# **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 European Absolute Return Fund

#### Class A2 EUR ISIN: LU0411704413

A sub-fund of BlackRock Strategic Funds

Management Company: BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.

## **Objectives and Investment Policy**

- The investment strategy of the Fund is deemed by the Directors of the Fund to be capacity constrained. Shares in the Fund are not available to buy until further notice except at the discretion of the Directors of the Fund (you can still sell your Shares daily).
- 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 70% of any market exposure to equity securities (e.g. shares) of companies domiciled in, or the main business of which is in, Europe (including former Soviet Union countries). This is achieved by investing at least 70% of its assets in equity securities, other 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 equity-related securities include financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets).
- 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.

## Risk and Reward Profile



- This indicator is based on 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.

- 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 investment adviser (IA) 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 may, via FDIs, generate varying amounts of market leverage (i.e. where the Fund gains market exposure in excess of the value of its assets).
- The IA has discretion to select the Fund's investments.
- 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 Euro, the Fund's base currency.
- You can sell your shares daily. Shares, whilst available for purchase, can be bought daily. The minimum initial investment for this share class is US\$5,000 or currency equivalent.
  - 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 are 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.

For more information on risks, please see the Fund's prospectus, which is available at www.blackrock.com.

## 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 30 September 2015. This figure may vary from year to vear. 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.

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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	1.86%**
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 LIBOR 3 Month EUR Index. The actual amount charged in the Fund's last financial year ending 31 May amounted to 0.49%.

## Past Performance

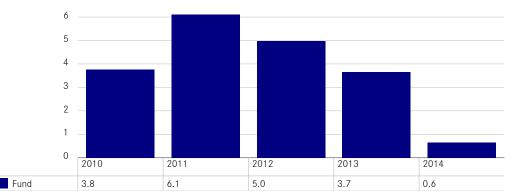
Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The chart shows the Fund's annual performance in EUR 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 2009. The share class was launched in 2009.

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



Historic performance to 31 December 2014



### Practical Information

- The custodian of the Fund is State Street Bank Luxembourg S.A.
- Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the prospectus and 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 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 subfunds. 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.
- Further information about other share classes can be found in the 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 subfunds 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.

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