

# **PRODUCT KEY FACTS**

# BlackRock Global Funds – Sustainable World Bond Fund

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#### BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited 貝萊德資產管理北亞有限公司

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Quick facts	nu not mvest			
Management Company:	BlackRock (L	uxembourg) S./	۹.	
Investment Adviser(s) and/or Sub-Adviser(s):	as described Information F * Details o responsibl and will be	in "The Investi or Residents of f the relevan e for the Fund w available from	ment Advisers and S Hong Kong* t Investment Advi vill be listed in the int the Hong Kong Rep	viser(s) and/or Sub-Adviser(s) Sub-Advisers" section of the ser(s) and Sub-Adviser(s) erim report and annual report resentative upon request.
Depositary:	The Bank of I	New York Mello	n SA/NV, Luxembou	rg Branch
Ongoing charges over a year:	Class A1 Class A2 Class A2 Class A2 Class A3 Class A6 Class A8 Class C1 Class D2 Class D2 Class D2 Class D2 Class D2 Class D2	USD EUR Hedge GBP Hedge USD SGD Hedge RMB Hedge USD CHF Hedge EUR Hedge USD USD	d 1.08% 1.08% 1.08% d 1.08% ed 1.08% 2.33% d 0.68% d 0.68%	
	that class with August 2022.	n reference to th	e annual report of th	on the costs and expenses of e Fund for the year ended 31
Dealing frequency:	Daily		nancial year end:	31 August
Base currency:	USD			

Dividend policy: (Class A, C and D as at the above date)	<ul> <li>Non-Distributing Shares: No dividends will be declared or paid</li> <li>A2, D2</li> <li>Distributing Shares: Dividends, if declared will be paid in cash or reinvested</li> <li>Daily: A1, C1</li> <li>Monthly: A3, A6, A8, D3</li> <li>All declared dividends result in an immediate decrease in the Fund's net asset values per share on ex-date, whether paid in cash or reinvested.</li> <li>Certain share classes (Classes 6 and 8) may pay dividends out of gross income while charging all or part of its fees and expenses to capital (i.e. payment of fees and expenses out of capital). This will result in an increase in distributable income available for payment as dividends, and therefore, these share classes may effectively pay dividends out of capital. Classes 6 and 8 may also pay dividends out of capital (including net realised and net unrealised capital gains)</li> </ul>
	dividends out of capital (including net realised and net unrealised capital gains) of the relevant share class at the Directors' discretion. The Directors may amend the above dividend policy subject to the SFC's prior approval and by giving one month's prior notice to investors.
Minimum investment:	US\$5,000 initial, US\$1,000 additional for Class A and C Shares US\$100,000 initial, US\$1,000 additional for Class D Shares

## What is this product?

Sustainable World Bond Fund (the "Fund") is a sub-fund of BlackRock Global Funds ("BGF"), an openended investment company incorporated in Luxembourg. Its home regulator is the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF).

## **Objectives and Investment Strategy**

To maximise total return in a manner consistent with the principles of environmental, social and governance ("ESG") focused investing by investing at least 70% of the Fund's total assets in investment grade<sup>\*</sup> bonds worldwide. As part of its investment objective the Fund may invest up to 50% of its total assets in asset-backed securities ("ABS") and mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") whether investment grade<sup>\*</sup> or not. These may include asset-backed commercial paper, collateralised debt obligations, collateralised mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage-backed securities, credit-linked notes, real estate mortgage investment conduits, residential mortgage-backed securities and synthetic collateralised debt obligations.

The Fund seeks to deliver a superior ESG profile versus the investment universe (as represented by a composite benchmark comprising Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index USD Hedged (75%), JP Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified Index (15%) and Bloomberg US High Yield 2% Constrained Index (10%), the "Index") through a higher exposure to ESG outperformers and a lower exposure to ESG laggards based on the externalities of the securities (as further described below in the ESG policy).

The Fund's total assets will be invested in accordance with the ESG policy described below.

The Fund will seek to optimize asset allocation within the Investment Adviser's proprietary sustainability framework. Under this framework:

 All securities are evaluated and classified under a bottom-up approach according to the extent to which they are associated with positive or negative externalities, that is the intended or unintended benefits or costs to the environment and society from action(s)

<sup>\*</sup> Meaning, at the time of purchase BBB– (Standard & Poor's or equivalent) or better by at least one recognised rating agency or, in the opinion of the Management Company, and, where applicable, based on the Internal Credit Quality Assessment Procedure, are of comparable quality.

undertaken by the issuer of such securities. The evaluation may include both qualitative and quantitative thresholds and vary for different types of fixed income transferable securities as determined by the Investment Adviser from time to time, and are based on external ESG data points, proprietary model, local intelligence and on engagement undertaken during issuer dialogue.

In particular, the Investment Adviser will seek to have higher exposure than the Index and invest at least 20% of the Fund's net asset value in sustainable investments as defined by the Investment Adviser having regard to applicable laws and regulations and which are assessed as doing no significant harm and associated with "positive externalities" (the "PEXT Investments", e.g. lower carbon emitting issuers and issuers with positive ESG credentials). This includes, but not limited to, investing in issuers who have set specific climate transition targets (e.g. Science Based Targets to Net Zero, alignment to Paris Pledges per the Transition Pathway Initiative) and are considered to have positive climate impact and at least 10% of the Fund's net asset value in "green bonds" (as defined by the Investment Adviser's proprietary methodology which is guided by the International Capital Markets Association Green Bond Principles).

- The Investment Adviser will also seek to exclude investments that are deemed to have associated negative externalities (the "NEXT Investments", e.g. higher carbon emitters, issuers with certain controversial business practices (e.g. the ownership or operation of gambling related activities or facilities, and production of adult entertainment materials), and issuers with negative ESG credentials). This includes the Fund applying the BlackRock EMEA Baseline Screens, which means the Investment Adviser will seek to exclude direct investment (as applicable) in corporate issuers which, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, have exposure to, or ties with, certain activities (which may be based on specific revenue thresholds, or any connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received) including but not limited to:
  - (i) the production of controversial weapons;
  - (ii) the distribution or production of firearms or small arms ammunition intended for retail civilians;
  - (iii) the extraction of certain types of fossil fuel and/or the generation of power from them;
  - (iv) the production of tobacco products or certain activities in relation to tobacco-related products; and
  - (v) companies involved in severe controversies or who are deemed to have breached accepted global norms, relating to their business practices and conduct, such as the United Nations Global Compact Principles which cover human rights, labour standards, the environment and anti-corruption.
- In comparison with the Index, the total of the higher exposure to PEXT Investments and lower exposure to NEXT Investments of the Fund will be at least 20% in market value.
- For issuers or securities where the Investment Adviser cannot determine either a clear positive or clear negative externality, through for example a lack of disclosure by the issuer, the Investment Adviser will determine an engagement agenda for discussion with those companies in seeking to improve their ESG credentials, reporting frameworks and disclosures.
- In selecting investments and optimizing asset allocation, the remaining issuers (i.e. those
  issuers which have not yet been excluded from investment by the Fund) are then evaluated
  by the Investment Adviser based on, among other factors, their ability to manage the risks
  and opportunities associated with ESG compliant business practices and their ESG risk
  and opportunity credentials, such as their leadership and governance framework, which is
  considered essential for sustainable growth, their ability to strategically manage longerterm issues surrounding ESG and the potential impact this may have on an issuer's
  financials.

The Fund may gain limited indirect exposure to securities for which the exclusionary screens described above may not be applicable, or to issuers with exposure that that do not meet the criteria of the exclusionary screens through, including but not limited to, derivatives, cash and near cash instruments and shares or units of collective investment schemes and debt securities issued by governments and agencies worldwide. Where applicable, these investments would be subject to assessment on the associated ESG risks and opportunities.

The Fund may also invest in emerging markets (such as Brazil, South Africa and South Korea) and "To Be Announced" securities ("TBAs"). TBAs are MBS bought from a mortgage pool for a fixed price at a future date, where the exact security is not known but the main characteristics are specified, and can be either investment grade\* or non-investment grade.

Subject to applicable regulatory restrictions and internal guidelines (including the ESG policy above), the remaining 30% of the Fund's total net asset value may be invested in financial instruments of companies or issuers of any size in any sector of the economy globally such as debt and other securities consistent with the Fund's objective, subject to the restriction that no more than 10% of the Fund's assets will be invested in equities.

The Fund's expected total maximum investment in debt instruments with loss-absorption features, including but not limited to contingent convertible bonds, will be less than 30% of its net asset value. These instruments may be subject to contingent write-down or contingent conversion to ordinary shares on the occurrence of trigger event(s). The Fund's exposure to contingent convertible bonds is limited to 20% of its total assets.

The Fund may use derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. The Fund may employ currency management and hedging techniques which may include hedging the currency exposure on the Fund's portfolio and/or using more active currency management techniques such as currency overlays. Any active management techniques implemented by the Fund through the currency derivatives such as forward exchange contracts, currency futures and options may not be correlated with the primary underlying securities held by the Fund.

The proportion of the Fund's net asset value that is expected to be subject to securities lending transactions from time to time ranges from 0% to 40% and will be consistent with the overall investment policy of the Fund.

## **Use of Derivatives/Investment in Derivatives**

The Fund's net derivative exposure may be more than 100% of the Fund's net asset value.

## What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

#### 1. Investment Risks

The Fund is an investment fund. The Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the risk factors below and therefore your investment in the Fund may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

#### 2. ESG Investment Policy Risks

The use of ESG criteria may affect the Fund's investment performance and, as such, the Fund may perform differently compared to similar funds that do not use such criteria. ESG-based exclusionary criteria used in the Fund's investment policy may result in the Fund foregoing opportunities to buy certain securities when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so, and/or selling securities due to their ESG characteristics when it might be disadvantageous to do so.

There is a lack of standardised taxonomy on ESG criteria. The evaluation methodology adopted by different investment managers may vary. In evaluating a security or issuer based on ESG criteria, the Investment Adviser is dependent upon information and data from internal research and/or third

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party ESG providers, which may be incomplete, inaccurate, inconsistent or unavailable. As a result, there is a risk that the Investment Adviser may incorrectly assess a security or issuer. Investment selection of the Fund involves subjective judgement of the Investment Adviser. Hence, there is also a risk that the Investment Adviser may not apply the relevant ESG criteria correctly or that the Fund may gain limited exposure to issuers which may not be consistent with the relevant ESG criteria used by the Fund.

#### 3. Credit Risks

The Fund may be exposed to the credit/default risk of bonds that it invests in. In the event of bankruptcy or default of an issuer, the Fund may experience losses and incur costs.

The actual or perceived downgrading of a rated debt security or its issuers could decrease its value and liquidity, and may have an adverse impact on the Fund, however, the Fund may continue to hold it to avoid a distressed sale.

#### 4. Interest Rate Risks

An increase in interest rates may adversely affect the value of the bonds held by the Fund.

#### 5. Sovereign Debt Risks

Investment in bonds issued or guaranteed by governments or authorities may involve political, economic, default, or other risks, which may in turn have an adverse impact on the Fund. Due to these factors, the sovereign issuers may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due.

Holders of defaulting sovereign debt may be requested to participate in the restructuring of such debt. In addition, there may be limited legal recourses available against the sovereign issuer in case of failure of or delay in repayment.

The Fund may have exposure to Eurozone sovereign debts. In light of the fiscal conditions of certain European countries, the Fund may be subject to a number of increased risks arising from a potential crisis in the Eurozone (such as volatility, liquidity, price and currency risks). The performance of the Fund could deteriorate should there be any adverse events in the Eurozone (e.g. downgrade of sovereign credit ratings, default of one or more European countries, or even break-up of the Eurozone).

#### 6. Currency Risks

The Fund may invest in assets denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund. Also, a class of shares may be designated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund. Changes in exchange rates between such currency and the base currency and changes in exchange rate controls may adversely affect the value of the Fund's assets.

The Investment Adviser may utilise techniques and instruments (e.g. currency overlays) in relation to currencies other than the base currency with the aim of generating positive returns. Any active currency management techniques implemented by the Fund may not be correlated with the underlying securities held by the Fund. As a result, the Fund may suffer significant losses even if there is no loss to the value of the underlying securities held by the Fund.

#### 7. Delayed Delivery Transactions Risks

TBAs may involve counterparty default risk and a risk that the agreed (fixed) price is higher than the prevailing market price at the settlement date. These may have an adverse impact on the value of the Fund.

#### 8. Derivatives Risks

Risks associated with derivatives include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and and over-the-counter transaction risk. The leverage element/component of a derivative can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivative by the Fund.

The Fund may have a net derivative exposure of more than 100% of its net asset value. This may magnify any potential impact of any negative change in the value of the underlying assets on the Fund and may also increase the volatility of the Fund's price and may lead to significant losses.

Certain derivatives such as derivatives on currencies may be uncorrelated with the underlying securities held by the Fund. In this regard the Fund may suffer significant losses notwithstanding that there may be no loss in respect of the underlying securities positions (predominantly fixed income securities) held by the Fund.

#### 9. Emerging Market Risks

Investment in emerging markets may be subject to a higher than average volatility than more developed markets due to greater political, tax, sustainability related, economic, social, and foreign exchange risks.

The size and trading volume of securities markets in emerging markets may be substantially smaller than developed markets. This may subject the Fund to higher liquidity and volatility risks.

Custody and registration of assets in emerging markets may be less reliable than in developed markets, which may subject the Fund to higher settlement risk.

The Fund may be subject to higher regulatory risks due to low level of regulation, enforcement of regulations and monitoring of investors' activities in emerging markets.

#### 10. Capital Growth Risks

#### Risks associated with Fees and/or Dividends Paid Out of Capital

Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of capital (Classes 6 and 8) or payment of dividends out of gross income (i.e. payment of fees and expenses out of capital) (Classes 6 and 8) or payment of implied interest rate differentials arising from share class currency hedging as dividends (Class 8) amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Whilst all dividends paid result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share, these share classes may pay larger dividends (i.e. by paying dividends out of capital, gross income or interest rate differentials arising from share class currency hedging gains (if any)), which may therefore result in a larger reduction in the net asset value per share.

#### Payment of Dividends From Implied Interest Rate Differentials

For Distributing (R) Shares (Class 8), any dividends payable may include interest rate differentials arising from share class currency hedging gains/losses which may increase/decrease dividends paid. Shareholders of such Distributing (R) Shares will forego capital gains as any currency hedging gains are distributed rather than added to capital. Conversely, currency hedging losses may decrease the dividends paid, and in extreme cases may deduct from capital.

#### 11. Securities Lending Risks

When engaging in securities lending, the Fund will have a credit risk exposure to the counterparties to any securities lending contract. Fund investments can be lent to counterparties over a period of time. A default by the counterparty combined with a fall in the value of the collateral below that of the value of the securities lent may result in a reduction in the value of the Fund.

#### 12. Risks associated with Investments in ABS and MBS

The obligations associated with these securities may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other fixed income securities such as government issued bonds.

ABS and MBS are often exposed to extension risk (where obligations in the underlying assets are not paid on time) and prepayment risks (where obligations on the underlying assets are paid earlier than expected). These risks may have a substantial impact on the timing and size of the cashflows paid by the securities and may negatively impact the returns of the securities.

#### 13. Currency Conversion Risk for Renminbi ("RMB") Denominated Classes

The Fund offers RMB denominated share classes. RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions.

Under exceptional circumstances, payment of realisation proceeds and/or dividend payment (if any) in RMB may be delayed due to the exchange controls and restrictions applicable to RMB.

RMB is traded in both the onshore and offshore markets. While both onshore RMB ("**CNY**") and offshore RMB ("**CNH**") represent the same currency, they are traded in different and separate markets which operate independently. The Management Company will apply the CNH rate for currency conversion of RMB denominated share classes. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors.

#### 14. Liquidity Risks

The size and trading volume of securities in the markets relevant to the Fund may be substantially smaller than developed markets. This may lead to investments in such securities becoming less liquid, making it difficult to dispose of them which may reduce the Fund's returns/lead to losses for investors.

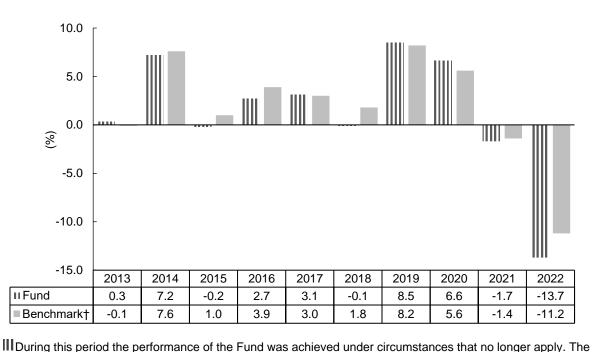
#### 15. Contingent Convertible Bonds Risks

A contingent convertible bond may be converted into the issuer's equity or be partly or wholly written off (a "write-down") if a pre-specified trigger event occurs. Trigger levels differ and the exposure to conversion risk depends on the distance of the capital ratio to the trigger level. In case of conversion into equity, the Fund might be forced to sell these new equity shares. Such a forced sale might have an effect on market liquidity as there may not be sufficient demand for these shares. In the event of a write-down, which may be either temporary or permanent, the Fund may suffer a full, partial or staggered loss of the value of its investment. It might be difficult for the Fund to anticipate the trigger events or how the securities will behave upon conversion.

Investment in contingent convertible bonds may suffer a loss of capital. Further, contingent convertible bonds are usually subordinated to comparable non-convertible securities, and thus are subject to higher risks than other debt securities. Coupon payments on certain contingent convertible bonds may be entirely discretionary and may be cancelled by the issuer, in which event the Fund may experience losses. Investment in contingent convertible bonds may also lead to increased industry concentration risk and thus counterparty risk as such securities are issued by a limited number of banks.

## How has the fund performed?

Historic performance to 31 December 2022



#### Fund changed its investment policy in 2017, 2019 and 2022.

Notes:

Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. You may not get back the full amount invested. The computation of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested expressed as a % change. These figures show by how much the share class increased or decreased in value during the calendar year shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD, including ongoing charges and taxes and excluding subscription and redemption fees, if applicable. The past performance information reflects the performance of the A2 base currency share class which the Investment Adviser views as the most appropriate representative share class. Please refer to the website <u>www.blackrock.com/hk</u> for performance information regarding other share classes. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

<sup>†</sup> The benchmark of the Fund is Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD Hedged Index (formerly known as Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate USD Hedged Index).

Fund launch date: 1985 Share class launch date: 1985

### Is there any guarantee?

This Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

## What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the Fund:

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Fee	What you pay			
Subscription Fee	Class A and Class D Shares: up to 5% of the price of shares			
(Initial Charge)	Class C Shares: Nil			
Switching Fee	Nil <sup>^</sup> , except a delayed Initial Charge of up to 5% of the price of Class A or Class			
(Conversion Charge)	D Shares may be payable upon switching newly acquired Shares in a Reserve			
	Fund into this Fund			
Redemption Fee	Nil^			
<b>Contingent Deferred</b>	Class A and Class D Shares: Nil			
Sales Charge	Class C Shares: 1% of the lower of the original investment amount or redemption proceeds if the Shares are held for less than one year			
<ul> <li>A 2% charge on rec suspected.</li> </ul>	lemptions/conversions may be levied where excessive trading by a shareholder is			
The following expenses	s paid by the Fund affect you because they reduce the return on your investments: Annual rate			
Management Fee	0.85% of the net asset value of the relevant Class A and Class C Shares			
-	respectively* 0.45% of the net asset value of the relevant Class D Shares*			
Depositary Fees <sup>#</sup>	respectively*			
	respectively* 0.45% of the net asset value of the relevant Class D Shares* Safekeeping fees: 0.0024% to 0.45% of the value of the securities			
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shareholders

<sup>#</sup> Subject to change without prior notice

#### Other fees

You may have to pay other fees and charges when dealing in the shares of the Fund.

## Additional Information

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the Fund's next-determined price as long as the Hong Kong Representative or the Transfer Agent receives your request in good order before the 6:00p.m. cut-off (HK time). Please check whether your distributor has an internal cut-off time which is earlier than this.
- The net asset value of the Fund is calculated daily. Prices of shares are published each business day on <u>www.blackrock.com/hk</u>. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.
- The updated list of currently available shares is available from the Hong Kong Representative.
- The composition of the latest dividends (i.e. relative amounts paid from (i) net distributable income and (ii) capital) for the last 12 months are available from the Hong Kong Representative upon request and on <u>www.blackrock.com/hk</u>. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

## Important

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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