### **Real Estate Securities Fund**

#### BAREX

#### As of 12/31/2023 | Institutional: BIREX | Investor A: BAREX | Investor C: BCREX

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Invests at least 80% of its assets in equity securities of U.S. companies deriving at least 50% of revenues or profits from commercial, industrial or residential real estate industries or with 50% of assets in real estate interests. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets outside the United States.



Morningstar has awarded the Fund a BRONZE medal (Effective 11/30/2023).† Rated against 235 Real Estate Funds, as of 12/31/2023 based on risk adjusted total return. Overall Ratings are determined monthly and subject to change. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.††

#### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

With Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	7.35	4.20	6.64	7.49
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	13.29	6.09	7.79	8.07
Benchmark	9.95	4.54	6.41	6.72
Morningstar Average	12.03	4.63	6.83	6.82

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	4Q2023
Investor A	27.53	-4.43	45.86	-27.75	13.29	13.29	18.19
Benchmark	24.34	-8.29	39.86	-25.71	9.95	9.95	17.58
Morningstar Average	27.28	-4.49	38.73	-25.67	12.03	12.03	15.71

Performance data shown represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal values may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. All returns assume reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions. Refer to blackrock.com for current month-end performance. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 5.25%. The calendar year performance shown does not reflect the deduction of the sales load. If reflected, the performance would have been lower. Please see the fund prospectus for more details.

#### MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	64/251	67/235	74/215	25/156
Quartile Rank	1	2	2	1

Rankings based on total return excluding sales charges, independently calculated and not combined to create an overall ranking. For periods not shown, Morningstar does not provide rankings based on synthetic performance.

**KEY RISKS:** The main risk of real estate-related securities is that the value of the underlying real estate may go down. Many factors may affect real estate values. These factors include both the general and local economies, vacancy rates, tenant bankruptcies, the ability to re-lease space under expiring leases on attractive terms, the amount of new construction in a particular area, the laws and regulations (including zoning, environmental and tax laws) affecting real estate and the costs of owning, maintaining and improving real estate. The fund is actively managed and its characteristics will vary. Stock values fluctuate in price so the value of your investment can go down depending on market conditions. Non-diversification of investments means that more assets are potentially invested in fewer securities than if investments were diversified, so risk is increased because each investment has a greater effect on performance. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility. Investing in small- and mid-cap companies may entail greater risk than large-cap companies, due to shorter operating histories, less seasoned management or lower trading volumes. If interest rates rise, the value of convertible securities usually falls. Convertible securities are subject to the risk that the issuer will not pay interest or dividends and their market value may change based on their credit rating or the perception of their creditworthiness. A convertible security also is subject to the same risks as common stock.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Size of Fund (Mi	llions)	\$285.0M
Fund Launch Da	ite	09/28/2012
Share Class Lau	inch Date	09/28/2012
Morningstar Cate	egory	Real Estate
Number Of Hold	ings	39
Benchmark	FTSE Nareit Al	L EQUITY REITS
		Net Index (USD)

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#### ANNUAL EXPENSES

Gros	s Exp	ense Ratio	)		1.47%
Net E	Exper	ise Ratio			1.00%
The	Net	Expense	Ratio	excluding	Investment
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The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment Related Expenses is 1.00% Investment Related Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.00%, and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.00%, and certain other expenses, if applicable. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 06/30/ 2024 terminable upon 90 days' notice. BlackRock may agree to voluntarily waive certain fees and expenses, which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Mark Howard-Johnson Raj Rehan

#### TOP HOLDINGS (%)<sup>2</sup>

AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION	8.79
PROLOGIS INC	7.53
EQUINIX INC	6.32
EXTRA SPACE STORAGE INC	5.35
VICI PROPERTIES INC	4.46
AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC	4.15
REXFORD INDUSTRIAL REALTY INC	3.91
WELLTOWER INC	3.75
DIGITAL REALTY TRUST INC	3.65
REGENCY CENTERS CORPORATION	3.44
Total of Portfolio	51.35

#### TOP SECTORS (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Telecom Tower REITs	14.5	13.8	0.7
Industrial REITs	13.2	13.8	-0.6
Retail Reits	12.9	13.9	-1.0
Data Center REITs	10.0	9.0	1.0
Multi-Family Residential REITs	8.7	9.1	-0.4
Health Care REITs	7.3	8.6	-1.3
Self Storage REITs	7.3	7.4	-0.1
Other Specialized REITs	6.0	6.7	-0.7
Single-Family Residential REITs	5.3	4.8	0.4
Office REITs	5.0	5.1	-0.1

#### MARKET CAPITALIZATION (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Cash and Derivatives	1.0	0.0	1.0
Large Cap ->\$10bn	77.5	80.4	-2.9
Mid Cap - \$2-\$10bn	21.4	15.6	5.8
Small Cap -<\$2bn	0.0	4.0	-4.0

#### RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)

	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	0.13	-
Beta	0.99	-

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Price to Book Ratio: represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share. Average Market Cap: The average size of the securities the fund invests in. Alpha: A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. Beta: Beta measures the funds sensitivity to market movements beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market. R-Squared: R-Squared reflects the percentage of a funds movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark, showing the degree of correlation between the fund and benchmark. This figure is helpful in assessing how likely it is that beta is statistically significant. Standard Deviation: Standard Deviation measures the volatility of the funds return and the risk-free return of 90-day Treasury Bills) to determine reward per unit of risk. Price to Cash Flow: The ratio of a stock's valuation. Although there is no single figure to indicate an optimal price-to-cash-flow ratio is an indicator of a stock's valuation. Although there is no single figure to indicate an optimal price-to-cash-flow ratio, a ratio in the low single digits may indicate the stock is undervalued, while a higher ratio may suggest potential overvaluation. The ratio takes into consideration a stock's operating cash flow, which adds non-cash earnings such as depreciation and amortization to net income. It is especially useful for valuing stocks that have positive cash flow but are not profitable because of large non-cash charges.

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	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Hotel & Resort REITs	3.1	3.0	0.1
Other	6.8	4.9	1.9

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Price to Book Ratio	2.41x
Average Market Capitalization (millions)	\$40,184.9M
Price to Cashflow	16.66

#### **RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)**

	Fund	Benchmark
R-Squared	99.13	-
Standard Deviation	21.28%	21.38%
Sharpe Ratio	0.28	0.21

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MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	А	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.24
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	89.20%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	100.00%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Sector Real Est US	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	94.43
Funds in Peer Group	176	Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	
		MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	96.63%
		Intensity % Coverage	

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Dec 2023**, based on holdings as of **30 Jun 2023**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds) of the fund's gross weight must come from securities with ESG coverage by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating a fund's gross weight; the absolute values of short positions are included but treated as uncovered), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old, and the fund must have at least ten securities.

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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.

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

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

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. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

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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.

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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