

PRODUCT: BlackRock Brown To Green Materials Fund (the "**Fund**")

MANAGER: BlackRock Fund Managers Limited (the "**Manager**")

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Sustainability Label

The Fund applies a sustainability improvers label. Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. The Fund uses a Sustainability improvers label because it invests mainly in assets that may not be sustainable now, with an aim to improve their sustainability for people or the planet over time.

Sustainability Goal

The aim of the Fund is to maximise total returns (over 5 rolling year periods) through investment in the equity securities of companies globally that contribute to the transition towards a low-carbon global economy with a focus on the materials sector. The Fund's sustainability objective is to invest in companies that BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited (the "**IM**") has identified as having the potential to reduce their contribution to climate change, where such companies are expected to demonstrate significant progress towards decarbonizing their operations.

The Fund launched on 17 January 2025. The IM does not consider that it can report meaningfully [as at the date of this document] on the Fund's progress towards achieving its sustainability objective. However, the portion of the Fund's assets held at launch that are in line with the Fund's sustainability objective is reported in the metric table below. This document will be updated within 12 months of the Fund's launch date to detail the Fund's progress towards achieving its sustainability objective.

Sustainability Approach

The IM applies an asset selection process seeking to determine a universe of potential investments conforming to principles which are consistent with the transitioning materials theme. The IM defines these principles to be met by the following categories: (1) companies producing materials that plan to reduce their carbon emissions intensity over a defined period; (2) companies producing materials that enable the world to transition to a lower carbon global economy and companies providing solutions that enable companies producing materials to reduce their emissions intensity; and (3) companies producing materials with below average carbon emissions intensity for their particular industry.

BlackRock's 'SDR Improver Assessment' methodology requires that at least 70% of the assets held by the Fund have been assessed by the IM as "Transition Improvers" - companies which demonstrate they are making progress towards reducing their carbon emission profile through meeting at least one of the following: (a) companies which have approved net-zero targets validated by the Science Based Target Initiative ("**SBTi**"); (b) companies which have committed to set 2050 or earlier net-zero targets for validation by the SBTi and have been identified by MSCI as on track to meet their respective targets; (c) companies with published emission reduction targets who are on track to meet their decarbonisation targets, as identified by MSCI; (d) companies identified as 'High Climate Impact' sectors, being those sectors which are key to the low-carbon transition, whose operations are aligned with the temperature goals set out in the Paris Agreement; and (e) companies that do not have established climate targets and/or commitments but are demonstrating momentum towards decarbonising their operations. Further information on each of these criteria is set out in the Fund's prospectus.

The Fund may invest in other asset classes that may not be consistent with the transitioning materials theme to give the Fund the best chance of achieving its investment objective and/or for liquidity purposes, where such investments do not conflict with the Fund's sustainability objective.

The IM manages the potential for any material negative environmental and/or social outcomes from its investments by applying a screening process to all investments, as further detailed in the Fund's prospectus. The Fund is not prohibited from investing in companies that operate in the fossil fuel value chain and have fossil fuel related revenues, where such companies contribute to the transition towards a low-carbon global economy.

The IM engages with investee companies on the topic of decarbonisation progress. Investee companies that are determined to be "not on track" with the key performance indicators ("**KPIs**") (see 'Sustainability Metrics' below) will trigger the Fund's Escalation Policy. Further details on the Escalation Policy are set out in the Fund's prospectus.

Sustainability Metrics

The Fund invests in companies at different stages of their progress towards decarbonisation. Each investee company will have separate targets. To measure and demonstrate the performance of the Fund against its sustainability objective, the IM tracks each investee company's progress towards meeting its decarbonisation target through the KPIs set out below.

As the Fund launched on 17 January 2025, the IM does not consider that it can report meaningfully as at the date of this document on the Fund's progress. However, the portion of the Fund's assets held at launch that are in line with the Fund's sustainability objective is reported in the metric table below. Reporting on the following KPIs and other sustainability metrics will be provided in the next product-level sustainability report and this document will be updated within 12 months of the Fund's launch date to provide an overview of the Fund's progress towards achieving its sustainability objective.

Sustainability Metric / KPIs	Description of Metric or KPIs	Fund achievement
Proportion of Transition Improvers	% of the Fund's total assets held as at year end which have been identified as Transition Improvers Target: 70%	77.23%
Number of Transition Improvers approved solely in accordance with point (e)	Number of companies that were approved by the sustainable investment sub-committee as Transition Improvers during the reference period solely in accordance with point (e) of BlackRock's SDR Improver Assessment methodology (as set out in the Fund's prospectus).	1*
Short-Term KPI	% of Transition Improvers held by the Fund that are "on track" towards their short-term decarbonisation target.	N/A
Medium-Term KPI	% of Transition Improvers held by the Fund that are "on track" towards their medium-term decarbonisation target.	N/A

**This number denotes assets approved solely in accordance with point (e) of the methodology, which captures companies, identified through the Investment Manager's fundamental analysis, that do not have established climate targets and/or commitments but are demonstrating clear momentum towards decarbonising their operations.*

The IM assesses each investee company's progress towards achieving its short- and medium-term decarbonisation target. Further detail on this "on track" methodology is set out in the Fund's prospectus. If the data indicates substantial deviation from the expected decarbonisation pathway in relation to a target, the investee company will be deemed "not on track" and added to the Fund's Climate Watchlist (as further described in the Escalation Policy set out in the Fund's prospectus).

Additional information

Pre-contractual disclosure: Please see the Fund's prospectus, which is available by searching the name of the Fund on the following website: www.blackrock.com/uk/education/library.

Product-level sustainability report: Not currently available.

Sustainability entity report: Not currently available.

Other non-sustainability related information: Please see the Fund's key investor information document, which is available by searching the name of the Fund on the following website: <https://www.blackrock.com/uk/solutions/library/gls-library-uk?materialType=kiid>.