth companies that consist of core holdings, developing situations, and valuation opportunities.

### FUND STRATEGY

- Identifies companies on the "right side of change" using a non-formulaic approach to idea generation.
- Develops bottom-up fundamental "Edge" through all-cap "Surround the Company" research.
- Assesses each holding for Attractive Risk and Return to avoid excessive valuations.
- Maintains valuation targets as part of a strong sell discipline and risk management process.
- Constructs portfolios to balance risk across Core Holdings, Developing Situations, and Valuation Opportunities.

### FUND MANAGERS

Name	Yrs experience
Michael Smith, CFA	27
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Expense ratios (%)	Gross		Net
Institutional Shares	0.91	0.89	
Administrator Shares	1.16	1.14	
Class A Shares	1.23	1.21	
Class C Shares	1.98	1.96	
Class R6 Shares	0.81	0.79	

## Competitive advantages

- "Right Side of Change": The Discovery SMID Cap Growth Fund offers the power of long-term compounding through investing in businesses on the right side of change. The team believes that innovative companies with superior fundamentals are frequently mispriced in equity markets. As a result, the long-term growth prospects of such companies are commonly misperceived. Through intensive fundamental research, this mispricing is the key inefficiency that the team seeks to exploit through its investment process.
- Portfolio Construction: The investment team adheres to a portfolio construction process that strives to provide a consistent performance profile in diverse market environments. This is achieved by allocations to three categories of companies: "Core Growth" holdings, "Developing Situations", and "Valuation Opportunities". This approach allows for diversification of secular and idiosyncratic growth holdings based on underlying company fundamentals.

## Sector allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Fund	Russell 2500™ Growth Index <sup>2</sup>
Industrials	30	20
Information technology	24	22
Health care	19	20
Consumer discretionary	11	13
Financials	6	8
Communication services	4	2
Consumer staples	3	4
Materials	2	4
Real estate	2	1

Sector allocation is subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. Percent total may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## Annual Returns

Total returns (%)	3 Month	YTD	Annualized			
			1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Institutional Shares	10.55	10.55	19.84	-5.70	7.78	8.93
Administrator Shares	10.50	10.50	19.58	-5.90	7.53	8.67
Class A Shares	10.50	10.50	19.48	-5.98	7.45	8.57
<i>Including sales charge</i>	4.16	4.16	12.63	-7.82	6.18	7.93
Class C Shares	10.24	10.24	18.53	-6.70	6.64	7.93
<i>Including sales charge</i>	9.24	9.24	17.53	-6.70	6.64	7.93
Class R6 Shares <sup>3</sup>	10.58	10.58	19.94	-5.60	7.89	9.03
Russell 2500™ Growth Index <sup>2</sup>	8.51	8.51	21.12	-0.81	9.39	9.56
Lipper Mid-Cap Growth Funds <sup>4</sup>	9.51	9.51	22.94	1.21	10.38	10.07

*Figures quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder may pay on an investment in a fund. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted and assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current month-end performance is available at the funds' website, allspringglobal.com. Administrator, Institutional and R6 Class shares are sold without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge. For Class A, the maximum front-end sales charge is 5.75%. For Class C, the maximum contingent deferred sales charge is 1.00%. Performance shown without sales charges would be lower if sales charges were reflected. Performance including sales charge assumes the sales charge for the corresponding time period.*

*The manager has contractually committed through 1-31-2025, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap the fund's total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 1.21%(A), 1.96%(C), 1.14%(Admin), 0.89%(I) and 0.79% (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. Without this cap, the fund's returns would have been lower. The expense ratio paid by an investor is the net expense ratio (the total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers) as stated in the prospectus.*



# Discovery SMID Cap Growth Fund

Performance and volatility measures (3 year) <sup>*</sup>	Fund (INST class shares)
Alpha	-4.29%
Beta	1.12
Sharpe Ratio	-0.33
Standard Deviation	25.09%
R-Squared	91%
Information Ratio	-0.61

Top holdings (%)	Percent
Vertiv Holdings Co. Class A	2.81
Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Class A	2.64
Axon Enterprise Inc	2.36
SiteOne Landscape Supply, Inc.	2.17
Natera, Inc.	2.08
Celsius Holdings, Inc.	2.06
CCC Intelligent Solutions Holdings Inc	2.03
Morningstar, Inc.	2.03
Tetra Tech, Inc.	1.94
Shockwave Medical Inc	1.92

Portfolio holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security.

Investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of individual companies and general market and economic conditions. Smaller company stocks tend to be more volatile and less liquid than those of larger companies. Consult the fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

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<sup>\*</sup>**Alpha** measures the excess return of an investment vehicle, such as a mutual fund, relative to the return of its benchmark, given its level of risk (as measured by beta). **Beta** measures fund volatility relative to general market movements. It is a standardized measure of systematic risk in comparison to a specified index. The benchmark beta is 1.00 by definition. **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** of return measures the average deviations of a return series from its mean and is often used as a measure of risk. **R-squared** is a measurement of how similar a fund's historical performance has been to that of the benchmark. The measure ranges from 0.00, which means that the fund's performance bears no relationship to the performance of the index, to 1.00, which means that the fund's performance was perfectly synchronized with the performance of the benchmark. **Information ratio** measures how much the fund outperformed the benchmark per unit of additional risk taken. This value is determined by taking the annualized excess return over a benchmark and dividing it by the standard deviation of excess return. <sup>\*</sup> Calculated based on a three-year period. Relative measures are compared with the Russell 2500<sup>TM</sup> Growth Index<sup>2</sup> Index. **1.** Sector allocation is a breakdown of the Fund's investments based on the S&P Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), a breakdown of market sectors used by Standard & Poor's. **2.** The Russell 2500<sup>TM</sup> Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2500<sup>TM</sup> companies with higher price/book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. You cannot invest directly in an index. **3.** Performance for the fund or the class shown reflects a predecessor fund's or class' performance and may be adjusted to reflect the fund's or class' expenses as applicable. **4.** The Lipper averages are compiled by Lipper, Inc., an independent mutual fund research and rating service. Each Lipper average represents a universe of funds that are similar in investment objective. You cannot invest directly in a Lipper average.

Class A and Class C require a minimum initial investment of \$1000 and minimum subsequent purchase of \$100 for regular accounts.

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Fund characteristics	Fund	Russell 2500 <sup>TM</sup> Growth Index <sup>2</sup>
P/E (Excluding negative EPS)	43.26x	24.20x
P/B	5.73x	5.57x
Median market cap (\$B)	10.75	1.68
5 Year earnings growth (historic)	20.55%	18.49%
Portfolio turnover	53.18%	—
Number of holdings	71	1,256

## Fund information

**Advisor:** Allspring Funds Management, LLC

**Sub-Advisor:** Allspring Global Investments, LLC

**Fund inception date:** 12/31/1987

**Distribution frequency:** Annually

**Fiscal year-end:** September 30

**Fund assets (\$M):** 1,218.03

**Morningstar category:** Mid-Cap Growth

Share class information	Class inception date	NAV	YTD high-low NAV	Class assets (\$M)
Institutional Shares	8/31/2006	\$31.23	\$31.23/\$27.02	\$451.90
Administrator Shares	4/8/2005	\$28.21	\$28.21/\$24.41	\$55.92
Class A Shares	7/31/2007	\$26.31	\$26.31/\$22.77	\$429.91
Class C Shares	7/31/2007	\$18.74	\$18.74/\$16.25	\$3.03
Class R6 Shares	6/28/2013	\$31.76	\$31.76/\$27.47	\$277.27