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BLACKROCK STRATEGIC FUNDS (BSF)

# BlackRock European Absolute Return Fund

Performance to 31 October 2013

For Professional Clients Only

### Summary of Investment Objective

The BlackRock European Absolute Return Fund seeks to achieve a positive absolute return for investors regardless of market movements. The Fund will seek to achieve this investment objective by taking long, synthetic long and synthetic short investment exposures. The Fund will seek to gain at least 70% of its investment exposure through equities and equity- related securities (including derivatives) of, or giving exposure to, companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Europe. The Fund will seek to achieve this investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets in equities and equity-related securities and, when determined appropriate, cash and near-cash instruments. In order to achieve the investment objective and policy the Fund will invest in a variety of investment strategies and instruments. It intends to take full advantage of the ability to invest in derivatives providing synthetic long and/or synthetic short positions with the aim of maximising positive returns.

#### **Fund Performance**

Growth and Complete Calendar Year Performance to 31 October 2013



Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI)

**Higher Risk** 

7

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Lower Risk

1

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Source: Morningstar. Performance and performance relative to the BBA Libor 3 Month EUR is shown as at 31-10-2013 in the currency shown above and is based on a Net Asset Value (NAV) price basis. Fund performance is shown with income reinvested, net of fees.





Source: Morningstar, Performance and performance of the BBA Libor 3 Month EUR is shown in the currency noted above and is based on a Net Asset Value (NAV) price basis. Fund performance is not a guide to future performance. Please refer to the Fund Specific arnings in this document.

## Portfolio Profile to 31 October 2013

Top 10 Holdings (%)	Fund 1.6	
Novartis		
Novo Nordisk	1.5	
Barclays PLC	1.4	
GN Store Nord	1.4	
Roche Holding	1.4	
UBS	1.4	
Bayer	1.3	
Capgemini	1.3	
Reed Elsevier	1.3	
Rexel	1.3	

Sector Exposure (%)	Fund		
Health Care	8.0		
Consumer Discretionary	7.0		
Industrials	6.2		
Financials	3.6		
Information Technology	2.8		
Telecoms Services	0.5		

#### Morningstar Portfolio Statistics<sup>†</sup> as at 31-10-2013

12 Month High / Low NAV	124.41/119.73
3-year Standard Deviation	3.41
5-year Standard Deviation	-
3-year Information Ratio	1.30
3-year Sharpe Ratio	1.33
3-year Tracking Error	3.35
Price-Earnings Ratio	14.0x
Price-book Ratio	1.7x
Dividend Yield (%)	1.77

†Source: Morningstar - Statistics are provided for informational purposes only, which can change at any time, and may be different from other information published by BlackRock. Oue to availability and timings the methodology is calculated by Morningstar.

#### **Rolling Returns Performance Consistency**

25.0% in 1st Quartile	36-Month Rolling Periods: The shading and
25.0% in 2nd Quartile	percentages correspond to how often the fund's returns landed in each
41.7% in 3rd Quartile	Sector quartile.
8.3% in 4th Quartile	

#### Share Class Performance

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Share Class	Fund	NAV	1 Month	31-10-12 to	31-10-11 to	31-10-10 to	31-10-09 to	31-10-08 to	Total	% Yield	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL
	Inception			31-10-13	31-10-12	31-10-11	31-10-10	31-10-09	Expense				
	Date								Ratio				
A2 Acc EUR	02/09	122.64	0.2%	2.4%	8.2%	4.9%	3.5%	-	1.90%		LU0411704413	BLEURAA	B4Y52B3
A4 Inc EUR	02/09	122.63	0.2%	2.4%	8.2%	4.9%	3.6%	-	1.89%	-	LU0414668557	BLEUAD4	B595DS9
D2 Acc EUR	02/09	124.83	0.3%	2.8%	8.6%	5.3%	3.8%	-	1.89%		LU0414666189	BLEURD2	B595DQ7
D2 Acc CHF	03/12	124.35	0.3%	2.6%	-	-	-	-	1.41%		LU0748867792	BLEUD2C	B73TC17

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 31-10-2013 unless otherwise stated. Performance is based on a Net Asset Value (NAV) price basis with income reinvested, net of fees. Total Expense Ratio is the latest annualised expense figure for the Share Class. % Yield shows the last 12 months yield. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. You should read the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for each fund in which you want to invest.

#### Fund Legal Information

Fund Company	BlackRock Strategic Funds SICAV	
Fund Type	UCITS	
Domicile	LUX	
Fund Inception Date	27-02-2009	
Base Currency	Euro	
Fund AUM	€1,587m	
EUSD Fund Status	Out of scope	
Fund Information Share Class (A2 EUR)		

Minimum Initial Purchase	\$5,000
Minimum Additional Purchase	\$1,000
Initial Fee	5.00%
Annual Management Fee	1.50%
Performance Fee	20.00%

#### **Fund Information**

Fund Manager	Vincent Devlin
Fund Manager Start Date	27-02-2009
Fund Manager	Stefan Gries
Fund Manager Start Date	01-07-2013
Sector	Alt - Long/Short Equity - Europe
Benchmark	BBA Libor 3 Month EUR

### Country Of Registrations and Fund Charges

For details on fund charges and country of registrations please see the KIID. For the Manager's investment commentary, portfolio activity and market outlook, please see the Fund's Profile at www.BlackRock.com

#### Published NAV

Trading Frequency: Daily, forward pricing basis; Settlement: Trade date + 3 days; NAV available at www.blackrock.com/ international: Börsen-Zeitung: Het Financieele Dagblad: Milano Finanza: The Standard; Der Standard; Hong Kong Economic Times: www.fundinfo.com: VSD

#### Ratings to 31 October 2013

<mark>S&P</mark> CAPITAL IQ Gold FUND GRADI



#### Fund Specific Risks

The fund invests a large portion of assets which are denominated in other currencies; hence changes in the relevant exchange rate will affect the value of the investment. The Fund may be exposed to finance sector companies, as a service provider or as counterparty for financial contracts. Liquidity in the financial markets has been severely restricted, causing a number of firms to withdrawn from the market, or in some extreme cases, becoming insolvent. This may have an adverse affect on the activities of the fund. Derivatives may be used substantially for complex investment strategies. These include the creation of short positions where the Investment Manager artificially sells an investment it does not physically own. Derivatives can also be used to generate exposure to investments greater than the net asset value of the fund / investment trust. Investment Managers refer to this practice as obtaining market leverage or gearing. As a result, a small positive or negative movement in stockmarkets will have a larger impact on the value of these derivatives than owning the physical investments. The use of derivatives in this manner may have the effect of increasing the overall risk profile of the Funds.

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