# BlackRock Corporate Bond Fund Class D ACCU GBP MARCH 2023 FACTSHEET

Unless otherwise stated, Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-Mar-2023. All other data as at 09-Apr-2023.

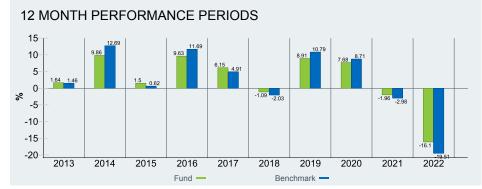
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#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The Fund aims to provide a return on your investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund and/or income received from those assets). The Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in fixed income securities (such as bonds) and moneymarket instruments (i.e. debt securities with short term maturities) which are issued by companies. The fixed income securities and money-market instruments may also be issued by governments, government agencies and supranationals (e.g. the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development).



Unit Class performance displayed in British Pound. Source: BlackRock. Performance is shown on a bid to bid price basis, with net income reinvested, net of fees. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance.** 



The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Unit Class performance is calculated using bid prices, with income reinvested, in British Pound, net of fees. Source: BlackRock.

**Key Risks:** The value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount is not guaranteed. Two main risks related to fixed income investing are interest rate risk and credit risk. Typically, when interest rates rise, there is a corresponding decline in the market value of bonds. Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of the bond will not be able to repay the principal and make interest payments.

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Capital at risk. All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be quaranteed.

# SYNTHETIC RISK & REWARD INDICATOR (SRRI)

Lower Risk
Potentially Lower Rewards
Potentially Higher Rewards

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

## **KEY FACTS**

**Asset Class** Fixed Income I/A Sector £ Corporate Bond **Morningstar Category GBP** Corporate Bond 24-Jul-1995 **Fund Launch Date** Share Class Launch Date 10-Jun-2011 **Fund Base Currency GBP** Share Class Currency GBP Total Fund Size (M) 934.57 GBP ICE BofAML Sterling Corporate & Benchmark Collateralized Index Domicile United Kingdom **Fund Type UCITS** ISIN GB00B4QC3311 **MRCHBDA Bloomberg Ticker** Distribution Frequency None **Minimum Initial Investment** 100,000 GBP Management Company BlackRock Fund Managers Ltd

# PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)

Ben Edwards

#### TOP HOLDINGS (%) UK CONV GILT 4.25 09/07/2039 3.34 TESCO PROPERTY ReaS 2.61 BAT INTERNATIONAL FINANCE PLC MTN RegS 2.25 06/26/2028 2.31 TIME WARNER CABLE LLC 5.75 06/02/2031 2.16 BANCO SANTANDER SA MTN RegS 4.75 08/ 30/2028 2.15 ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE SA MTN RegS 5.875 12/31/2079 2.13 EON INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BY MTN RegS 6.25 06/03/2030 2.12 BPCE SA MTN RegS 2.125 10/13/2046 1.95 CREDIT SUISSE GROUP AG MTN RegS 0.625 01/18/2033 1.94 IMPERIAL BRANDS FINANCE PLC MTN RegS 5.5 09/28/2026 1.87 **Total of Portfolio** 22.58

Holdings subject to change

# **RATINGS**







Key Risks Continued: The Fund utilises derivatives as part of its investment strategy. Compared to a fund which only invests in traditional instruments such as stocks and bonds, derivatives are potentially subject to a higher level of risk and volatility. The Fund invests in high yielding bonds. Companies which issue higher yield bonds typically have an increased risk of defaulting on repayments. In the event of default, the value of your investment may reduce. Economic conditions and interest rate levels may also impact significantly the values of high yield bonds. The Fund's investments may have low liquidity, which often causes the value of these investments to be less predictable. In extreme cases the Fund may not be able to realise the investment at the latest market price or at a price considered fair. Some or all of the Manager's annual charge for the Fund is taken from capital rather than from income. This increases the income, but reduces the potential for capital growth.

## **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Financial Institutions	42.88	47.55	-4.67
Industrial	20.03	27.16	-7.13
Utility	17.54	13.75	3.79
Government	9.45	0.00	9.45
CMBS	3.03	1.89	1.13
Cash and/or Derivatives	2.98	0.00	2.98
Agency	2.68	4.87	-2.19
ABS	1.41	2.30	-0.89
Covered	0.00	2.31	-2.31
Local Authority	0.00	0.16	-0.16

Negative weightings may result from specific circumstances (including timing differences between trade and settlement dates of securities purchased by the funds) and/or the use of certain financial instruments, including derivatives, which may be used to gain or reduce market exposure and/or risk management. Allocations are subject to change.

# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

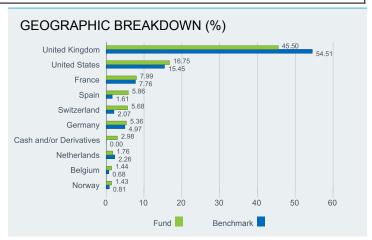
Effective Duration (years)	6.85
Nominal Weighted Average Life (WAL)	6.78 yrs
Yield to Worst (%)	5.95

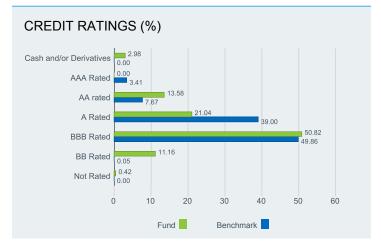
#### FEES AND CHARGES

Max Initial Charge	0.00%
Exit Fee	0.00%
Ongoing Charge	0.56%
Performance Fee	0.00%

# **DEALING INFORMATION**

SettlementTrade Date + 3 daysDealing FrequencyDaily, forward pricing basis





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# SUSTAINABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Sustainability Characteristics can help investors integrate non-financial, sustainability considerations into their investment process. These metrics enable investors to evaluate funds based on their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. This analysis can provide insight into the effective management and long-term financial prospects of a fund.

The metrics below have been provided for transparency and informational purposes only. The existence of an ESG rating is not indicative of how or whether ESG factors will be integrated into a fund. The metrics are based on MSCI ESG Fund Ratings and, unless otherwise stated in fund documentation and included within a fund's investment objective, do not change a fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe, and there is no indication that an ESG or Impact focused investment strategy or exclusionary screens will be adopted by a fund. For more information regarding a fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer
Percentile
Fund Lipper Global Classification

Bond GBP Corporates 397

94.71%

MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)
MSCI ESG % Coverage
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon
Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)

89.20%

81.42

9.21

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **07-Feb-2023**, based on holdings as of **30-Sep-2022**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% of the fund's gross weight must come from securities covered by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating a fund's gross weight; the absolute values of short positions are included but treated as uncovered), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old, and the fund must have at least ten securities. For newly launched funds, sustainability characteristics are typically available 6 months after launch.

#### **ESG GLOSSARY:**

**Funds in Peer Group** 

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC): The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile: The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

Fund Lipper Global Classification: The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

Funds in Peer Group: The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10): The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

MSCI ESG % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score, and MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage.

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES): Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

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#### **GLOSSARY**

Effective Duration: A measure of price sensitivity of a bond to changes in interest rates. The Modified Duration of the fund is calculated as the average of the underlying bonds' modified duration values, adjusted to take account of their relative weight (size) within the fund.

Ongoing Charge: is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

Quartile Rank: categorises a fund into four equal bands based on their performance over a specified period within the relevant Morningstar's sector. The top or first quartile contains the top 25% of funds, through to the bottom or 4th quartile which contains the bottom 25% of funds.

SRRI: is a value based on the volatility of the fund, which gives an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the Fund.







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