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## BLACKROCK STRATEGIC FUNDS

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To the shareholders of:

*BlackRock Strategic Funds – BlackRock European Diversified Equity Absolute Return Fund*

ISINs: LU1238068677, LU0525202155, LU0525202312, LU0525202403, LU0525202585, LU0525202742, LU0539767862, LU0589446961, LU0526376511, LU0526377089, LU0526378483 (the “Fund”)

Dear Shareholder

We continually review our fund range to ensure that the investment characteristics and positioning of our funds remain both relevant and consistent with the current investment environment and expectations of our clients. After careful consideration, the board of directors (the “Directors”) of BlackRock Strategic Funds (the “Company”) is writing to notify you that it has decided to close the BlackRock European Diversified Equity Absolute Return Fund (the “Fund”) for the reasons set out below. The assets held in the underlying investment portfolio of the Fund (the “Assets”) will be liquidated by the end of the liquidation period, and it is intended to redeem any outstanding shares on 2 June 2020 (the “Effective Date”).

Terms not defined in this letter have the same meaning given to them in the Company’s prospectus (available at [www.Blackrock.com](http://www.Blackrock.com)) (the “Prospectus”).

### 1. Background and decision

The Fund was launched in August 2010 and its Net Asset Value stands at approximately EUR 5 million (as at March 2020) and the Directors do not expect to raise subscriptions in the near future.

In accordance with the Prospectus and Article 28 of the Articles of the Company, the Directors may determine to close a Fund where its Net Asset Value has fallen below USD 50 million. The Directors have therefore determined, in accordance with the Prospectus and the Articles to liquidate the assets and distribute the redemption proceeds to shareholders.

### 2. Your options

From the date of this letter, no further subscriptions to the Fund will be permitted. Shareholders have 3 options available to them. If option 1 or 2 is chosen we must receive an instruction no later than the last Dealing Day before the Effective Date. If option 3 is chosen shareholders do not need to take any action.

#### Option 1: Switch

Up until the Effective Date and in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus, shareholders may request a switch of their shareholding, free of any charges, into the same or another class of any other sub-fund of the Company, provided that the shareholder satisfies the conditions applicable to an investment in the applicable share class. Shareholders should refer to the Prospectus for details of the fees and expenses associated with each share class. Shareholders are reminded that they should seek



their own advice as to the suitability of any alternative investment option. Shareholders wanting to switch should do so in accordance with the Prospectus and in advance of the effective date. If you require further assistance please contact your local Investor Servicing Team.

#### Option 2: Redeem in advance of the Effective Date

Alternatively, as of the date of this letter and up until the Effective Date, shareholders may request the redemption of their shares free of any redemption charges by BlackRock.

#### Option 3: Automatic redemption

If you do not request a redemption or switch of your shares before the Effective Date, on the Effective Date, shares will be automatically redeemed in accordance with the Articles (available from your local Investor Servicing team).

### **3. Redemption Proceeds**

A Contract Note and confirmation of any redemption of shares will be sent following the redemption. Redemption proceeds will normally be paid to shareholders within three Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day, provided that all necessary payment instructions have been received in writing and that all necessary identification documentation have been provided. Details of these requirements are available from your local Investor Servicing Team.

### **4. Costs**

Legal and mailing costs will be paid by BlackRock.

### **5. Preparing the Fund for closure**

Please note that in the days prior to the Effective Date it may be necessary to begin selling down the Assets and during such time the Fund may not be compliant with its investment objective and policy or with the UCITS rules as they apply in Luxembourg. Please also note that if your shareholding in the Fund constitutes a significant holding of the Fund's assets, we may be required to structure the redemption of your shares in a manner which ensures the fair treatment of remaining shareholders.

### **6. Tax Consequences**


Shareholders should note that the redemption or switching of their shareholding into another fund of the Company may represent a disposal of shares for tax purposes in certain jurisdictions. Shareholders may be subject to taxation in their tax domicile and/or in any other jurisdictions in which they are subject to taxation. As tax laws differ widely from country to country, shareholders may wish to consult their personal tax advisers as to the tax implications of the redemption or conversion of their shareholding.

### **7. General Information**

The Directors accept responsibility for the contents of this letter. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that this is the case) the information contained in this letter is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the impact of such information.

If you would like any further information or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your local Investor Servicing Team.

Yours faithfully



**Paul Freeman**  
Chairman