



Allspring Closed-End Funds Declare Monthly Distributions

Charlotte, NC– December 17, 2021 – The Allspring Income Opportunities Fund (NYSE American: EAD), the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund (NYSE American: ERC), and the Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund (NYSE American: ERH) have each announced a distribution.

Ticker	Fund name	Distribution per share	Frequency	Change from prior distribution
EAD	Allspring Income Opportunities Fund	\$0.06087	Monthly	+\$0.00025
ERC	Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund	\$0.09637	Monthly	-\$0.00004
ERH	Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund	\$0.07440	Monthly	+\$0.00006

The following dates apply to today's distribution declaration for each fund:

Declaration date	December 17, 2021
Ex-dividend date	January 13, 2022
Record date	January 14, 2022
Payable date	February 1, 2022

These funds make distributions in accordance with a managed distribution plan that provides for the declaration of monthly distributions to common shareholders of the fund at an annual minimum fixed rate of 8% for the Allspring Income Opportunities Fund, 9% for the Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund, and 7% for the Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund, based on the fund's average monthly net asset value (NAV) per share over the prior 12 months. Under the managed distribution plan, distributions are sourced from income and also may be sourced from paid-in capital and/or capital gains. The fund's distributions in any period may be more or less than the net return earned by the fund on its investments and therefore should not be used as a measure of performance or confused with yield or income. Distributions in excess of fund returns will cause the fund's NAV to decline. Investors should not draw any conclusions about the fund's investment performance from the amount of its distribution or from the terms of its managed distribution plan.

The Allspring Income Opportunities Fund is a closed-end high-yield bond fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income. The fund may, as a secondary objective, seek capital appreciation to the extent it is consistent with its investment objective.

The Allspring Multi-Sector Income Fund is a closed-end income fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income consistent with limiting its overall exposure to domestic interest rate risk.

The Allspring Utilities and High Income Fund is a closed-end equity and high-yield bond fund. The fund's investment objective is to seek a high level of current income and moderate capital growth with an emphasis on providing tax-advantaged dividend income.

The final determination of the source of all distributions is subject to change and is made after year-end. Each fund will send shareholders a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell shareholders how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes.

For more information on Allspring's closed-end funds, please visit www.allspringglobal.com.

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1. As of September 30, 2021. AUM includes \$93 billion from Galliard Capital Management, an investment advisor that is not part of the Allspring trade name/GIPS firm.

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The use of leverage results in certain risks, including, among others, the likelihood of greater volatility of the net asset value and the market price of common shares. Derivatives involve additional risks, including interest rate risk, credit risk, the risk of improper valuation, and the risk of noncorrelation to the relevant instruments they are designed to hedge or closely track. There are numerous risks associated with transactions in options on securities.

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