

# **BlackRock**

December 2024

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Assets information as at: 31-Dec-2024. All other data as at 09-Jan-2025.

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### **FUND OVERVIEW**

- The Fund aims to achieve positive absolute returns through a combination of capital growth and income on your investment regardless of market conditions.
- The Fund seeks to gain at least 70% of any market exposure to equity securities (e.g. shares) of companies domiciled in, or the main business of which is in, Europe. This is achieved by investing at least 70% of its assets in equity securities, other equity-related securities and when determined appropriate fixed income (FI) securities (such as bonds), money market instruments (MMIs) (i.e. debt securities with short-term maturities) deposits and cash.
- The equity-related securities include financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets) which may generate varying amounts of market leverage (i.e. where the Fund gains market exposure in excess of the value of its assets), including to achieve synthetic short positions where the Fund uses an FDI to benefit from the sale of an asset it does not physically own with the aim of buying it later at a lower price to secure a profit.

### **RISK INDICATOR**

Lower Risk

Potentially Lower Rewards

Potentially Higher Rewards

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**CAPITAL AT RISK:** The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### **KEY RISKS:**

- The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market
  movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company
  earnings and significant corporate events.
- Due to its investment strategy an 'Absolute Return' fund may not move in line with market trends or fully benefit from a positive market environment.
- Derivatives may be highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund. The impact to the Fund can be greater where derivatives are used in an extensive or complex way.
- Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

### **RATINGS\*\***





#### **KEY FACTS**

**Comparator**<sup>11</sup>: 3 Month Euribor (Industry Standard) Index

Asset Class: Equity

Fund Launch Date: 27-Feb-2009 Share Class Launch Date: 30-Apr-2009

Share Class Currency: EUR
Use of Income: Accumulating
Net Assets of Fund (M): 822.36 EUR

Morningstar Category : Equity Market Neutral

EUR

**SFDR Classification:** Other **Domicile:** Luxembourg **ISIN:** LU0414666189

Management Company: BlackRock

(Luxembourg) S.A.

Analyst-Driven %i: 100.00% Data Coverage %i: 100.00%

## **FEES AND CHARGES**

Annual Management Fee: 1.00%

Ongoing Charge: 1.37%
Performance Fee: 20.00%

### **DEALING INFORMATION**

**Dealing Frequency:** Daily, forward pricing basis

Settlement: Trade Date + 3 days

## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Price to Book Ratio: -0.30x
Price to Earnings Ratio: -9.06x
Standard Deviation (3y): 6.54

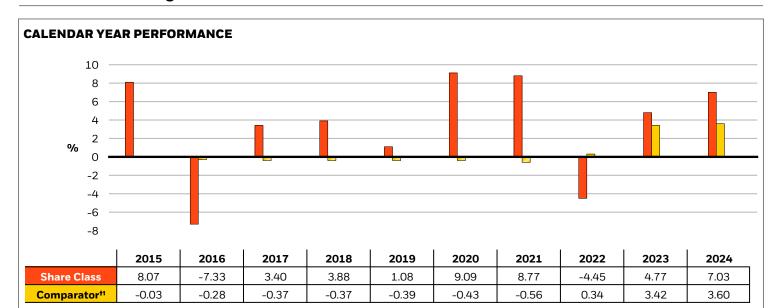
 $\textbf{3y Beta:} \, 2.69$ 

Number of Holdings: 114

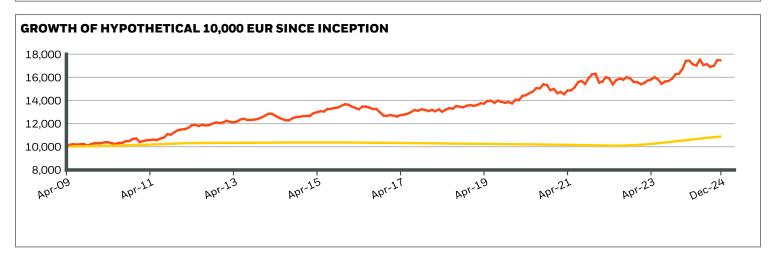
## **PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)**

Stephanie Bothwell Stefan Gries

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During this period performance was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.



CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE									
	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)			
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	<b>1</b> y	Зу	5у	Since Inception	
Share Class	-0.05	3.32	-0.35	7.03	7.03	2.33	4.92	3.63	
Comparator <sup>†1</sup>	0.24	0.75	1.66	3.60	3.60	2.44	1.26	0.54	

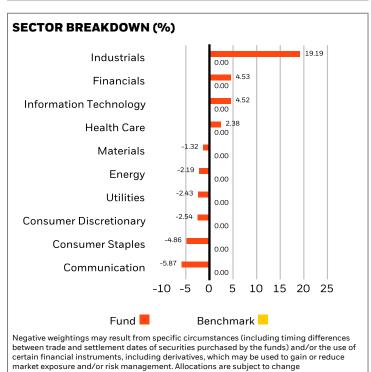
The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in EUR, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in EUR. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. **Source:** BlackRock

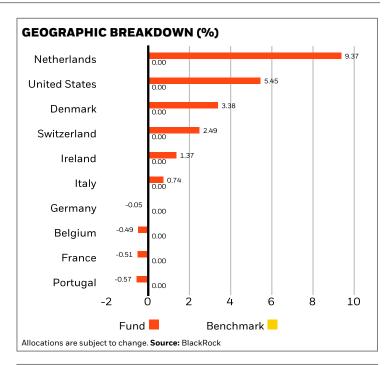
Share Class BSF European Absolute Return FundClass D2 Euro

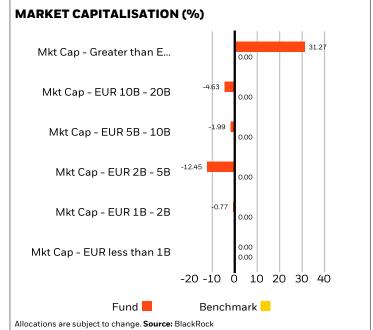
Comparator<sup>†1</sup> 3 Month Euribor (Industry Standard) Index

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TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	
MTU AERO ENGINES AG	3.02%
LINDE PLC	2.95%
NOVO NORDISK A/S	2.73%
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP PLC	2.73%
RELX PLC	2.57%
CRH PLC	2.50%
SAPSE	2.48%
SAFRAN SA	2.31%
LONZA GROUP AG	2.29%
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE	2.24%
Total of Portfolio	25.82%
Holdings subject to change	







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### **GLOSSARY**

**SFDR Classification: Article 8:** Products that promote environmental or social characteristics and promote good governance practices. **Article 9:** Products that have sustainable investments as an objective and follow good governance practices. **Other:** Products that do not meet the criteria to be classified as Article 8 or 9.

**Price to Earnings:** A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings in the current forecast year, calculated as current share price divided by current earnings per share.

**Data Coverage %** is available input data for rating calculation at the Pillar level

**Price to Book Ratio:** represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share.

**Analyst Driven %** is the analyst input into the overall rating assignment, including direct analyst coverage and inheritance of an analyst-rated pillar

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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