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## **BlackRock ICS Sterling**

## **Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund (LEAF)**

Institutional Cash Series plc (Core share class)

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## **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide a return in line with money market rates. This aim is consistent with maintaining capital and ensuring its underlying assets can easily be bought or sold in the market (in normal market conditions). Money invested in the Fund is not protected or guaranteed. The Fund is a "Short Term Variable NAV Money Market Fund" as defined by the EU Money Markets Funds Regulations. The Fund is actively managed and the investment manager has discretion to select the Fund's investments.

### **Investment Policy**

The Fund invests in high quality (according to the Investment Manager's assessment of credit worthiness) money market instruments (MMIs) (i.e. debt securities with short term maturities) & short term fixed income securities (such as bonds). It may also invest in deposits with credit institutions (e.g.banks) and in units of other short term money market funds.

The Investment Manager will, in addition to the investment objective set out above, and subject always to investing in such assets as required for the Fund to meet its investment objective, take into account environmental and other characteristics when selecting the Fund's investments, as a non-financial objective as set out in the Fund's prospectus. Please see the Fund's Prospectus for the full Investment Policy

A Money Market Fund (MMF) is not a guaranteed investment vehicle. An investment in MMFs is different from an investment in deposits; the principal invested in an MMF is capable of fluctuation and the risk of loss of the principal is to be borne by the investor. The MMF does not rely on external support for guaranteeing the liquidity of the MMF or stabilising the NAV per share.

### **Fund Specific Risks**

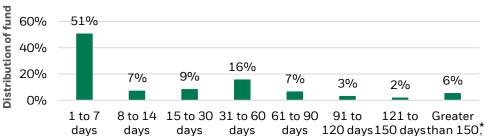
Short Term Money Market Funds do not generally experience extreme price variations. Changes in interest rates will impact the Fund.

**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.

**Accumulating Share Class Risk:** On any day where the net return (i.e. return less costs and expenses) of the Fund is negative an Accumulating Share Class of the fund will see a decrease in the NAV per Share.

## **Maturity Exposure**



Source: Unless otherwise specified all data is internally sourced from BlackRock as of 28 February 2021.

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### **Fund Details**

Umbrella ICS plc Domicile Ireland **Fund Structure UCITS** Short-term VNAV Fund Type Currency **GBP** Size £6.37 bn 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 **Inception Date** Minimum Investment £1 Million **Dealing Deadline** 1pm GMT ISIN IE00BK8M8Q97

Distributing Shares IE00BK8M8V41 Accumulating Shares

Moody's\* AAAm
Ongoing Charges 0.20%
Weighted Average Maturity
Weighted Average Life 56 days

The Fund is rated by an external rating agency(ies). Such rating is solicited and financed by BlackRock.

### **Portfolio Composition %\***



- Non-U.S. Sovereign, Sub- Sovereign and Supra-National debt 3.23%
- Certificate of Deposit 37.63%
- Non-Negotiable Time Deposit 25.36%
- Asset Backed Commercial Paper 3.44%
- Other Repurchase Agreement 10.19%
- Financial Company Commercial Paper 11.50%
- Non-Financial Company Commercial Paper 1.74%
- Other Instrument Note 6.91%
- ^ Fixed or floating medium-term notes, issued by banks or corporates

## **Security Credit Rating %\***



■ S&P A-1+ 72.20% ■ S&P A-1 27.80% ■

\* The values reported include cash, accrued income, and/or payables/receivables which may result in negative weightings in specific circumstances (including timing differences between trade and settle dates of securities purchased by the funds). Allocations are subject to change. For further information on how the Credit Rating is calculated please refer to the disclosure at the end of the factsheet

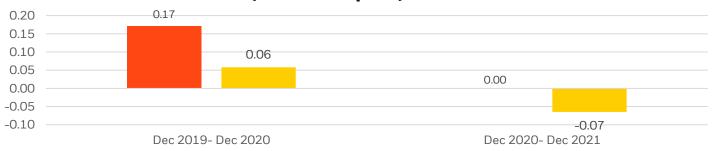
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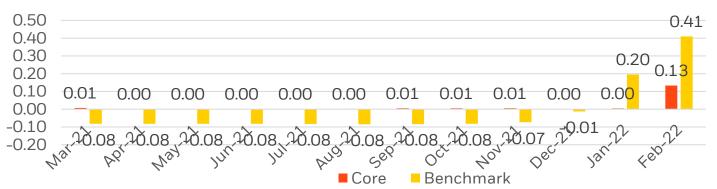
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### **Performance**

### Net Yield For the Past 5 Years (or since inception) %



# Net Annualised Monthly Yield Performance of the past 12 months in %



Annualised Yield Performance History %	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception
Core	0.13	0.04	0.02	0.01	null	0.17
Benchmark	0.41	0.23	null	null	null	null

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.

Performance/Yield figures under 12 months are annualised. The yield is the income return on an investment, such as the interest or dividends of a money market fund.

Performance is quoted net of fees based on the premier distributing share class, on a NAV pricing basis with income distributed.

Yield is expressed as a percentage of the period as at 28 February 2022 market value.

The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

The Currency of returns is British Pound.

**Benchmark:** The Fund is actively managed. The investment manager has discretion to select the Fund's investments and is not constrained by any benchmark in this process. The Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) overnight should be used by investors to compare the performance of the Fund. On the 26 November 2021, the benchmark changed to Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) overnight. Prior to the change, the Fund benchmark was GBP 1 Week LIBID Index.

Up-to-date performance figures can be found on our website www.blackrock.com/cash



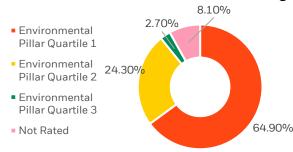
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**Exclusionary screens** 

Category	Measure				
Controversial Weapons	Exclusions to any issuers that have any exposure to:  The production of controversial weapons (nuclear, cluster munitions, biological-chemical, landmine, depleted uranium, or incendiary weapons)				
Fossil Fuels	Exclusions to any issuers that:  Derive 5% or more of their revenues from fossil fuel mining, exploration and/or refinement				
Thermal Coal/Nuclear Energy	Exclusions to any issuers that:  Derive 5% or more of their revenues from thermal coal extraction and/or generation or nuclear energy-based power generation				
Civilian Firearms	Exclusions to any issuers that have any exposure to:  The production of, and/or derive 5% or more of their revenues from the distribution of firearms and small arms ammunition intended for civilian use				
Tar/Oil Sands	Exclusions to any issuers that:  Derive 5% or more of their revenues from the production or distribution of tar sands oil sands				
Tobacco	Exclusions to any issuers that:  Have any exposure to the production of, and/or derive 5% or more of their revenues from the retailing, distribution and/or licensing of tobacco				
	At the time of purchase issuers must:				
UN Global Compact	Not have been involved in violations of the UN Global Compact as determined by MSCI or such other external ESG research provider used by the Investment Manager from time to time.				

### **MSCI Environmental Pillar Ranking**



Company's Environmental Pillar Score Quartile relative to companies in the relevant ESG Ratings Industry that are constituents of the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI).

A value of 1 represents the top quartile and 4 represents the bottom quartile.

The Investment Manager will, in addition to the investment objective set out on the first page, and subject always to investing in such assets as required for the Fund to meet its investment objective, take into account environmental and other characteristics when selecting the Fund's investments and will, as a non-financial objective, exclude direct investment in issuers of money market instruments which (at the time of investment) fall within the criteria outlined above.

The Investment Manager will also aim to ensure that at least 80% of Fund assets (which are not investments in government and public securities and instruments) have above average environmental practices as determined by MSCI or such other external ESG research provider used by the Investment Manager from time to time

The environmental and other criteria set out above are not taken into account when selecting the Fund's investments in government and public securities and instruments. As a result such securities and instruments may not comply with the environmental and other criteria set out above and at times the entire Fund could be comprised of such securities and instruments to help meet the Fund's investment objective.

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### Risks

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