

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

### BlackRock Emerging Companies Absolute Return Fund

A sub-fund of BlackRock Strategic Funds

Class A2 GBP

ISIN: LU1990957067

Management Company: BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.

## Objectives and Investment Policy

- ▶ 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 companies domiciled in, or the main business of which is in, or have their primary listing in, the United Kingdom. Such companies include small, mid and large-capitalisation companies that are considered 'emerging', i.e. at an early stage of their life cycle and/or are expected to experience significant growth. In selecting the Fund's investments, the Investment Adviser (IA) will use fundamental analysis, focusing on evaluating companies' earning power and identifying emerging structural changes within industries.
- ▶ 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 the prices of which 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.
- ▶ At any one time, a substantial amount or even all of 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 for difference that aim to achieve a specified return based on underlying assets such as equity securities.
- ▶ The Fund is actively managed and the IA has discretion to select the Fund's investments and is not constrained by any benchmark in this process. 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. Compounding in arrears is a methodology that compounds daily values of the overnight rate throughout the relevant term period (i.e.3 Months).
- ▶ Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- ▶ Your shares will be non-distributing (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- ▶ Your shares will be denominated in Sterling, the Fund's base currency.
- ▶ 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.

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 five 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.
  - Shares in smaller companies typically trade in less volume and experience greater price variations than larger companies.
  - 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.
- 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.
- ▶ 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.
  - 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 the actual entry and exit charges.

\*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 expenses for the twelve month period ending 29 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

- ▶ Performance fees, where relevant.
- ▶ Portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to a custodian and any entry/exit charge paid by the Fund to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

\*\* 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.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge	5.00%
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	1.88%**
Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	20.00%#

# 20.00% of any returns that, subject to a high water mark, the Fund achieves above the 3 Month Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) compounded in arrears plus 11.9 basis point spread. Further details are available in the Prospectus. For the actual amount charged in the Fund's last financial year, please refer to the Fund's annual report.

## Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

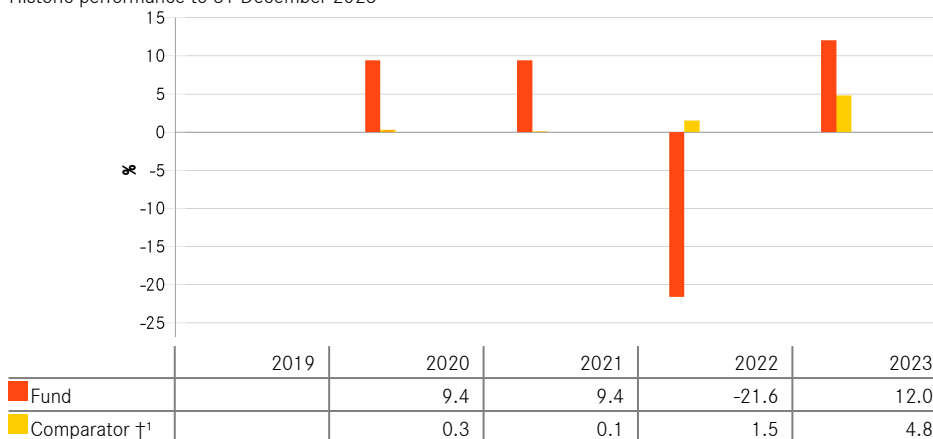
The chart shows the Fund's annual performance in GBP for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 2018. The share class was launched in 2019.

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

†3 Month SONIA Compounded in Arrears + 11.9 basis points spread (GBP)

Prior to 15.12.2021, the Fund used a different benchmark which is reflected in the benchmark data.

Historic performance to 31 December 2023



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

## Practical Information

- ▶ 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 and half-yearly reports of the BlackRock Strategic Funds (BSF). These documents are available free of charge in English and certain other languages. 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 BSF, 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.
- ▶ BSF 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 Luxembourg law, BSF 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 BSF). 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 BSF, 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.