

**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**

**ACS LifePath 2043-45** (the "Fund"), **Class X1 Acc GBP** (the "Unit Class"), ISIN: **GB00BG1TXK82**, is manufactured by BlackRock Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager"). The Manager is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"). More information is available at [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com) or by calling **03333 000 356**. This document is dated 29 October 2024.

**What is this product?**

**Type:** The Fund is a sub-fund of BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme (2), an umbrella unit trust scheme, authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority as a non-UCITS retail scheme. The Fund is classified as an alternative investment fund for regulatory purposes.

**Term:** The maturity date of the Fund is 30 June 2044. It is intended that the Fund will remain invested in its target portfolio composition for at least 18 months after this date, after which it is expected that the Fund will be terminated. However, in certain circumstances the Manager and the Depositary must wind up the Scheme or terminate a Fund if directed to do so by the FCA in exercise of its powers under section 261X of FSMA, or if an extraordinary resolution to that effect is passed by the unitholders, provided the FCA has consented to the resolution, and in each case subject to compliance with the Fund's prospectus and applicable regulation.

**Objectives**

- The Fund aims to achieve a return on your investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund and/or income received from those assets) for investors planning to retire between 2043-2045 by investing primarily in other funds and changing its asset mix over time, whilst incorporating certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) commitments (as described below).
- The Fund intends to gain indirect exposure globally to equity securities (e.g. shares), fixed income (FI) securities (such as bonds) and alternative assets (such as property and commodities) by investing at least 70% of its total assets in other funds. The Fund may also invest directly in equity securities, FI securities, MMIs, (i.e. debt securities with short-term maturities), deposits and cash.
- The Fund's investment manager (IM) may use derivatives (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets) to help achieve the Fund's investment objective or for efficient portfolio management purposes (EPM) (i.e. to reduce risk or costs within the Fund's portfolio or generate additional income). The Fund may engage in short-term secured lending of its investments to certain eligible third parties to generate additional income and off-set costs.
- The Fund's asset mix will be gradually adjusted to become more conservative as it approaches and passes 30 June 2044, moving from generally higher risk (equities) to lower risk (FI) investments
- At least 80% of the assets the Fund invests in government bond funds must be invested in funds that track benchmark indices comprised of at least 50% of government bond issuers with an ESG government rating of BB or higher (as defined by MSCI or another data vendor). At least 80% of the assets the Fund invests in funds (other than government bond funds, commodity funds and funds held for EPM purposes) must be invested in funds which track benchmark indices that apply ESG related exclusionary criteria or funds that otherwise apply ESG related criteria (as described in the Fund's prospectus), as determined by the IM at the time of investment. The Fund may continue to hold securities that cease to meet such requirements other than as an ESG related investment or until it is practicable to sell them.
- The IM expects the Fund's portfolio of corporate issuers to achieve a carbon emission intensity score that as at 30 June 2029 is 50% less than its score as at 30 June 2019 (as further detailed in the Fund's prospectus). In addition, the IM expects the Fund's portfolio to achieve, as at the end of each calendar quarter (1) in respect of its corporate issuers, a carbon emission intensity score that is less than a comparable portfolio that represents the investment universe of the Fund without the application of ESG criteria (Non ESG Portfolio), and (2) an ESG score that is higher than the Non ESG Portfolio. Closer to the Fund's maturity date, the Fund's indirect or direct investment in non-corporate issuers (which are excluded from the carbon emission intensity score) may represent a majority of the Fund's assets.
- The Fund is actively managed and the IM has discretion to select the Fund's investments. The Fund invests in funds, FI securities, equity securities and derivatives and so the value of your investment may be affected by the factors which impact the value of those assets. The price of fixed income securities may be affected by changing interest rates which in turn may affect the value of your investment. Fixed income securities prices move inversely to interest rates. Therefore, the market value of fixed income securities may decrease as interest rates increase. The credit rating of an issuing entity will generally affect the yield that can be earned on fixed income securities; the better the credit rating the smaller the yield. 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 underlying funds changes regularly depending on the performance of the assets held by the underlying funds which in turn may affect the value of your investment.
- Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- 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 under "How long should I hold it and can I take my money out early?"
- Your units will be denominated in Sterling, the Fund's base currency. Where the Fund invests in assets denominated in a currency other than Sterling, the IM may use derivatives including currency forwards (a type of derivative which locks in the price at which an entity can buy or sell a currency at a future date) in order to reduce the effect of fluctuations in the exchange rate between that other currency and Sterling.
- Your units will be accumulating units (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- You can buy and sell your units daily. The minimum initial investment for this unit class is £1,000,000.

**Intended retail investor:** The Fund is intended for retail investors with the ability to bear losses up to the amount invested in the Fund.

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

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

### Risk Indicator



- 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.

#### Investment performance information

- The Fund's asset allocation will be gradually adjusted to become more conservative as it approaches the target date moving from higher risk (equities) to generally lower risk (fixed income). As the Fund moves towards its target date and the asset allocation to lower risk (fixed income) investments as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value increases, there is a lower expected return than when the Fund has a higher allocation to higher risk (equity) securities.
- The Fund does not utilise a benchmark to assess its performance as the Fund's asset allocation is changeable.

#### What could affect my return positively?

- The Fund's absolute performance will be maximised during periods of reasonable price volatility and stable correlations between asset classes.

#### What could affect my return negatively?

- The most adverse scenario for the Fund could be when financial assets are highly volatile, without a clear upward or downward trend, and where both equities and bonds deliver negative returns.
- Under severe market conditions, it is expected that negative returns will be experienced across most asset classes and the Fund is likely to experience losses. The investor redeeming under such adverse conditions may experience a financial loss due to negative performance, trading costs, and potential lack of liquidity.

## What happens if BlackRock Fund Managers Limited is unable to pay out?

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by its Depositary, Northern Trust Investor Services Limited ("NTISL"). The Depositary has delegated custody services to The Northern Trust Company, London Branch. 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 their behalf, or the insolvency of The Northern Trust Company, London Branch, the Fund may suffer a financial loss. In the event of the insolvency of the Manager or The Northern Trust Company, London Branch, you may be eligible for compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme up to a maximum of £85,000 per claim. More information about what is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme can be found on its website [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

## What are the costs?

### Presentation of costs

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for one or more different holding periods. The figures assume you invest GBP 10,000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

### Costs over time

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

### Investment GBP 10,000

| Scenarios                              | If you cash in after 1 year | If you cash in after 3 years | If you cash in after 5 years |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Total costs</b>                     | 8 GBP                       | 30 GBP                       | 57 GBP                       |
| <b>Impact on return (RIY) per year</b> | 0.08%                       | 0.08%                        | 0.08%                        |

### Composition of Costs

The table below shows:

- the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period.
- the meaning of the different cost categories.

### This table shows the impact on return per year

|                         |                             |        |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| <b>One-off costs</b>    | Entry costs                 | -      | We do not charge an entry fee.*   |
|                         | Exit costs                  | -      | We do not charge an exit fee.*  |
| <b>Ongoing costs</b>    | Portfolio transaction costs | 0.06 % | The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product. The costs take into account the full benefit of anti-dilution.   |
|                         | Other ongoing costs         | 0.02 % | The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investments. Any underlying product costs are included here with the exception of transaction costs which would be included above under 'Portfolio transaction costs'.** |
| <b>Incidental costs</b> | Performance fees            | -      | There is no performance fee for this product.   |
|                         | Carried interests           | -      | There are no carried interests for this product.  |

\* Please refer to the person selling you or advising you about this product for the actual charges.

\*\* This figure is based on estimated costs, often referencing historic data, and therefore the actual costs paid by an investor may differ.

## 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 the Fund will achieve a return on your investment with an asset allocation that changes over time. You should note that, as set out in the Fund's investment objectives, this Fund has a fixed term and is designed for investors planning to retire between 2043 and 2045 which means that investors may choose to invest for longer than the RHP. 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?

If you are not entirely satisfied with any aspect of the service you have received and you wish to complain, details of our complaints handling process are available at [www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/about-blackrock/contact-us](http://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/about-blackrock/contact-us). Additionally, you can also write to the Investor Services Team, at BlackRock's UK Registered Office, 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL or e-mail them at [enquiry@ukclientservices.blackrock.com](mailto:enquiry@ukclientservices.blackrock.com).

### Other relevant information

The latest version of this document, 5 year(s) of past performance of the Fund, the latest annual report and half-yearly report and any additional information issued to unitholders can be obtained free of charge, in English, from [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com) or by calling the Investor Services Team on 03333 000 356 or from your broker, financial adviser or distributor.

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