

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 Fixed Income Strategies Fund

A sub-fund of BlackRock Strategic Funds

Class A4 USD Hedged

ISIN: LU1046548191

Management Company: BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.

## Objectives and Investment Policy

- ▶ The Fund aims to achieve positive returns on your investment through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's assets over a rolling three year period.
- ▶ The Fund seeks to gain at least 70% investment exposure to fixed income (FI) securities and FI-related securities issued by, or giving exposure to, governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals (e.g. the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) worldwide. The Fund may invest in FI securities including bonds as well as money market instruments (i.e. debt securities with short term maturities), FI-related securities including financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets), currency forwards (i.e. a type of FDI which locks in the price at which an entity can buy or sell a currency at a future date and where appropriate, deposits and cash).
- ▶ The Fund may invest no more than 40% of the Fund's assets in FI securities which have a relatively low credit rating or which are unrated. The remainder will include investments which are investment grade (i.e. meet a specified level of credit worthiness) at the time of purchase. The Fund may invest no more than 50% of its assets in asset backed and mortgage backed securities (i.e. financial securities backed by cash flows from debt).
- ▶ The investment adviser (IA) will use FDIs (including to achieve 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). Further investments may be used (including FDIs) to protect the value of the Fund, in whole or in part, from changes in currency exchange rates against its base currency.
- ▶ 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 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 Euro Overnight Index Average should be used by shareholders to compare the performance of the Fund.
- ▶ Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- ▶ Your shares will be distributing (i.e. dividend income will be paid annually on the shares).
- ▶ 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. 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](http://www.blackrock.com)

## 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 three 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 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 June 2021. This figure may vary from year to year. It 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	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	1.27%**
Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	None

## Past Performance

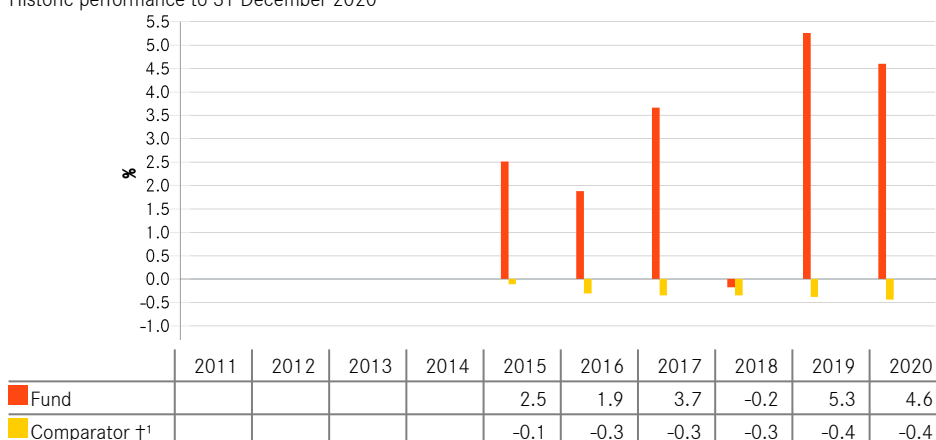
Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

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 2009. The share class was launched in 2014.

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

†¹Euro Overnight Index Average (EUR)

Historic performance to 31 December 2020



The Euro Overnight Index Average is changing to ESTR Overnight effective 15th December 2021

## 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.
- ▶ The Fund's Swiss representative is BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG, Bahnhofstrasse 39, 8001 Zurich. The Fund's Swiss paying agent is State Street Bank International GmbH, Munich, Zurich Branch, Beethovenstrasse 19, 8027 Zürich. The full prospectus, the key investor information document, the articles of association as well as the annual and semi-annual reports of the Fund may be obtained from the Swiss representative free of charge.
- ▶ 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.