### **BLACKROCK GLOBAL FUNDS**

# BlackRock Japan Flexible Equity Fund A2 USD FEBRUARY 2023 FACTSHEET



Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Characteristics, and Net Assets as at 28-Feb-2023. All other data as at 06-Mar-2023.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- •The Fund's investments in equities could incur significant losses due to higher fluctuation of equity values. The Fund's investments are concentrated in Japan. This may result in greater volatility than more broad-based investments.
- •The Fund is subject to currency risk, small-cap companies' volatility and liquidity risks and securities lending counterparty risk.
- •The Fund may use derivatives for hedging and for investment purposes. However, usage for investment purposes will not be extensive. The Fund may suffer losses from its derivatives usage.
- •The value of the Fund can be volatile and can go down substantially within a short period of time. It is possible that a certain amount of your investment could be lost.
- •Investors should not make investment decisions based on this document alone. Investors should refer to the Prospectus and Key Facts Statement for details including risk factors.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Japan Flexible Equity Fund seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Japan. The Fund normally invests in securities that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, exhibit either growth or value investment characteristics, placing an emphasis as the market outlook warrants.

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These figures show as a NAV change of the Fund based on a hypothetical 10,000 investment in the share class.

### **CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)**

	3 mths	6 mths	YTD	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Share Class	3.60	5.85	3.53	-10.56	-17.92	14.62	0.62	46.60

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Share Class	-20.67	0.11	24.60	20.25	-17.07

Share class performance is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with income reinvested, net of fees. Performance is calculated in the relevant share class currency, including ongoing charges and taxes and excluding subscription and redemption fees, if applicable. Benchmark performance displayed in denominated currency and for comparative purpose only. Source: BlackRock. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.

### **RATINGS**



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### **KEY FACTS**

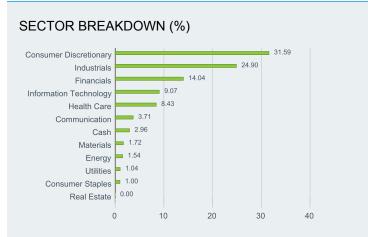
**Asset Class** Equity **Morningstar Category** Japan Large-Cap Equity Inception Date 18-Feb-2005 **Share Class Launch Date** 28-Feb-2005 Fund Base Currency Japanese Yen **Share Class Currency** U.S. Dollar Fund Size (mil) 26,274.05 JPY Luxembourg **Domicile Fund Type UCITS** LU0212924517 ISIN **Bloomberg Index Ticker** MLJVA2U **Distribution Frequency** Non-Distributing

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Rie Shigekawa

# TOP HOLDINGS (%)

TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION	6.66
SONY GROUP CORP	5.50
SUMITOMO MITSUI FINANCIAL GROUP	
INC	4.44
HITACHI LTD	4.15
HONDA MOTOR CO LTD	3.99
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	3.82
DAIKIN INDUSTRIES LTD	3.77
NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE	
CORPORATION	3.71
SMC CORP (JAPAN)	3.64
ORIX CORPORATION	3.49
Total	43.17
Holdings subject to change.	



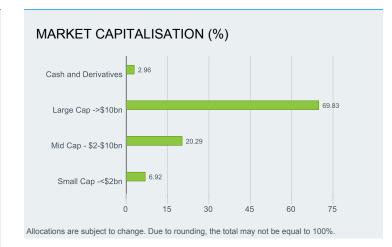
Negative weightings may result from specific circumstances (including timing differences between trade and settlement dates of securities purchased by the funds) and/or the use of certain financial instruments, including derivatives, which may be used to gain or reduce market exposure and/or risk management. Allocations are subject to change. Due to rounding, the total may not be equal to 100 %.

# PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Average Market Capitalisation (millions)
6,452,575.47
Japanese Yen
Price to Earnings Ratio
12.26x
Price to Book Ratio
1.24x

### FEES AND CHARGES

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Max Initial Charge	5.00%
Management Fee (incl. Distribution Fee, if any)	1.50%
Performance Fee	0.00%
For Fee details, please refer to the Fund Prospectus	



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Prior to 10 November 2022, the Fund was managed by Tad Fukushima and Rie Shigekawa. Prior to 1 April 2021, the Fund was managed by Tad Fukushima.

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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)	AAA	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	9.07
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer	85.45%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	100.00%
Percentile		MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	44.40
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Japan	Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	
Funds in Peer Group	866		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **06-Jan-2023**, based on holdings as of **31-Jul-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:**

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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