# **BlackRock**

#### KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

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 Systematic ESG Equity Absolute Return Fund

Class D Accumulating USD Hedged ISIN: IE00BKPSPY72

Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

## A sub-fund of BlackRock Funds I ICAV

#### **Objectives and Investment Policy**

- The Fund aims to achieve a positive absolute return on your investment through a combination of capital growth and income with a limited correlation to market movements, in a manner consistent with environmental, social and governance "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 take long, synthetic long and synthetic short exposures. The Fund will seek to gain at least 70% of its investment exposure to equity securities (e.g. shares) of companies globally.
- The Fund's total assets will be invested in accordance with its ESG Policy as disclosed in the prospectus. For further details regarding the ESG characteristics please refer to the prospectus and the BlackRock website at https://www.blackrock.com/BaselineScreens
- The Fund will invest in equity securities, 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 FI securities and MMIs may be issued by governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals (e.g. the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) and will be investment grade (i.e. meet a specified level of credit worthiness) at the time of purchase.
- The Fund will use quantitative (i.e. mathematical or statistical) models in order to achieve a systematic (i.e. rule based) approach which will be used to determine both long and short exposures. The models select stocks from a broad universe of equities, ranking them according to multiple characteristics such as the attractiveness of their fundamentals, the sentiment of other market participants towards them, their ESG characteristics and headwinds or tailwinds they face from the macro environment.
- The Investment Manager (IM) will use financial derivative instruments (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).
- ► The Fund's base currency is Euro. 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 daily. 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

## 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.
- 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.
- 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.

#### 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.

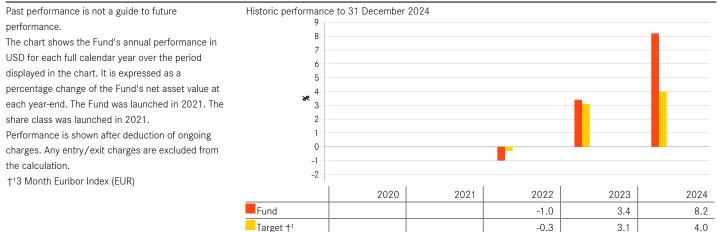
The ongoing charges figure is based on the fixed annualised fees charged to the Fund as set out in the Fund's prospectus. This figure excludes portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the custodian and any entry/exit charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

\*\* 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	None
Exit Charge	None*
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money befor before proceeds of your investments are paid out.	re it is invested or
Charges taken from the Fund over each year	
Ongoing Charges	1.15%**
Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	20.00%#

<sup>#</sup> 20.00% of any returns that, subject to a high water mark, the Fund achieves above the 3 Month Secured Overnight Financing Rate. 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



#### 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 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 or on request from the registered office of the Management Company.

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