

### BlackRock Systematic Multi-Strategy ESG Screened Fund

A sub-fund of BlackRock Funds I ICAV

Class X Accumulating USD

ISIN: IE00BKPSQJ96

Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

## Objectives and Investment Policy

- ▶ The Fund aims to achieve a total return on your investment through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's assets, in a manner consistent with "ESG" focused investing.
- ▶ The Fund has a flexible approach to asset allocation and will seek to gain exposure across a variety of asset classes. In order to achieve its objective the Fund will invest globally in equity securities (e.g. shares), equity-related securities, fixed income (FI) securities (e.g. bonds), FI-related securities, money market instruments (MMIs) (e.g. debt instruments with short-term maturities), asset backed securities (ABS) and mortgage-backed securities (MBS) (i.e. financial securities backed by cash flows from debt), deposits, cash and other funds (including exchange traded funds). The FI securities and MMIs may be issued by governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals (e.g. the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) globally and may include investments with a relatively low credit rating or which are unrated. The Fund may take long, synthetic long and synthetic short exposures. The Fund may have exposure to both developed and emerging markets, however, no more than 20% of the Fund's assets shall be invested in securities issued by issuers established in emerging markets.
- ▶ In order to determine long and short exposures, the investment manager (IM) will use quantitative (i.e. mathematical or statistical) models to score and rank securities broadly according to three categories: fundamental information about the issuer of a security (e.g. financial reports), market sentiment towards the security and comparison of the its market price with its intrinsic value. The lowest-scoring securities are then further analysed by the IM for exclusion from the Fund's portfolio.
- ▶ The IM takes into account ESG related characteristics to long and synthetic long positions when determining whether an investment is appropriate for the Fund. The IM will do this by seeking to limit and/or exclude direct investment in companies which, in the opinion of the IM, have certain levels of exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors, as detailed in the Fund's Prospectus. The Fund may have indirect exposure (e.g. through financial derivative instruments (FDIs) and other funds) to issuers with exposures that are inconsistent with the IM's ESG analysis.
- ▶ The IM will use FDIs (including 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).
- ▶ The Fund is actively managed. The IM has discretion to select the Fund's investments and is not constrained by any benchmark in this process.
- ▶ Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- ▶ Your shares will be accumulating shares (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- ▶ Your shares will be denominated in US Dollar, the Fund's base currency.
- ▶ You can buy and sell your shares daily. The minimum initial investment for this share class is US\$1,000,000 or other currency equivalent.

For more information on the Fund, share/unit classes, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com)

## Risk and Reward Profile



- ▶ The risk indicator was calculated incorporating simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- ▶ The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- ▶ The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- ▶ The Fund is rated four due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
  - Changes to interest rates, credit risk and/or issuer defaults will have a significant impact on the performance of fixed income securities. Non-investment grade fixed income securities can be more sensitive to changes in these risks than higher rated fixed income securities. Potential or actual credit rating downgrades may increase the level of risk.
  - Asset backed securities and mortgage backed securities are subject to the same risks described for fixed income securities. These instruments may be subject to 'Liquidity Risk', have high levels of borrowing and may not fully reflect the value of underlying assets.
- Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political, sustainability-related or regulatory events.
- 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.
- The Fund seeks to exclude companies engaging in certain activities inconsistent with ESG criteria. Such ESG screening may reduce the potential investment universe and this may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.
- The Fund uses quantitative models in order to make investment decisions. As market dynamics shift over time, a quantitative model may become less efficient or may even present deficiencies under certain market conditions.
- ▶ Particular risks not adequately captured by the risk indicator include:
  - 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.
  - Credit Risk: The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
  - Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

## Charges

The charges are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less. Please refer to your financial advisor or the distributor for any charges which they themselves may apply.

\*Subject to a charge of up to 2% paid into the Fund where the Manager suspects excessive trading by an investor.

The ongoing charges figure is based on the fixed annualised fees charged to the Fund as set out in the Fund's prospectus. This figure excludes portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the custodian and any entry/exit charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

\*\* (i) To the extent the Fund undertakes securities lending to reduce costs, the Fund will receive 62.5% of the associated revenue generated and the remaining 37.5% will be received by BlackRock as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Fund, this has been excluded from the ongoing charges. (ii) Holders in this share class will be subject to additional periodic charges outside of the Fund by way of separate agreement with BlackRock.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge	None
Exit Charge	None*

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before proceeds of your investments are paid out.

Charges taken from the Fund over each year	
Ongoing Charges	0.00%**
Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	None

## Past Performance

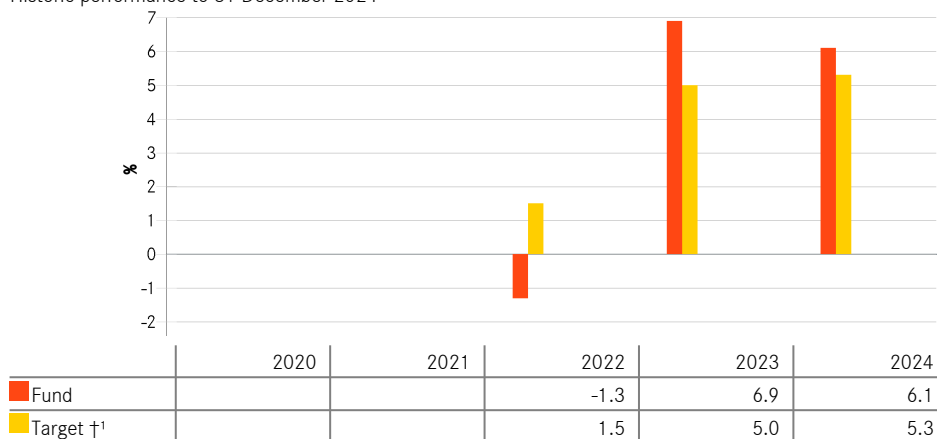
Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The chart shows the Fund's annual performance in USD for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 2021. The share class was launched in 2021.

Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

†<sup>1</sup>ICE BofAML 3 Month Treasury Bill Index (USD)

Historic performance to 31 December 2024



## Practical Information

- ▶ The depositary of the Fund is J.P. Morgan SE – Dublin Branch.
- ▶ Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of the BlackRock Funds I ICAV (BF1). These documents are available free of charge in English. These can be found, along with other information, such as share prices, on the BlackRock website at [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com) or by calling the International Investor Servicing team on +44 (0) 20 7743 3300.
- ▶ Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund may have an impact on the personal tax position of your investment in the Fund.
- ▶ The Fund is a sub-fund of BF1, an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. This document is specific to the Fund and share class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the umbrella.
- ▶ BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Fund's Prospectus.
- ▶ Under Irish law, BF1 has segregated liability between its sub-funds (i.e. the Fund's assets will not be used to discharge the liabilities of other sub-funds within BF1). In addition, the Fund's assets are held separately from the assets of other sub-funds.
- ▶ Investors may switch their shares in the Fund for shares in another sub-fund within BF1, subject to meeting certain conditions as set out in the prospectus.
- ▶ The Remuneration Policy of the Management Company, which describes how remuneration and benefits are determined and awarded, and the associated governance arrangements, is available at [www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy](http://www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy) or on request from the registered office of the Management Company.