

Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

Product

BlackRock Emerging Companies Absolute Return Fund (the "Fund"), **Class A2 Hedged USD** (the "Share Class"), ISIN: **LU1990978147**, is authorised in Luxembourg and manufactured by BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A. (the "Manager") which is part of the BlackRock, Inc group.

The Manager is authorised in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the "CSSF") and the CSSF is responsible for supervising the Manager in relation to this Key Information Document.

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What is this product?

Type: The Fund is a sub-fund of BlackRock Strategic Funds, an umbrella company incorporated in Luxembourg, authorised by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier as a Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS").

Term: The Fund does not have a fixed term of existence or maturity period but in certain circumstances, as described in the Fund prospectus, the Fund may be unilaterally terminated following written notice to unitholders subject to compliance with the Fund prospectus and applicable regulation.

Objectives

- 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 60% of its investment exposure to equity securities (e.g. shares) and equity-related securities of 'emerging' companies domiciled in, or the main business of which is in, or have their primary listing in, the UK.
- The Fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in equity securities and other equity-related securities, including financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments whose prices are based on one or more underlying assets). The Fund may also, when determined appropriate, invest in fixed income (FI) securities, money market instruments (MMIs) (i.e. debt securities with short-term maturities), deposits and cash.
- The Fund's assets may be held as cash to provide cover for the exposure created by the use of FDIs or to assist in achieving its investment objective.
- The FI securities and MMIs may be issued by governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals (e.g. the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) and may be investment grade (i.e. meet a specified level of credit worthiness), non-investment grade or unrated at the time of purchase.
- The IA will use FDIs to achieve the Fund's investment objective and may, via FDIs, generate market leverage (i.e. where the Fund gains market exposure in excess of the value of its assets). This will include 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. A significant portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in total return swaps and contracts.
- The Fund is actively managed and the IA has discretion to select the Fund's investments. The 3 Month Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate (SONIA) compounded in arrears plus 11.9 basis point spread should be used by shareholders to compare the performance of the Fund.
- The price of equity securities fluctuates daily and may be influenced by factors affecting the performance of the individual companies issuing the equities, as well as by daily stock market movements, and broader economic and political developments which in turn may affect the value of your investment.
- The price of an FDI changes on a daily basis depending on the value of the underlying reference asset(s) which in turn may affect the value of your investment. A change in the value of underlying reference assets can have a greater impact on the value of FDI than if the assets were held directly since FDI can be more sensitive to such changes.
- The return on your investment in the Fund is directly related to the value of the underlying assets of the Fund, less costs (see "What are the costs?" below).
- The relationship between the return on your investment, how it is impacted and the period for which you hold your investment is considered below (see "How long should I hold it and can I take my money out early?").
- The depositary of the Fund is State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch.
- Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of the BlackRock Strategic Funds. These documents are available free of charge in English and certain other languages. These can be found, along with other (practical) information, including prices of units, on the BlackRock website at: www.blackrock.com or by calling the International Investor Servicing team on +44 (0) 20 7743 3300.
- Your shares will be non-distributing (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- The Fund's base currency is Sterling. Shares for this class are bought and sold in US Dollar. The performance of your shares may be affected by this currency difference.
- Your shares will be "hedged" with the aim of reducing the effect of exchange rate fluctuations between their denominated currency and the base currency of the Fund. FDIs, including FX forward contracts, will be used for currency hedging purposes. The hedging strategy may not completely eliminate currency risk and, therefore, may affect the performance of your shares.
- You can buy and sell your shares weekly and also on the last business day in each month. The minimum initial investment for this share class is US\$5,000 or other currency equivalent.

Intended retail investor: The Fund is intended for retail investors with the ability to bear losses up to the amount invested in the Fund (see "How long should I hold it and can I take my money out early?").

Insurance benefits: The Fund does not offer any insurance benefits.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

Risk Indicator



Lower risk

Higher risk

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.						

- The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.
- We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class. This classification rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could affect the value of your investment. This classification is not guaranteed and may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- **Be aware of currency risk.** If you receive payments in a currency that is different to the product's base currency, the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.
- Please refer to the product's Prospectus for details of other materially relevant risks that may apply to this product.
- This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.
- If the product is not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

Performance Scenarios

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back. What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted. The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product, which may include input from benchmark(s) / proxy, over the last ten years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period : 5 years		Example Investment : USD 10,000	
Scenarios		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Minimum	There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.		
Stress*	What you might get back after costs	7,380 USD	4,840 USD
	Average return each year	-26.2%	-13.5%
Unfavourable**	What you might get back after costs	7,380 USD	8,200 USD
	Average return each year	-26.2%	-3.9%
Moderate***	What you might get back after costs	10,440 USD	15,900 USD
	Average return each year	4.4%	9.7%
Favourable****	What you might get back after costs	11,470 USD	17,940 USD
	Average return each year	14.7%	12.4%

* The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

** This type of scenario occurred for an investment in the product and/or benchmark(s) or proxy between August 2021 - December 2023.

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What happens if BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A. is unable to pay out?

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by its depositary, State Street Bank International GmbH, Luxembourg Branch (the "Depositary"). In the event of the insolvency of the Manager, the Fund's assets in the safekeeping of the Depositary will not be affected. However, in the event of the Depositary's insolvency, or someone acting on its behalf, the Fund may suffer a financial loss. However, this risk is mitigated to a certain extent by the fact the Depositary is required by law and regulation to segregate its own assets from the assets of the Fund. The Depositary will also be liable to the Fund and the investors for any loss arising from, among other things, its negligence, fraud or intentional failure properly to fulfil its obligations (subject to certain limitations). As a shareholder of the Fund you would not be able to make a claim to the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme or any other scheme about the Fund in the event that the Fund is unable to pay out.

What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

Costs over time: The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed:

- In the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0 % annual return).
- For the other holding periods we have assumed the product performs as shown in the moderate scenario.
- USD 10,000 is invested.

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Total costs	914 USD	4,606 USD
Annual cost Impact (*)	9.1%	5.7%

(*) This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 15.4 % before costs and 9.7 % after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

These figures include the maximum distribution fee that the person selling you the product may charge (5.0 % of amount invested/ 500 USD). This person will inform you of the actual distribution fee.

Composition of Costs

		If you exit after 1 year
One-off costs upon entry or exit		
Entry costs	5.00% of the amount you pay.	500 USD
Exit costs	We do not charge an exit fee.	-
Ongoing costs taken each year		
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	1.88% of the value of your investment per year. This is based on a combination of estimated and actual costs data over the last year. Any underlying product costs are included here with the exception of transaction costs which would be included below under 'Transaction costs'.	188 USD
Transaction costs	1.18% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	118 USD
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions		
Performance fees	Up to 20.00 % of any returns that, subject to a high water mark, the Fund achieves above the 3 Month Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) compounded in arrears plus 26.1 basis point spread. Further details are available in the Prospectus. The actual amount will vary depending on how well your investment performs. The aggregated cost estimation above includes the average over the last 5 years.	108 USD

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early? Recommended Holding Period: 5 years

The recommended holding period (RHP) has been calculated in line with the investment strategy of the Fund and the time frame in which it is expected that it will be possible to achieve the investment objective of the Fund. Any investment should be considered against your specific investment needs and appetite for risk. BlackRock has not considered the suitability or appropriateness of this investment for your personal circumstances. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of the Fund to your needs you should seek appropriate professional advice. Details of dealing frequency can be found under "What is this product?". You may receive less than expected if you cash in earlier than the RHP. The RHP is an estimate and must not be taken as a guarantee or an indication of future performance, return or risk levels. Please see the "What are the costs?" section for details of any exit fees.

How can I complain?

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Other relevant information

The latest version of this document, 4 year(s) of past performance of the Fund, previous performance scenario of the Fund, the latest annual report and half-yearly report and any additional information issued to shareholders can be obtained free of charge, in English, from www.blackrock.com or by calling the Investor Services Team on +44 (0) 20 7743 3300 or from your broker, financial adviser or distributor.

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