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## BlackRock ICS Sterling Ultra Short Bond Fund

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Institutional Cash Series plc (Class J - Accumulating)

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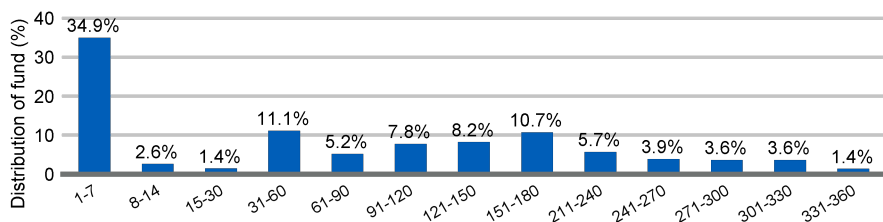
### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the BlackRock ICS Sterling Ultra Short Bond Fund (the Fund) is to generate current income and a reasonable degree of liquidity consistent with the low volatility of principal, through the maintenance of a portfolio of high quality money market and fixed income instruments including floating rate securities

### Investment Policy

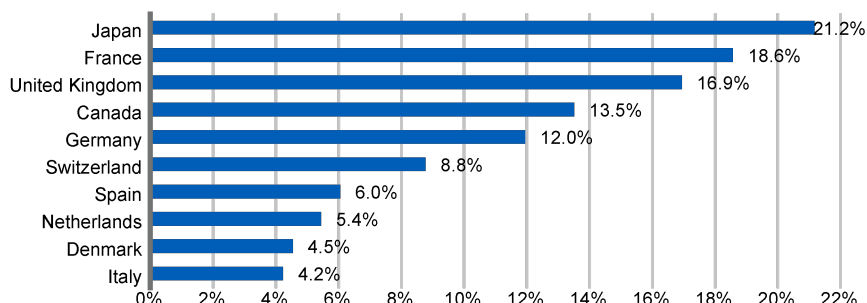
The Fund seeks to maximise current income consistent with the preservation of principal and a reasonable degree of liquidity through the maintenance of a portfolio of high quality short to medium-term fixed income instruments including "money market" instruments, floating rate and asset backed securities. The Fund may invest in a broad range of transferable securities such as securities, instruments and obligations that may be available on the relevant markets (both within and outside the UK).

### Maturity Distribution (Days)



As per the European Money Market Fund reform regulations, the portfolio is able to bucket Government Debt up to 17.5% of the fund <190 days as 1 week liquidity allowance

### Top 10 Country Allocation



A full breakdown of country and Maturity exposure can be found on the BlackRock Cash website:

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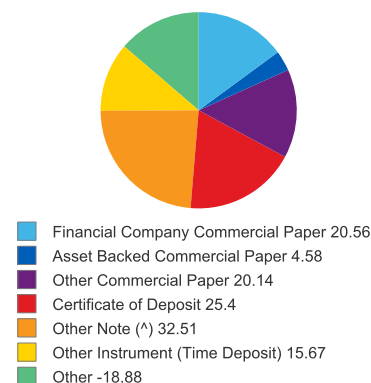
The exposure is calculated based on the fund holdings, settled and unsettled, as at 28 February 2022 and may affect % Par and the WAL. It does not include cash, accrued income and/or payables/receivables. For traditional repo collateralised by government obligations, we look through to the underlying collateral for ultimate exposure. For ABCP issuers, we view exposure at the sponsor level of the conduit. Unless otherwise specified all data is internally sourced from BlackRock as of 28-Feb-2022

### Fund Details

Umbrella	Institutional Cash Series
Domicile	Ireland
Fund Structure	UCITS
Fund Type	Standard Variable NAV
Currency	British Pound
Size	GBP 1.8 Billion
Benchmark	3 month SONIA Compounded in Arrears
Inception Date	20/4/2020
Minimum Investment	750 Million
Dealing Deadline	14:00 Europe/Dublin
Bloomberg	CPL
ISIN	IE00BL0BM254
S&P Fund Credit Rating	AAf
S&P Volatility Rating	1
Ongoing Charges	0.06%
Duration	0.27
Spread Duration	0.37

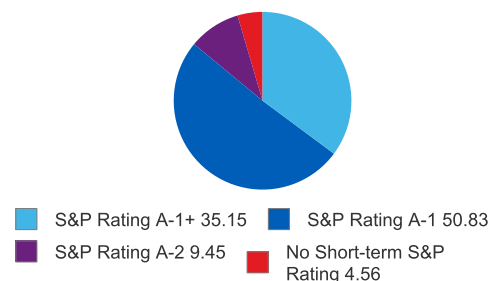
The credit ratings were solicited and financed by BlackRock.

### Portfolio Composition %\*



\*Fixed or floating med-term notes, issued by banks or corporates

### Credit Quality Rating %\*



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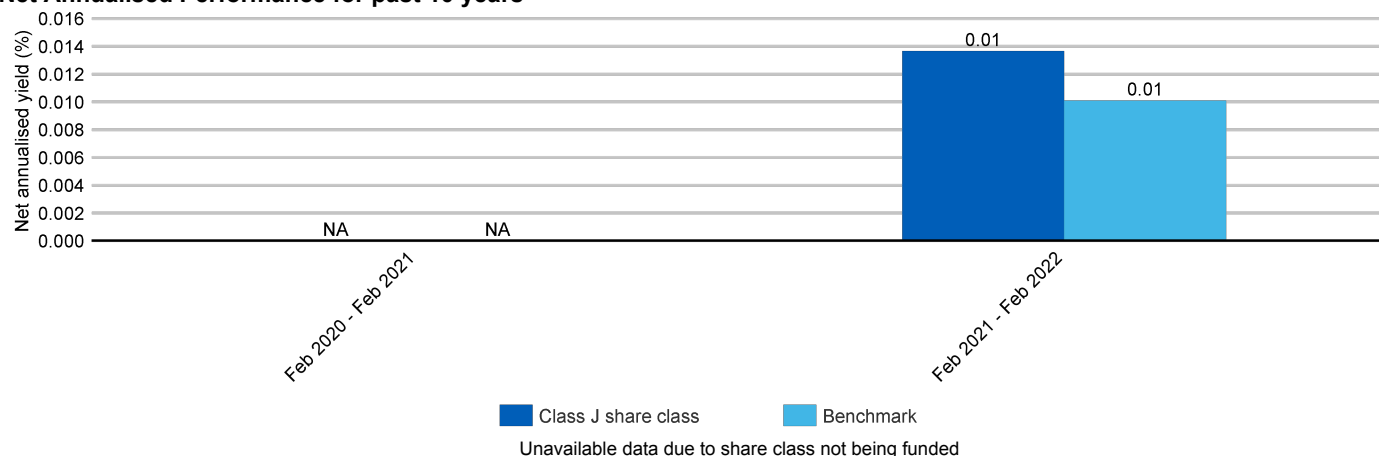
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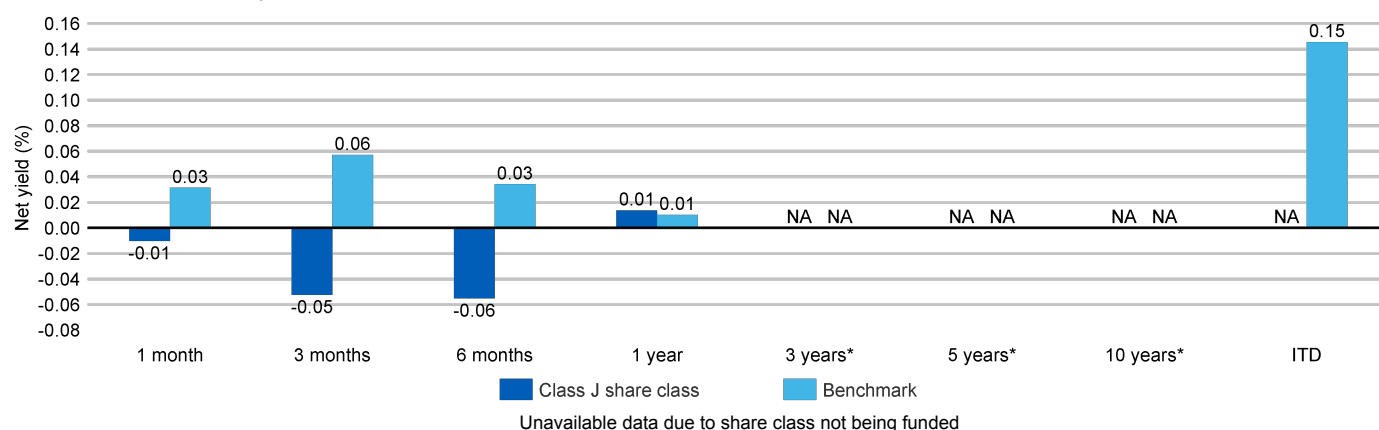
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### Performance

#### Net Annualised Performance for past 10 years



#### Net Cumulative Monthly Yield Performance in %



The NAV chart shows the share class level mark-to-market NAV for the period shown.

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.

All yield figures are annualised and quoted net of fees except benchmark yields which have no associated fees. The annualised yield is the income return on an investment, such as the interest or dividends of a money market fund.

The 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 if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation.

Performance is calculated after deduction of ongoing charges. Performance is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value and is calculated net of annual fees.

\*Annualised returns

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 3 month SONIA compounded in arrears should be used by investors to compare the performance of the Fund. On the 26 November 2021, the benchmark changed to 3 Month SONIA compounded in arrears. Prior to the change, the Fund benchmark was ICE BofAML GBP 3-Month LIBID.

The currency of returns is British Pound

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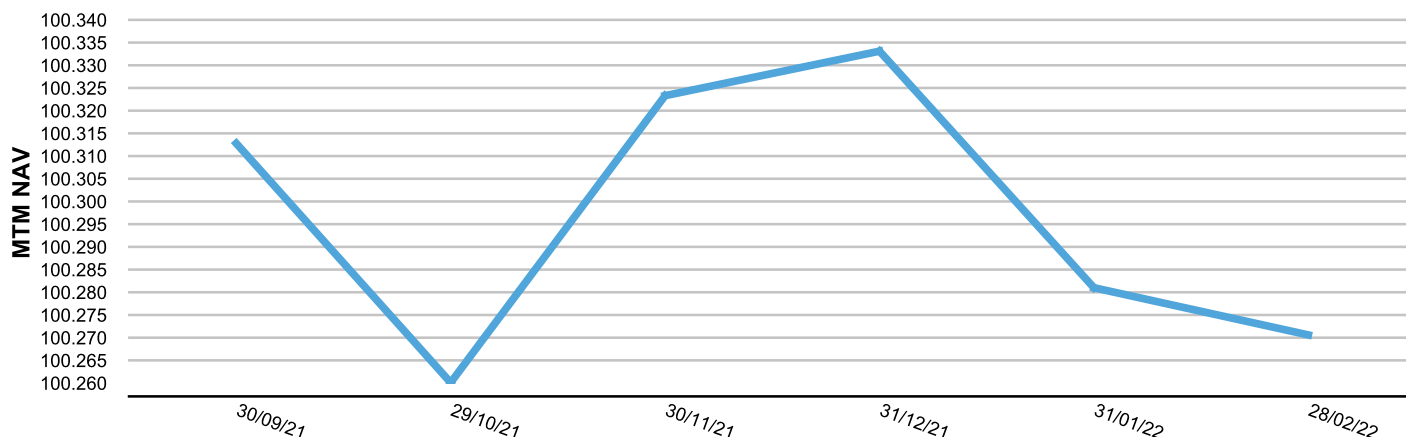
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### Historical NAV



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Source: BlackRock and Bloomberg as at 28 February 2022. The NAV chart shows the historical share class level transactional NAV for the period shown. Performance is shown after deduction of on going charges/ any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation. The income of the fund is reinvested as part of the calculation of the NAV.

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**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.

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.

**Loss of Capital:** An automatic share redemption may occur which will reduce the number of shares held by each investor. This share redemption will result in a loss of capital to investors.

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**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.

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