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BLACKROCK STRATEGIC FUNDS (BSF)

# BSF European Absolute Return Fund

Performance to 28 February 2014

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.

#### Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator (SRRI)



### **Fund Performance**

Growth and Complete Calendar Year Performance to 28 February 2014



Source: Morningstar. Performance and performance relative to the BBA Libor 3 Month EUR is shown as at 28-02-2014 in the currency shown above and is based on a Net Asset Value (NAV) price basis. Fund performance is shown with income reinvested,



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# Portfolio Profile to 28 February 2014

Top 10 Holdings (%)	Fund	Sector Exposure (%)	Fund	Bmark.	Active	Maturity (%)	Fund	Bmark.	Active
CFD Airbus Group NV	1.5	Financials	8.8	0.0	8.8	<30 days	-6.5	100.0	-106.5
CFD Societe Generale	1.5	Industrials	4.0	0.0	4.0	1 - 3 Months	0.0	0.0	0.0
CFD Rio Tinto Plc	1.5	Health Care	4.0	0.0	4.0	3 - 6 Months	0.0	0.0	0.0
Direct Line Insurance Group Plc	1.4	Information Technology	2.1	0.0	2.1	6 - 12 Months	0.0	0.0	0.0
CFD Novartis AG	1.3	Consumer Discretionary	1.6	0.0	1.6	1 - 2 Years	0.0	0.0	0.0
CFD Prudential Plc	1.3	Utilities	0.5	0.0	0.5	2 - 3 Years	0.0	0.0	0.0
CFD Total S.A.	1.3	Energy	-1.6	0.0	-1.6	3 - 5 Years	0.0	0.0	0.0
LEG Immobilien N AG	1.1	Telecom	-2.1	0.0	-2.1	5 - 7 Years	0.0	0.0	0.0
CFD William Hill Plc	1.1	Materials	-2.5	0.0	-2.5	7 - 10 Years	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eiffage S.A.	1.1	Consumer Staples	-3.3	0.0	-3.3	10 Years +	0.0	0.0	0.0
						Cash	83.6	0.0	83.6

# Morningstar Portfolio Statistics†

12 Month High / Low NAV	127.39/120.07
3-year Standard Deviation	2.76
5-year Standard Deviation	3.02
3-year Information Ratio	2.18
3-year Sharpe Ratio	2.18
3-year Tracking Error	2.70
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. Due to availability and timings the methodology is calculated by Morningstar.

#### Rolling Returns Performance Consistency

25.0% in 1st Quartile
25.0% in 2nd Quartile
41.7% in 3rd Quartile

8.3% in 4th Quartile

36-Month Rolling Periods: The shading and percentages correspond to how often the fund's returns landed in each Sector quartile.

### Share Class Performance 28 February 2014

Share Class	Fund	NAV	1 Month	28-02-13 to	29-02-12 to	28-02-11 to	28-02-10 to	28-02-09 to	Total	% Yield	ISIN	Bloomberg	SEDOL
	Inception			28-02-14	28-02-13	29-02-12	28-02-11	28-02-10	Expense				
	Date								Ratio				
A2 Acc EUR	02/09	127.39	1.2%	4.5%	5.9%	9.5%	1.3%	3.8%	1.90%		LU0411704413	BLEURAA	B4Y52B3
A4 Inc EUR	02/09	127.38	1.2%	4.5%	5.9%	9.6%	1.2%	3.8%	1.89%	-	LU0414668557	BLEUAD4	B595DS9
D2 Acc EUR	02/09	129.83	1.2%	4.9%	6.3%	9.9%	1.6%	4.2%	1.38%		LU0414666189	BLEURD2	B595DQ7
D2 Acc CHF	03/12	129.17	1.2%	4.6%	-	-	-	-	1.38%		LU0748867792	BLEUD2C	B73TC17

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 28-02-2014 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**

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Fund Company	BlackRock Strategic Funds SICAV
Fund Type	UCITS
Domicile	LUX
Fund Inception Date	27-02-2009
Base Currency	Euro
Fund AUM	€1bn
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

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

Vincent Devlin

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 28 February 2014



# **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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