



March 2024

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-Mar-2024. All other data as at: 10-Apr-2024.

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## **FUND OVERVIEW**

- The Fund aims to maximise the return on your investment through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's assets and invest in a manner consistent with the principles of environmental, social and governance (ESG) investing.
- The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in fixed income securities denominated in US dollars. These include bonds and money market instruments (i.e. debt securities with short term maturities).
- At least 70% of the Fund's total assets will include investments with a relatively low credit rating or which are unrated. The remainder may include investments which are investment grade (i.e. meet a specified level of credit worthiness) at the time of purchase.

#### **RISK INDICATOR**

**Lower Risk** 

## **Higher Risk** Potentially Lower Rewards Potentially Higher Rewards 4

CAPITAL AT RISK: The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### **KEY RISKS:**

- Non-investment grade fixed income securities are more sensitive to changes in interest rates and present greater 'Credit Risk' than higher rated fixed income securities.
- Derivatives may be highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund. The impact to the Fund can be greater where derivatives are used in an extensive or complex way.
- The Fund seeks to exclude companies engaging in certain activities inconsistent with ESG criteria. Investors should therefore make a personal ethical assessment of the Fund's ESG screening prior to investing in the Fund. Such ESG screening may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.
- Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- Credit Risk: The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

## **RATINGS**



#### **KEY FACTS**

Constraint\*: Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High

Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index Asset Class: Fixed Income

Fund Launch Date: 29-Oct-1993

Share Class Launch Date: 19-Feb-2014

Fund Base Currency: USD **Share Class Currency: ZAR** Use of Income: Distributing

Net Assets of Fund (M): 1,932.52 USD Morningstar Category: Other Bond SFDR Classification: Article 8

Domicile: Luxembourg ISIN: LU1023056127

Management Company: BlackRock

(Luxembourg) S.A. \* or currency equivalent

## **FEES AND CHARGES**

Annual Management Fee: 1.25%

Ongoing Charge: 1.44% Performance Fee: 0.00%

## **DEALING INFORMATION**

Minimum Initial Investment: 5,000 ZAR \*

Settlement: Trade Date + 3 days

Dealing Frequency: Daily, forward pricing basis

\* or currency equivalent

## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Effective Duration: 3.16 Years Weighted Average Maturity: 4.29 Yield To Maturity: 7.50%

Standard Deviation (3y): 8.34

3y Beta: 0.98

Number of Holdings: 1,157

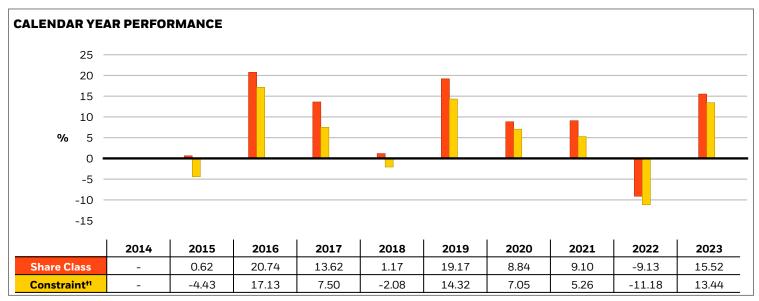
## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

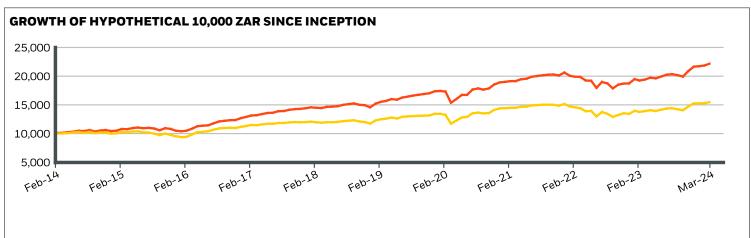
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## BGF US Dollar High Yield Bond Fund A8 Hgd ZAR

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## BlackRock Global Funds





| C | CUMULATIVE & ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE |      |              |                     |      |            |      |      |                    |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|---------------------|------|------------|------|------|--------------------|--|--|--|
|   |                                     |      | UMULATIVE (% | ANNUALISED (% p.a.) |      |            |      |      |                    |  |  |  |
|   |                                     | 1m   | 3m           | 6m                  | YTD  | <b>1</b> y | 3у   | 5у   | Since<br>Inception |  |  |  |
|   | Share Class                         | 1.52 | 2.51         | 9.98                | 2.51 | 14.28      | 5.05 | 7.17 | 8.20               |  |  |  |
|   | Constraint*1                        | 1.18 | 1.47         | 8.73                | 1.47 | 11.15      | 2.19 | 4.19 | 4.50               |  |  |  |

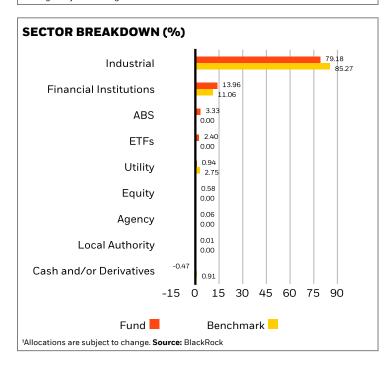
The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in ZAR, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in USD. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. **Source:** BlackRock

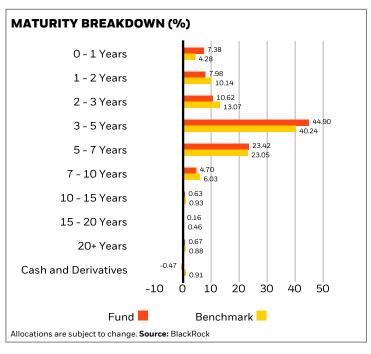
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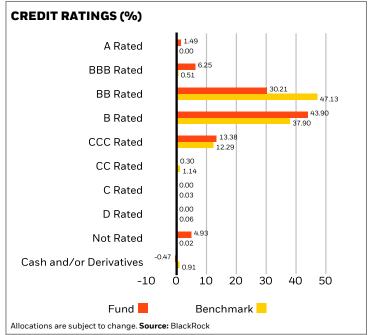
Constraint<sup>†1</sup> Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index

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| TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)                          |        |
| ISHARES \$ HIGH YIELD CRP BND ETF \$         | 2.40%  |
| CLOUD SOFTWARE GROUP INC 144A 6.5 03/31/2029 | 1.18%  |
| HUB INTERNATIONAL LTD 144A 7.375 01/31/2032  | 1.15%  |
| HUB INTERNATIONAL LTD 144A 7.25 06/15/2030   | 0.98%  |
| MAUSER PACKAGING SOLUTIONS HOLDING 144A      | 0.86%  |
| 7.875 08/15/2026                             |        |
| EMRLD BORROWER LP 144A 6.625 12/15/2030      | 0.85%  |
| UKG INC 144A 6.875 02/01/2031                | 0.83%  |
| ZAYO GROUP HOLDINGS INC 144A 4 03/01/2027    | 0.83%  |
| CARNIVAL HOLDINGS (BERMUDA) LTD 144A 10.375  | 0.80%  |
| 05/01/2028                                   |        |
| VERSCEND ESCROW CORP 144A 9.75 08/15/2026    | 0.73%  |
| Total of Portfolio                           | 10.61% |
| Holdings subject to change                   |        |









## 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 % Coverage                               | 67.58% | MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)                                  | ВВВ                 |
|---|--------|---|---------------------|
| MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile          | 57.37% | MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)                                   | 5.42                |
| Funds in Peer Group                               | 441    | Fund Lipper Global Classification                               | Bond USD High Yield |
| MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage | 67.17% | MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity<br>(Tons CO2E/\$M SALES) | 203.79              |

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Mar 2024**, based on holdings as of **31 Oct 2023**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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**SFDR Classification: Article 8:** Products that promote environmental or social characteristics and promote good governance practices. **Article 9:** Products that have sustainable investments as an objective and follow good governance practices. **Other:** Products that do not meet the criteria to be classified as Article 8 or 9.

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

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

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 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.

Yield to Maturity: Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the discount rate that equates the present value of bond's cash flows with its market price (including accrued interest). The fund YTM is the weighted average of fund's individual bond holding YTMs based upon Net Asset Value ('NAV'). The measure does not include fees and expenses. For callable bonds, YTM is the Yield-to-Worst.

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.

**Effective Duration:** Effective duration is a measure of a fund's interestrate sensitivity. Put simply, the longer a fund's duration, the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. So a fund with a duration of 10 years is twice as volatile as a fund with a five-year duration.

**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.

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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