

#### **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.

# iShares ESG Sterling Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)

# Class D Accumulating GBP ISIN: GB00BN08YZ75

Manager: BlackRock Fund Managers Limited

#### A sub-fund of BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

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

- The aim of the Fund is to provide a return on investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund and/or income received from those assets) by tracking closely the performance of the iBoxx MSCI ESG GBP Non-Gilts Index (the "Index").
- The pre-defined ESG screens set by the index provider seek to limit and/or exclude from the Index corporate issuers within the iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts Index which are determined by the index provider (often by reference to specific revenue thresholds or to any connection to an activity regardless of any revenue received) as having exposure to, or other ties with, certain activities and involvement in relevant ESG controversies.
- The Fund is passively managed and the investment manager has limited discretion to select the Fund's investments and in doing so may take into consideration the Index. The Fund invests in fixed income securities (such as bonds) that make up the Index and, at the time of purchase, comply with the credit rating requirements of the Index. The Fund may at times invest indirectly via other fixed income-related investments (i.e. other investments whose value is related to debt) giving exposure to such fixed income securities, or in other fixed income securities not in the Index.
- The Index measures the performance of fixed income securities denominated in Sterling issued by governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals (e.g. the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) but excludes gilts (i.e. bonds) issued by the UK government. The fixed income securities will pay income according to a fixed rate of interest and will be investment grade (i.e. meet a specified level of credit worthiness) at the time of inclusion in the Index. They must also have a minimum time to maturity (i.e. the time until they become due for repayment) and a minimum amount outstanding, based on thresholds determined by the index provider.
- The Fund uses techniques to achieve a similar return to its Index. These techniques may include the strategic selection of certain securities that make up the Index or other fixed income securities which provide similar performance to certain constituent securities. They may also include the use of derivatives (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets).
- Derivatives may be used to seek to reduce risk (relevant to the investment objective) within the Fund, reduce investment costs and generate additional income for the Fund (often referred to as "efficient portfolio management" or "EPM").
- The Fund may also engage in short term secured lending of its investments to certain eligible third parties. This is used as a means of generating additional income and to off-set the costs of the Fund.
- ▶ Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- ▶ Your units will be accumulating units (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- ▶ Your units will be denominated in Sterling, the Fund's base currency.
- ▶ You can buy and sell your units daily. The minimum initial investment for this unit class is £100,000.

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.
  - Credit risk, changes to interest rates and/or issuer defaults will have a significant impact on the performance of fixed income securities. Potential or actual credit rating downgrades may increase the level of risk.
- The benchmark index only excludes companies engaging in certain activities inconsistent with ESG criteria if such activities exceed the thresholds determined by the index provider. Investors should therefore make a personal ethical assessment of the benchmark index's ESG screening prior to investing in the Fund. Such ESG screening may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.
- 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 31 December 2023. 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.

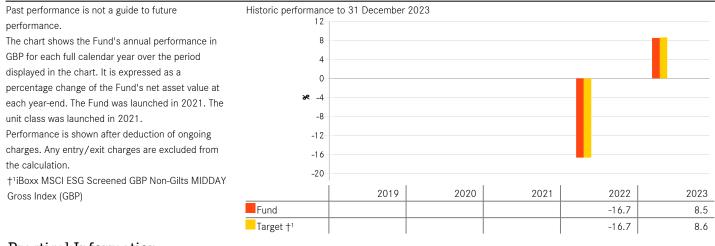
| Entry Charge  | None                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| Exit Charge   | None*                    |
| This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before proceeds of your investments are paid out. | before it is invested or |
| Charges taken from the Fund over each year  |                          |
| Ongoing Charges   | 0.11%**                  |

None

Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions

Performance Fee

#### Past Performance



## **Practical Information**

- ▶ The trustee and depositary of the Fund is The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited, which also acts as custodian.
- Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of the BlackRock Collective Investment Funds (BCIF). These documents are available free of charge in English. These can be found, along with other information, such as unit prices, on the BlackRock website at www.blackrock.com or by calling Investor Services on 0800 44 55 22.
- ▶ 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 BCIF, an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. This document is specific to the Fund and unit class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the umbrella.
- BlackRock Fund Managers 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.
- The assets of the Fund are held on trust for its unitholders under English trust law which means that its assets cannot be used to discharge the liabilities of other sub-funds within BCIF. In addition, the Fund's assets are held separately from the assets of other sub-funds.
- ▶ Investors may switch their units in the Fund for units in another sub-fund within BCIF, 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.

