

**BlackRock Global Funds – European Special Situations 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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<b>Quick facts</b>																																										
<b>Management Company:</b>	BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.																																									
<b>Investment Adviser(s) and/or Sub-Adviser(s):</b>	Internal delegation to one or more Investment Adviser(s) and/or Sub-Adviser(s) as described in “The Investment Advisers and Sub-Advisers” section of the Information For Residents of Hong Kong*  * <i>Details of the relevant Investment Adviser(s) and Sub-Adviser(s) responsible for the Fund will be listed in the interim report and annual report and will be available from the Hong Kong Representative upon request.</i>																																									
<b>Depository:</b>	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch																																									
<b>Ongoing charges over a year:</b>	<table><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>AUD Hedged</td><td>1.82%</td></tr><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>CAD Hedged</td><td>1.82%</td></tr><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>EUR</td><td>1.82%</td></tr><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>GBP Hedged</td><td>1.81%</td></tr><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>HKD Hedged</td><td>1.83% *</td></tr><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>RMB Hedged</td><td>1.82%</td></tr><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>USD</td><td>1.82%</td></tr><tr><td>Class A2</td><td>USD Hedged</td><td>1.82%</td></tr><tr><td>Class C2</td><td>EUR</td><td>3.07%</td></tr><tr><td>Class C2</td><td>USD</td><td>3.07%</td></tr><tr><td>Class D2</td><td>EUR</td><td>1.07%</td></tr><tr><td>Class D2</td><td>USD</td><td>1.07%</td></tr><tr><td>Class D2</td><td>USD Hedged</td><td>1.08%</td></tr></table> <p>The ongoing charges figure for a class is based on the costs and expenses of that class with reference to the annual report of the Fund for the year ended 31 August 2018.</p> <p>For a share class which is newly launched (marked *) the ongoing charges figure represents the Management Company’s best estimate of the ongoing charges based on the information available in respect of other active share classes with a similar fee structure.</p> <p>The figure may vary from year to year.</p>			Class A2	AUD Hedged	1.82%	Class A2	CAD Hedged	1.82%	Class A2	EUR	1.82%	Class A2	GBP Hedged	1.81%	Class A2	HKD Hedged	1.83% *	Class A2	RMB Hedged	1.82%	Class A2	USD	1.82%	Class A2	USD Hedged	1.82%	Class C2	EUR	3.07%	Class C2	USD	3.07%	Class D2	EUR	1.07%	Class D2	USD	1.07%	Class D2	USD Hedged	1.08%
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(Class A, C and D as at the above date)	<p>► A2, C2, D2</p> <p>Distributing Shares: Dividends, if declared will be paid in cash or reinvested</p> <p>► Not Available</p>
<b>Minimum investment:</b>	<p>US\$5,000 initial, US\$1,000 additional for Class A and C Shares</p> <p>US\$100,000 initial, US\$1,000 additional for Class D Shares</p>

## What is this product?

European Special Situations Fund (the “Fund”) is a sub-fund of BlackRock Global Funds (“BGF”), an open-ended 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 by investing at least 70% of the Fund’s total assets in stocks of companies based in, or with the majority of their business in, Europe. The Fund places emphasis on “special situations” companies that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, are companies with potential for improvement that the market has failed to appreciate. Such companies generally take the form of small, mid and large capitalisation companies that are undervalued and exhibit growth investment characteristics, such as above-average growth rates in earnings or sales and high or improving returns on capital. In some cases such companies can also benefit from changes in corporate strategy and business restructuring.

In normal market conditions the Fund invests at least 50% of its total assets in the stocks of companies based in, or with the majority of their business in, Europe and which form the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of European stock markets.

The Fund may also invest in emerging markets (such as Hungary, Poland and Russia).

Subject to applicable regulatory restrictions and internal guidelines, the remaining 30% may be invested in financial instruments of companies or issuers of any size in any sector of the economy globally such as equity securities consistent with the Fund’s objective and cash.

The Fund’s exposure to contingent convertible bonds is limited to 5% of its total assets.

The Fund may use derivatives for hedging, efficient portfolio management and investment purposes. However, derivatives will not be extensively or primarily used for investment purposes.

## 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.

### 2. Equity Risk

The values of equities fluctuate daily and a Fund investing in equities could incur significant losses. The price of equities can be influenced by many factors at the individual company level, as well as by broader economic and political developments, including changes in investment sentiment, trends in economic growth, inflation and interest rates, issuer-specific factors, corporate earnings reports, demographic trends and catastrophic events.

### 3. Currency Risks

The Fund may invest in assets denominated 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.

### 4. Derivatives Risks

In an adverse situation, if the use of derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management

becomes ineffective, the Fund may suffer significant losses.

## **5. Emerging Market Risks**

Investment in emerging markets (including certain European countries) may be subject to a higher than average volatility than more developed markets due to greater political, tax, 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.

## **6. Foreign Investments Restrictions Risks**

Some countries prohibit or restrict investment, or the repatriation of income, capital or the proceeds from sale of securities. The Fund may incur higher costs investing in these countries. Such restrictions may delay the investment or repatriation of capital of the Fund.

## **7. Geographical Concentration Risks**

The Fund's investments are concentrated in Europe. This may result in greater volatility than more broad-based investments. The value of the Fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting Europe.

## **8. Small Cap Companies Risks**

Many small company stocks trade less frequently and in smaller volume, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than stocks of large companies. The securities of small companies may also be more sensitive to market changes than the securities of large companies.

## **9. Currency conversion risk for Renminbi ("RMB") denominated Classes**

RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. The Fund offers RMB denominated share classes. Subscriptions and redemptions for the Fund may involve conversion of currency. Currency conversion will be conducted at the applicable exchange rate and subject to the applicable spread.

Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk and there is no guarantee that the value of RMB against the investors' home currency will not depreciate. Any depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of investors' investment in the RMB denominated share classes.

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. Therefore, CNY and CNH do not necessarily have the same exchange rate and their movement may not be in the same direction. When converting the base currency of the Fund to RMB for the purposes of calculating the net asset value of a share class with a RMB reference currency, the Management Company will apply the CNH rate. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors.

## **10. 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.

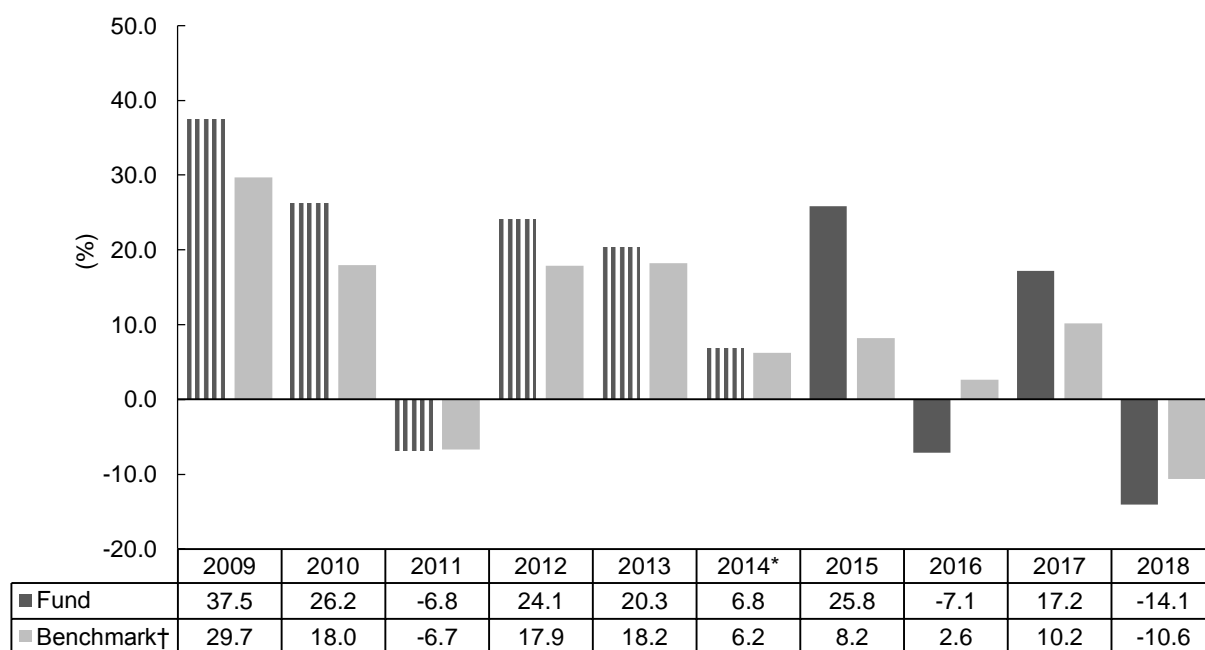
## 11. Contingent Convertible Bonds Risks

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 2018



During this period the performance of the Fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. On 14 February 2014 the European Small & MidCap Opportunities Fund was absorbed by the European Growth Fund and the surviving fund was renamed as the European Special Situations Fund and its investment policy and benchmark was changed.

### 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 EUR, 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 [www.blackrock.com/hk](http://www.blackrock.com/hk) for performance information regarding other share classes. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

† The benchmark of the Fund is MSCI Europe Index.

\* The benchmark changed on 14 February 2014 as the current benchmark is considered more representative of the Fund's investment strategy.

Fund launch date: 2002

Share class launch date: 2002

## 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:

Fee	What you pay
<b>Subscription Fee (Initial Charge)</b>	Class A and Class D Shares: up to 5% of the price of shares Class C Shares: Nil
<b>Switching Fee (Conversion Charge)</b>	Nil <sup>^</sup> , except a delayed Initial Charge of up to 5% of the price of Class A or Class D Shares may be payable upon switching newly acquired Shares in a Reserve Fund into this Fund
<b>Redemption Fee</b>	Nil <sup>^</sup>
<b>Contingent Deferred Sales Charge</b>	Class A and Class D Shares: Nil 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

<sup>^</sup> A 2% charge on redemptions/conversions may be levied where excessive trading by a shareholder is suspected.

### Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses paid by the Fund affect you because they reduce the return on your investments:

Fee	Annual rate
<b>Management Fee</b>	1.50% of the net asset value of the relevant Class A and Class C Shares respectively* 0.75% of the net asset value of the relevant Class D Shares*
<b>Depository Fees<sup>#</sup></b>	Safekeeping fees: 0.0024% to 0.45% of the value of the securities Transactional fees: US\$5.5 to US\$124 per transaction
<b>Performance Fee</b>	Nil
<b>Administration Fee</b>	Up to 0.25% of the net asset value of the relevant share class*
<b>Distribution Fee</b>	Class A and Class D Shares: Nil      Class C Shares: 1.25% of the net asset value of the relevant share class

\* May be increased to a combined 2.25% maximum upon giving three months' prior notice to 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 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 [www.blackrock.com/hk](http://www.blackrock.com/hk). This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.
- ▶ The updated list of currently available shares is available from the Hong Kong Representative.

## Important

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

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