Value Assessment

As of June 2022
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Dear Investors,

As Chairman, and on behalf of my fellow Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for reading our report.

The annual Assessment of Value process is an important part of our ongoing commitment to our fiduciary responsibilities and is intended to help you as investors make more informed decisions about your investments. This aligns with our mission, in conjunction with BlackRock, to help more people experience financial well-being. The Board of BlackRock Fund Managers Limited (BFM) has independently scrutinised BlackRock’s management of its UK funds in a broad context; while fund costs are an essential aspect of the report, consideration has also been given to the overall scope and quality of services offered and the investment performance and objectives of the funds.

Many investors will appreciate that this year’s assessment was against a particularly volatile and challenging market backdrop. Just as the worst effects of Covid-19 appeared to be easing, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine brought geopolitical uncertainty to the fore. The subsequent increase in inflation to a 40-year high in many western markets caused central bankers worldwide to raise interest rates seeking to bring price rises under control. Despite these challenges, we are committed to helping our investors navigate these difficult market conditions and we hope that you are reassured by the value delivered by our funds.

I am pleased to report that our rigorous, multi-stage evaluation process to assess value has continued to improve as our platform evolves. For example, we have made enhancements to integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations in our assessment methodology to evaluate funds with sustainable investment objectives that were deemed “too new to rate” in last year’s assessment. Additionally, we have developed a deeper understanding of fund-level profitability and a clearer appreciation of how our funds achieve economies of scale. For more detail on our assessment methodology, please refer to Section 2: Value Assessment Criteria.

The preparation of this year’s report once again benefitted from the challenge and input of BFM’s Non-Executive Directors. We also engaged two independent specialists, Broadridge Financial Solutions and Fitz Partners, to provide additional analysis on the methodology used and to advise on appropriate peer group comparisons.
Any rigorous assessment ought to find room for improvement, and this year’s report is no exception. In Section 1: Our Approach to Assessing Value, we outline actions taken after identifying opportunities to improve value delivery and provide investors with more choice.

In this year’s assessment, we found that the large majority of the funds that we evaluated — representing 99% of assets under management within our UK authorised funds — delivered value. We classified 11 funds, representing the remaining 1% of assets under management, as too new to rate. Additionally, we found that:

- Alpha, or excess returns relative to benchmarks, generated within our actively managed equity and fixed income funds was, on average, 1.5x the fees collected on a net cumulative basis during the five year period ending 30 June 2022

- 76% of unit classes in our funds were priced at or below the median of their respective peer groups as of 30 June 2022

- BFM passed on savings of £1.6 million to fund investors via expense caps during the one-year period ending 30 June 2022

- BFM is positioned to pass on annualised savings of approximately £650,000 to fund investors via vendor fees renegotiated in Q3 2021 for two funds

We hope you find this report useful and that it helps inform the important decisions you make about where and how you invest your money. Please be assured that we continually strive to innovate, improve and adapt as we draw on BlackRock’s deep resources and expertise to help you meet your financial goals.

Graham Bamping
Non-Executive Director & Board Chairman of BlackRock Fund Managers Limited

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1 Averages are calculated using fund assets under management as of 30 June 2022 and only include actively managed equity and fixed income funds. Note that individual funds may have different results from the averages presented. 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.

2 Comparison of ongoing charges relative to comparable unit class of direct peers in assigned Investment Association fund sector.

3 BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I has appointed an external third party to provide custody services for the funds which have launched currency-hedged unit classes. BlackRock renegotiated this custody services arrangement to secure a lower rate for these services in Q3 2021. This resulted in savings for the ACS World ESG Equity Tracker Fund and ACS World Multifactor ESG Equity Tracker Fund.
We’ve been in the UK and investing on behalf of our UK clients for more than five decades.¹ Our goal is simple – we want to help more and more people experience financial well-being. The money we are entrusted to manage impacts the lives of millions of British people. To maintain our clients’ trust, we must continue to deliver value.”

Sarah Melvin
BlackRock Head of UK

¹ Includes predecessor companies.
BlackRock’s Commitment to Delivering Value

BlackRock’s aim is to help more people experience financial well-being. Throughout our history, we have continually found ways to contribute to a more equitable and certain future — for our clients, employees and shareholders, and for the people in the communities where we live and work.

We have a strong sense of duty to deliver long-term value to UK investors. These include pension schemes, charities and financial advisers helping individuals plan for their future. We understand that our clients, and the people they serve, may be saving for retirement, paying for their children’s education, buying homes or starting businesses.

Our principles provide a shared understanding of who we are, what we stand for and how we conduct ourselves. This outlook is deeply embedded in our culture and how we evaluate our performance and service:

01 We are a fiduciary to our clients
Our clients’ interests come first. The fiduciary mindset is the bedrock of our identity. It reflects our integrity and the unbiased advice we offer.

02 We are one BlackRock
We work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for our clients. We deliver value by leveraging diverse perspectives across a global investment and operating platform.

03 We are passionate about performance
We are unwavering in our determination to find better ways to serve our clients. Since our founding, innovation has been at the centre of how we stay ahead of our clients’ needs and deliver value.

04 We take emotional ownership
The people we serve trust us to help them plan for the future. Our culture is defined by the deep sense of responsibility that we feel to our clients and to each other.

05 We are committed to a better future
We are long-term thinkers, focused on helping people build a better tomorrow. We strive to serve more people and to find new and innovative ways to help them achieve financial well-being.

BlackRock leverages its broad-based platform, pairing diverse investment capabilities with best-in-class technology, data-driven insights and rigorous risk management practices to deliver value to investors. We believe that portfolios integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors can provide better long-term, risk-adjusted returns. Our research tells us that these factors can affect economic growth, asset values and financial markets. Sustainability is integral to the way BlackRock manages risk, constructs portfolios and designs products.

Our purpose statement, our principles and our focus on sustainability play a fundamental role in how we continually strive to provide value to investors.
Our Approach to Assessing Value
Overview

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) requires fund managers, like BFM, to complete an annual assessment of whether its UK authorised funds provide value to investors. Our evaluation considered performance, costs and charges at the fund and unit class levels; it also looked at service quality and concluded with an overall assessment of whether investors receive value. The FCA regulations set out seven criteria against which we must measure and report the value delivered:

1) **Performance**: Are our funds delivering their investment objectives?
2) **Comparable market rates**: Are our funds priced reasonably compared to competitors?
3) **Comparable services**: Are our funds priced reasonably compared to other BlackRock products with similar investment strategies?
4) **Authorised Fund Manager (AFM) costs**: Are the fees charged to investors reasonable and appropriate?
5) **Economies of scale**: Are economies of scale realised and passed on to investors?
6) **Quality of service**: Does our range and quality of service represent value?
7) **Classes of units**: Are investors in the most appropriate and lowest-charging unit class for which they are eligible?

For many years, BFM’s Board has had processes in place for reviewing our funds’ performance, pricing and the services provided to fund investors. The FCA’s Assessment of Value requirements have brought increased rigour and transparency to our pre-existing processes. Our annual Value Assessment report provides a platform for us to share our latest results, the changes that we have introduced and our future plans.

**Our assessment of value process**

We understand that when investors choose to invest in funds, some of the most important factors considered are performance, costs and service quality. With this in mind, our methodology for determining whether a fund delivers value puts the greatest emphasis on investment performance, while also considering costs and service quality. Our final assessment for each fund is based on extensive quantitative and qualitative analysis.

We worked closely with Broadridge Financial Solutions and Fitz Partners to obtain independent analysis, discuss methodologies and consult on peer groups for assessment. We have also engaged BlackRock’s Global Product Group (GPG) and Risk & Quantitative Analysis Group (RQA) to refine our methodology and prepare this report. GPG manages BlackRock’s product development, while RQA assesses the investment risk of portfolios managed by BlackRock, and develops analytics and standards to measure performance.
Summary of results
We have determined that BFM provided value to investors in our UK authorised funds. Across the 130 funds assessed, we concluded that:

115 funds delivered value with no action required

4 funds delivered value with action initiated to improve value further

11 funds had performance track records of less than one year, so were deemed too new to rate overall

In Section 3: Value Assessment Results, we include a summary of all the funds in scope for this year’s assessment, along with their associated results. In Section 4: Fund Pages, we include a detailed assessment for each individual fund.
## Action Taken to Improve Value & Choice for Investors

In our 2021 Value Assessment report, we identified remedial courses of action to enhance value delivery for three BlackRock funds. Over the past 12 months, we have taken steps outlined in the table below to deliver improvements.

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<td><strong>Enhanced performance monitoring</strong></td>
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¹ This fund is due to close following a review of the fund’s size and commercial viability.

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Please refer to **Section 4: Fund Pages** for more detailed fund-specific commentary.
Outside our formal value assessment review and as part of the ongoing evolution of our platform, we have taken steps to offer greater value and choice to fund investors. Over the past 12 months, we have completed the actions outlined in the table below to manage our product offering and meet your evolving needs.

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<td><strong>Cost savings for fund investors</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Voting Choice</strong></td>
<td>BlackRock Voting Choice, launched in January 2022, is a proprietary offering to enable more institutional clients to participate in voting decisions where legally and operationally viable. To do this, BlackRock has been developing new technology and working with industry partners over the past several years to enable a significant expansion in voting choice for more clients. Funds in the BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I and the BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II are eligible to participate in this programme as of 30 June 2022.</td>
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“We have long been calling for asset owners to be able to have a say in the voting of their shares, so this announcement from BlackRock signals a welcome step change for the industry. We are looking forward to exploring this innovative proposition with BlackRock ahead of next proxy season.”

*Maria Nazarova-Doyle, CFA*
*Head of Pension Investments and Responsible Investments Scottish Widows*
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**Focus Area**

**ESG investment process integration**

As long-term investors, we account for environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities in our investment processes. ESG integration is the practice of incorporating material ESG information into investment decisions with the objective of improving long-term financial outcomes, regardless of whether a strategy has a sustainable mandate.

*Please refer to the BlackRock ESG Integration Statement for more detail.*

**ESG-related fund repositioning**

We have taken steps to reposition certain funds to allow investors to invest in a manner that aims to meet specific ESG criteria. Four funds were repositioned for ESG considerations in the one-year period ending 30 June 2022.

*Please refer to Section 4: Fund Pages for more detailed fund-specific commentary.*

**Fund launches**

Ten funds, nine of which have ESG-related objectives, were launched in the one-year period ending 30 June 2022.

*Please refer to Section 4: Fund Pages for more detailed fund-specific commentary.*

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1 ESG integration does not change a fund’s investment objective or constrain the investment manager’s investable universe unless otherwise indicated in a fund’s documentation.
Section 2

Value Assessment Criteria
Performance

BlackRock is passionate about performance, achieving its investment objectives and helping investors reach their goals.

Our evaluation method
The BFM Board, working in conjunction with BlackRock, applied quantitative and qualitative tests to assess whether funds, and their unit classes, delivered value through performance. We focused primarily on returns after — or net of — fees. However, we acknowledge that the breadth of our product offering does not allow for a one-size-fits-all approach. Therefore, we differentiated between active, index and outcome-oriented strategies. We have denoted strategy classifications in Section 4: Fund Pages.

- **Active strategies:** We evaluated each fund’s net-of-fees performance relative to its benchmark over medium- (three-year) and long-term (five-year) periods. Where applicable, we also considered performance relative to peers for the same time periods by analysing either broad sector data from an independent third party, such as Morningstar, or a customised set of peers, for five funds.

- **Index strategies:** We evaluated each fund’s net-of-fees performance relative to its benchmark index over a one-year period. We considered one year to be an appropriate horizon, given how important close benchmark tracking is to index strategies. Where necessary, we conducted additional analysis to identify the factors driving any deviation of returns from the benchmark.

- **Outcome-oriented strategies:** Our outcome-oriented funds have objectives tied to specific outcomes. These funds fall into distinct categories, notably income generation, volatility targeting, ESG objectives and/or target asset allocation. We evaluated each fund’s net-of-fees performance against the outcome(s) stated in its investment objective over medium- (three-year) and long-term (five-year) periods as applicable. We also examined each fund’s net-of-fees performance relative to its benchmark, as applicable. Where appropriate comparators were available, we evaluated funds relative to their peer groups.

“We leverage the firm’s global investment platform and proprietary research to generate insights to the benefit of our clients as they navigate financial markets.”

Pierre Sarrau
BlackRock Head of Active Investment for EMEA
Our conclusions
We found that the large majority of our UK authorised funds and unit classes delivered value. Most of our index funds delivered accurate tracking of their respective benchmarks, allowing investors to efficiently gain exposure to various indices. Most of our active funds delivered strong net-of-fees performance. In fact, alpha — or excess returns relative to benchmarks — generated within our actively managed equity and fixed income funds was, on average, 1.5x the fees collected on a net cumulative basis during the five-year period ending 30 June 2022. Our assessment also found that most of our outcome-oriented funds successfully achieved their intended outcomes (e.g., income generation).

The confluence of heightened geopolitical tensions and a new inflationary environment presented added challenges for clients and portfolio managers alike, and some actively managed funds have recently experienced challenged performance. However, we continue to maintain conviction in our investment teams’ ability to generate durable alpha for clients over the long-term. If a fund did not perform well, we have noted this in Section 4: Fund Pages. Furthermore, we have included commentary on drivers of underperformance and, where necessary, initiated enhanced performance monitoring to ensure that the fund continues to deliver value in the future. As a result of this year’s assessment, we have included four funds in our enhanced performance monitoring programme.

Eleven funds had performance track records of less than one year, so were deemed too new to rate.

Our continued commitment
BlackRock focuses on risk management and investment discipline to deliver high-quality performance. Thirty years ago, BlackRock launched its risk and portfolio construction technology platform, Aladdin, which enables portfolio management teams to manage risk better and make more informed investment decisions.

Almost two decades ago, BlackRock established a dedicated Risk & Quantitative Analysis (RQA) function. This has grown and developed over time, and today includes more than 300 professionals who partner with portfolio management teams to monitor and analyse risk. RQA provides oversight, customised daily reporting of risk levels and scenario analysis at the portfolio and security levels.

Every quarter, the investment performance of all UK authorised funds is reviewed by both the investment teams and the BFM Board, in conjunction with RQA and our investment oversight group.

If a fund experiences sustained underperformance, the BFM Board may elect to initiate enhanced performance monitoring of that fund. The monitoring programme entails a review of the fund’s investment process to ensure that it is aligned with its investment objective and disclosures. After the review, the BFM Board will decide upon any necessary action. BlackRock will be responsible for implementing this action, as well as providing quarterly updates on the fund’s performance to the BFM Board.

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Comparable Market Rates

BlackRock offers a broad suite of unit classes that are priced to meet the varying investment objectives and operational requirements of our investors.

Our evaluation method
Working with BlackRock, the BFM Board examined the costs of our funds relative to those of similar funds offered by our competitors. We focused on the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF), which is referenced in the funds’ Key Investor Information Document (or for certain funds, the Key Information Document) and reflects funds’ total annual costs.

Individual unit class charges were evaluated in two distinct ways. The first was against broad peer groups based on standard categories defined by the Investment Association (IA). If a unit class did not have a standard IA category assigned, we engaged independent consultant Fitz Partners to recommend the usage of the most appropriate IA peer group comparator. The second evaluation was against custom peer groups. These groups were selected by Fitz Partners and target approximately 10 comparable funds with similar management styles, investment objectives, sizes and availability to target investors. If the OCF of a unit class was priced higher than the median in its broad peer group, it was reviewed further against this custom peer group.

Our conclusions
We concluded that the large majority of our UK authorised funds and unit classes delivered value. We ensure that our funds are priced reasonably relative to their peers by pricing them competitively at the time of launch, assessing management charges on an ongoing basis, and scrutinising BlackRock’s negotiation of terms with third-party providers.

There are certain funds within the BFM range that offer only one unit class that does not charge a management fee within the fund. These funds target institutional investors, and their management fees are negotiated separately and billed outside the fund. This means that the OCF for these funds excludes management fees. For these funds, we have concluded that value was delivered on the basis that the institutional investors in these unit classes are able to negotiate bespoke pricing arrangements with us or our competitors. Funds with only one institutional unit class are noted in Section 4: Fund Pages.

If a fund was not priced competitively relative to its peers, we have noted it in Section 4: Fund Pages. We have also included commentary on what drove those results and any necessary action.

Our continued commitment
The BFM Board will continue to work with BlackRock to assess the competitiveness of funds relative to similar products on the market. If we conclude that any costs are not justified, we will act to ensure that investors are charged an appropriate price for the services received.

76% of unit classes in our funds were priced at the median or below their respective peer groups.1

1 Comparison of ongoing charges relative to comparable unit class of direct peers in assigned Investment Association fund sector.
Comparable Services

BlackRock delivers investment services across a range of vehicles, including funds and segregated mandates, which aim to meet investors’ individual needs.

Our evaluation method
BlackRock’s investors access investment strategies in many ways, including through funds, possibly with multiple unit classes, and segregated mandates. The client’s choice of investment structure is typically driven by the size of the investment and the level and type of service required. Working in conjunction with BlackRock, the BFM Board considered the following key factors in our evaluation:

- **Consistency of unit class pricing:** We assessed whether the management fees of individual unit classes are set through a consistent method and whether fee levels across unit classes within the same fund are appropriate.

- **Costs relative to segregated mandates:** For funds where there were segregated mandates managed in line with a similar investment strategy, we assessed any additional services and benefits provided to investors in the funds relative to the segregated mandates. We then considered whether the additional costs and charges were reasonable in the context of the additional services provided. To the extent that there was a fee differential, we considered whether it was reasonable based on the investment size of the relevant segregated mandates.

- **Costs relative to comparable funds:** We evaluated whether each unit class was priced appropriately relative to the average of like-for-like unit classes of other UK and European domiciled BlackRock funds with similar investment strategies, if such a comparison was possible.

Our conclusions
We concluded that the large majority of our funds and unit classes delivered value for investors. We found that fee setting principles were consistently applied across our funds and unit classes. In the significant majority of cases, we identified a relevant peer group and concluded fee levels to be reasonable. In the case of two funds, there were no relevant internal peers for comparison; therefore, these funds were not rated in the Comparable Services assessment and can be found in Section 4: Fund Pages.

Our continued commitment
BlackRock’s culture puts clients first, and the firm has procedures in place to ensure that they are treated fairly. BlackRock’s Global Product Group (GPG) oversees product launches and fund range management. When products are being developed, GPG ensures that target customers are identified, appropriate pricing is established and fund documentation is reviewed.

As part of our pricing governance, the BFM Board regularly assesses how competitive our funds are relative to similar BlackRock products and services. If we conclude that costs are not justified, we will take action to alter fees and ensure that investors are charged an appropriate price for the services received.
Authorised Fund Manager Costs

BlackRock’s deliberate approach to pricing ensures investors are charged fairly with respect to services received.

Our evaluation method
Working in conjunction with BlackRock, the BFM Board examined the services, benefits and absolute level of costs associated with different unit classes. We focused on the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF), which is referenced in the funds’ Key Investor Information Document (or for certain funds, the Key Information Document) and reflects funds’ total annual costs. Our analysis looked at the following factors for our unit classes and funds:

- Itemised fee structure, including management charges, service charges and other directly charged operational expenses
- Costs and charges relative to competitors
- Costs and charges relative to BlackRock products and services
- Application of fee caps and waivers
- Fund-level profitability relative to similar BlackRock products

Our conclusions
We concluded that the large majority of our funds and unit classes delivered value for investors. BlackRock applies a consistent approach to setting the level of each individual fee item, which considers factors such as asset class, management style and target investor. If a fund, or individual unit class, was not priced appropriately for the services provided, it is noted in Section 4: Fund Pages. We have also included commentary on what drove those results.

The BFM Board will continue to partner with BlackRock to ensure funds’ costs and charges are aligned with investors’ expectations of risk and return.

Our continued commitment
The BFM Board will continue to partner with BlackRock to ensure that funds’ costs and charges are aligned with investors’ expectations of risk and return, and represent fair and appropriate charges with respect to the services received and the underlying costs of those services. BlackRock continues to refine its ability to assess and attribute costs at the fund level, and we look forward to leveraging this capability further in future value assessments.
Economies of Scale

As a global investment manager, BlackRock leverages its scale and passes on cost savings to fund investors.

Our evaluation method
Working in conjunction with BlackRock, the BFM Board examined how BlackRock achieves scale and how this ultimately benefits fund investors. We focused on three ways in which BlackRock shares its economies of scale:

- **Reinvestment:** As a global multi-line business, BlackRock reinvests substantial amounts of revenue annually into its centralised operational, technology and investment platforms. We considered how BlackRock’s scale can deliver benefits and enrich investors’ experience through better trade execution, robust risk management and compliance, strengthened investment teams and capabilities, and improved client servicing.

- **Pricing power for external charges:** BlackRock leverages its global scale to negotiate highly competitive rates with third-party service providers. These relationships are essential for delivering efficient, risk controlled processes. Savings are passed on to investors through lower charges either directly, where the fund bears that cost, or indirectly (via reduced service charges), in which case the costs are borne by BlackRock.

- **Expense caps & waivers:** Given that the fixed costs of operating a fund may disproportionately affect small or newly launched funds, BlackRock has processes in place to ensure that fund expenses are competitive regardless of fund size. For smaller funds or those with high operational costs, BlackRock and the BFM Board assess whether to waive the annual service charge or to apply an expense cap. In doing so, we seek to ensure that funds are priced on the basis that they should enjoy the benefits of scale operation from the time of launch.

Our conclusions
We concluded that investors in all our UK authorised funds, regardless of size, benefitted from economies of scale. These include benefits realised via access to:

- **Industry-leading technology:** BlackRock’s Aladdin platform combines sophisticated risk analytics with comprehensive portfolio management, trading, liquidity management, compliance and accounting tools. Aladdin is powered by a team of 1,500+ developers.

- **BlackRock Investment Stewardship (BIS):** Over the last decade, BlackRock has built one of the largest and most diverse investment stewardship teams in the industry. This reflects both the importance of stewardship as a core component of BlackRock’s fiduciary responsibility to our clients and

BFM passed on savings of £1.6 million to investors via expense caps across 41 funds.
the industry’s evolving understanding of how corporate governance and sustainability issues can impact companies’ long-term financial performance. In January 2022, BlackRock expanded the proxy voting options to certain funds to allow certain clients to vote by proxy according to their own policies (or to continue using BIS to vote on their behalf). BlackRock is also working with industry partners on a pilot programme that aims to enable all investors in a UK authorised index fund – institutions and individuals – to exercise choice in how their portion of eligible shareholder votes are cast.

- **BlackRock Investment Institute (BII):** BlackRock leverages the expertise housed within BII, its proprietary research group, to provide insights on the global economy, markets, geopolitics and long-term asset allocation, enabling portfolio managers to navigate financial markets effectively. BII insights help our clients navigate increasingly complex market conditions amid the backdrop of heightened geopolitical tensions and a new inflationary environment.

- **BlackRock Sustainable Investing (BSI):** BlackRock is a global leader in sustainable investing, drawing on research across its investment teams and BII to understand the relationship between climate- and sustainability-related factors and investment returns. Our investment conviction is that climate risk is investment risk, and that integrating climate and sustainability considerations into investment processes can help investors build more resilient portfolios and achieve better long-term, risk-adjusted returns.

- **Differentiated insight generation:** BlackRock’s portfolio managers leverage their deep market knowledge and collaborative intelligence to generate meaningful investment ideas across multiple disciplines. BlackRock has 2,600+ investment professionals across different asset classes, with an average tenure of more than seven years.

- **Competitive service provider pricing:** By leveraging its global scale and longstanding relationships with external service providers, BlackRock seeks to negotiate preferable rates for operational service costs on an ongoing basis and share cost savings with fund investors. For example, a recent renegotiation for currency hedging services on certain funds resulted in annualised savings of ~£650k for investors in these funds.

- **Application of expense caps:** BlackRock maintains a policy of capping expenses on small funds to limit the impact on investors of external costs for small and newly launched funds. During the assessment period, we passed on savings of £1.6 million to investors through expense caps across 41 funds.

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**Our continued commitment**

The BFM Board is committed to working with BlackRock to grow economies of scale by continuing to reinvest in its technology and investment platforms. We will continue to engage with service providers, including BlackRock, to monitor costs and negotiate terms. The BFM Board will continue to partner with BlackRock to ensure that economies of scale are passed on to fund investors.

BlackRock and BFM are in the process of developing an Annual Management Charge tiered-pricing model for its UK authorised fund range, in order to pass on further economies of scale to fund investors. We look forward to providing more details over the course of 2023.

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Quality of Service

BlackRock provides high-quality service through its investment and risk management processes, fund operations and overall investor experience.

Our evaluation method
Working in conjunction with BlackRock, the BFM Board evaluated the quality of service we provided to fund investors. Our holistic review was based on the evaluation of four key service factors.

- **Investment management:** We assessed core services — such as investment process integrity, investment team quality and diversity, research process and liquidity management — all of which we see as minimum requirements for delivering value to investors. We also considered the value of additional services, including:
  - The quality of investment ideas generated through proprietary research and sharing of insights by BlackRock’s 2,600+ investment professionals through the BlackRock Investment Institute.
  - The impact of BlackRock’s Investment Stewardship team, which engages with companies to advocate sound governance and business practices that drive sustainable, long-term financial returns.
  - The innovations delivered by BlackRock’s Sustainable Investing team, which identifies what drives long-term returns associated with ESG issues and integrates them throughout BlackRock’s investment processes.

- **Risk management:** We reviewed standard risk management policies, procedures and governance processes. Furthermore, we examined whether operational issues affecting individual funds had impacted the quality of service provided to investors. We leveraged quantitative inputs from existing enterprise risk procedures to assess such issues. We also considered the value to investors of additional services, such as:
  - BlackRock’s dedicated RQA group, which partners with portfolio-management teams to monitor and analyse risk, and provide customised daily reporting of risk levels and scenario analysis.
  - Aladdin portfolio management and risk technology, which helps BlackRock’s portfolio managers identify potential issues, such as concentration risk, which refers to the cumulative exposure to a particular risk across sectors, issuers and countries.

- **Client experience:** We considered findings from the Broadridge Fund Buyer Focus UK country report, an independent assessment that evaluates fund managers based on interviews with investors. Additionally, BlackRock conducted a global client experience survey of more than 500 institutional investors. The results not only allowed us to compare BlackRock’s service quality to competitors in the UK, but also to evaluate the client experience in the UK relative to other regions where BlackRock operates.

- **Fund operations:** We evaluated what is required for highly scalable fund operations — such as administrative services, vendor management, robust controls to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and resilient IT systems — to ensure stability and effective operation. Additionally, we considered metrics from service quality reports from Fund Administrators and Transfer Agencies.
Our conclusions

We concluded that investors in all of our UK authorised funds benefitted from high-quality core and additional services. BlackRock retained its top-10 ranking among UK fund managers in all major service quality factors in the 2021 Broadridge Fund Buyer Focus UK country report. Additionally, the results of our global client experience survey confirmed a positive overall client experience, as well as a positive experience of the key stages within the client journey.

Through this assessment, we found that two funds did not deliver to the high standard of quality that we would expect for our investors. Remedial actions have been taken to address and resolve these issues. Further details can be found in Section 4: Fund Pages.

Our continued commitment

BlackRock’s investment platform spans active, index and outcome-oriented strategies, enabling us to offer funds that meet a wide range of investor needs. No matter the product offering, the BFM Board believes that good service quality is a baseline expectation. We continue to partner with BlackRock to monitor and improve the value delivered to investors through both core and additional services.
Classes of Units

BlackRock offers a range of unit classes tailored to different types of investor.

Our evaluation method
BlackRock offers a range of unit classes across its UK authorised funds. These unit classes have varying eligibility criteria, rights and expenses based on investor type, holdings and how the fund is accessed. The range of unit classes may vary by fund depending on the target distribution channels and investor base.

Working in conjunction with BlackRock, the BFM Board assessed all direct investors to ensure that they were invested in the most appropriate and lowest-charging eligible unit class. We examined investor type, amount invested and how the fund was accessed. Where applicable, we considered whether the investor’s intermediary, such as a financial adviser, received commission.

Our conclusions
Although BlackRock’s core business in UK authorised funds is intermediated, with its funds distributed by others, it also has a segment of direct investors. In line with its fiduciary responsibilities, BlackRock has taken steps in recent years to move direct investors to lower-charging unit classes of the same fund with similar rights, when doing so was deemed to be in the investors’ best interest.

Working in conjunction with BlackRock, we continued our programme of unit class conversions. During the assessment period, we identified certain investors eligible for a lower-charging unit class within the same fund. We also enhanced our ability to source and review unit holder data, thereby improving our ability to identify investors eligible for conversions to lower-charging unit classes.

Consequently, between June and October 2022, we oversaw 849 conversions to lower-charging unit classes across 20 funds, resulting in an estimated annualised saving of £139k for BFM fund investors. Among these conversions, and due to our enhanced ability to source and evaluate data, we determined that approximately 150 unitholders were eligible for conversions in prior years. We have notified and converted these investors to lower-charging unit classes. Additionally, we have taken necessary remedial action.

Our assessment concluded that all investors in our UK authorised funds are in the most appropriate and lowest-charging unit class for which they are eligible. Further details can be found in Section 4: Fund Pages.

Our continued commitment
The BFM Board will continue to ensure that investors are invested in the most appropriate charging unit class consistent with their best interests.
Section 3

Value Assessment Results
## Fund Dashboard

### BlackRock funds

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### How to interpret criteria assessments

- **Passed**
- **Passed; additional review completed**
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- **Not enough information to assess**

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Fund Pages
ACS 30:70 Global Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
30:70 Global Equity Sterling-Hedged Composite Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Other Equity / Global

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.01%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Not meaningful
Peer group OCF

> Click for more fund information

ACS 50:50 Global Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE Custom Composite UK All-Share (50%); Dev Europe ex UK (16.7%); US (16.7%); Japan (8.3%); Dev Asia Pacific ex Japan (8.3%); Midday (12:00 UK) Net Tax (UK Pension) Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

Overall value statement
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Performance (index)
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Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.01%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Not meaningful
Peer group OCF

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\(^1\) OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS 60:40 Global Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE Custom Composite UK AllShare (60%); Dev Europe ex UK (13.3%); US (13.3%); Japan (6.7%); Dev Asia Pacific ex Japan (6.7%) Midday (12:00 UK) Net Tax (UK Pension) Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

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Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS Climate Transition World Equity Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund by actively managing exposure to companies within the benchmark that are well-positioned to maximise the opportunities and minimise the potential risks associated with a transition to a low carbon economy, relative to other companies within the fund’s benchmark index.

Benchmark
MSCI World Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Sector Equity Ecology / ––

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
In last year’s assessment, the fund was too new to rate with less than 12 months of performance. This year, while the fund had a track record of less than three years, our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the one-year period and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same period. The fund also delivered on its ESG objective to maximise the opportunities and minimise the potential risks associated with a transition to a low carbon economy, by achieving a higher climate transition score, relative to other companies within the fund’s benchmark index, over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
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Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.
**ACS Continental European Equity Tracker Fund**
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

*The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.*

**Benchmark**
FTSE Developed Europe ex UK Custom ESG Screened Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Europe ex-UK Equity / --

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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**ACS Japan Equity Tracker Fund**
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

*The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.*

**Benchmark**
FTSE Japan Custom ESG Screened Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Japan Large-Cap Equity / Japan

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund is delivering on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period. The fund underwent a change of its benchmark after the report reference date to reflect enhanced ESG screening. We will review the fund’s performance against the new benchmark and report on it in the next value assessment report.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund is priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund has no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF is in line with similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
The fund has a single unit class for eligible institutional investors.

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1 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS LifePath 2019–2021
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2021 – 2025 / Mixed Investment 20–60% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund has a single unit class for eligible institutional investors.

ACS LifePath 2022–2024
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2021 – 2025 / Mixed Investment 20–60% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

1 As the fund reached its maturity, it is pending closure, which will be effective in Q4 2022.
2 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS LifePath 2025–2027
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

**Benchmark**
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Target Date 2026 – 2030 / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS LifePath 2028–2030
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

**Benchmark**
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Target Date 2026 – 2030 / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.
ACS LifePath 2031–2033
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2031 – 2035 / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS LifePath 2034–2036
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2036 – 2040 / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

1 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS LifePath 2037–2039
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2036 – 2040 / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS LifePath 2040–2042
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2041 – 2045 / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund has a single unit class for eligible institutional investors.

1 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS LifePath 2043–2045
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2041 – 2045 / Flexible Investment

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS LifePath 2046–2048
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2046+ / Flexible Investment

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

1 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS LifePath 2049–2051
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2046+ / Flexible Investment

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS LifePath 2052–2054
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2046+ / Flexible Investment

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time. Additionally, the fund outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund has a single unit class for eligible institutional investors.
ACS LifePath 2055–2057
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund is a target date retirement fund which aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target, constraining or comparator benchmark. As the fund’s asset allocation changes from time to time, it is compared against internal composite benchmarks.

Morningstar / IA categories
Target Date 2046+ / --

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
In last year’s assessment, the fund was too new to rate with less than 12 months of performance. This year, our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years and it marginally underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the one-year period, it delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

ACS UK Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE All-Share Custom ESG Screened Index

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.
ACS US Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE USA Custom ESG Screened Index

Morningstar / IA categories
US Large-Cap Blend Equity / North America

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS World ESG Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
MSCI World ESG Focus Low Carbon Screened Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / --

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Fitz Partners recommended an IA sector but no comparable unit classes could be identified. Additionally, the one other unit class available does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

ACS World ESG Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

ACS US Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS World ESG Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Fitz Partners recommended an IA sector but no comparable unit classes could be identified. Additionally, the one other unit class available does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

ACS World ESG Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Fitz Partners recommended an IA sector but no comparable unit classes could be identified. Additionally, the one other unit class available does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

ACS World ESG Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Fitz Partners recommended an IA sector but no comparable unit classes could be identified. Additionally, the one other unit class available does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.
ACS World ESG Insights Equity Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund by actively managing exposure to a sub-set of companies (identified by applying BlackRock’s proprietary methodology) within the benchmark that are well-positioned to maximise the opportunities and minimise the potential risks associated with certain ESG themes and considerations relative to other companies within the fund’s benchmark index.

**Benchmark**
FTSE Developed Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / ––

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (outcome-oriented)**
In last year’s assessment, the fund was too new to rate with less than 12 months of performance. This year, while the fund had a track record of less than three years, our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the one-year period and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group and consistently delivered on two of the three ESG objectives.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

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1 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS World ESG Screened Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
MSCI World ESG Screened Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / ––

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
In last year’s assessment, the fund was too new to rate with less than 12 months of performance. This year, our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group.

Additionally, while we did not identify similar BlackRock products for this fund, its OCF was in line with BlackRock’s standard fee structures.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

ACS World ex UK Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE Developed ex UK Custom ESG Screened Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group.

Additionally, while we did not identify similar BlackRock products for this fund, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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1 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS World Low Carbon Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
MSCI World Low Carbon Target Reduced Fossil Fuel Select Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
• Performance
• Comparable market rates
• Comparable services
• AFM costs
• Economies of scale
• Quality of service
• Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.02% Fund OCF1 Not meaningful Peer group OCF

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
• Performance
• Comparable market rates
• Comparable services
• AFM costs
• Economies of scale
• Quality of service
• Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.11% Fund OCF2 Not meaningful Peer group OCF

ACS World Multifactor Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
MSCI World Diversified Multiple Factor Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Flex-Cap Equity / Global

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
• Performance
• Comparable market rates
• Comparable services
• AFM costs
• Economies of scale
• Quality of service
• Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.02% Fund OCF1 Not meaningful Peer group OCF

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1 OCF for X2 Accumulation class of fund 2 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
ACS World Multifactor ESG Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
MSCI World Select Multiple Factor ESG Low Carbon Target Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Flex-Cap Equity / ––

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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ACS World Small Cap ESG Screened Equity Tracker Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme I

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
MSCI World Small Cap ESG Screened Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Small/Mid-Cap Equity / ––

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (index)
In last year’s assessment, the fund was too new to rate with less than 12 months of performance. This year, our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. Additionally, while we did not identify similar BlackRock products for this fund, its OCF was in line with BlackRock’s standard fee structures.

**Classes of units**
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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1 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
BlackRock Absolute Return Bond Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a positive absolute return on investment generated through an increase in the overall value of the fund, (gross of fees) over any 12-month period regardless of market conditions.

Benchmark
3-month SONIA compounded in arrears

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Flexible Bond - GBP Hedged / Targeted Absolute Return

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund did not deliver a positive absolute return, gross of fees, over the 12-month period, it outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

BlackRock Aquila Emerging Markets Fund
Institutional Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely (gross of fees) the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
S&P IFC Investable Composite ex-Malaysia Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Emerging Markets Equity / – –

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over a one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

1 Fund’s LIBOR (GBP 3M British Pound Sterling London Interbank Offer Rate) benchmark was replaced with SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) on 13 December 2021, following an industry-wide move away from LIBOR to other reference rates.

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BlackRock Armed Forces Charities Growth & Income Fund
BlackRock Charities Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment (net of fees) over five or more consecutive years, generated through an increase to the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
Composite of FTSE All-Share Index (30%); MSCI World ex UK Index (30%); Bloomberg Barclays Sterling Aggregate: Gilts (20%); 3M GBP SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) compounded in arrears (10%); IPD All Balanced Funds Index (10%)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.2

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates

0.45% Fund OCF3
0.55% Peer group OCF4

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BlackRock Asia Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years by investing in equities of companies based in Asia, excluding Japan.

Benchmark
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Asia ex-Japan Equity / Asia Pacific Excluding Japan

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

1.00%

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Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.96%
0.96%
1.00%
1.00%

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Asia Special Situations Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets (gross of fees) by investing in equities of companies based in Asia, excluding Japan.

**Benchmark**
MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Asia ex-Japan Equity / Asia Pacific Excluding Japan

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value. However, the fund underperformed over the assessment period. Therefore, we will maintain the action initiated during the 2021 assessment review in the form of enhanced performance monitoring.

**Performance (active)**
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund delivered on its objective of providing a positive return, gross of fees, over the three- and five-year periods, the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the same periods. This underperformance was driven by a small number of stocks that significantly outperformed and are included in the benchmark but were not held by the fund. Last year, the fund was identified as requiring enhanced performance monitoring and a review of its investment process as it had underperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods.

We also perform regular reviews of our fund range to ensure that the investment characteristics and positioning of our funds remain relevant to the current investment environment and consistent with the expectations of our clients. After reviewing the fund, based on the scale and commercial viability, we have decided to close this fund. The fund’s investors were informed of the closure prior to the publication of this report. Further, and due to the fund’s underperformance relative to its benchmark, the fund will remain on enhanced performance monitoring up until the point of closure.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees), with the opportunity for additional income generation depending on market conditions.

Benchmark
IA OE Mixed Investment 40%–85% Shares Average Sector (for performance evaluation). Note: Composite of FTSE All Share (30%), FTSE World ex-UK (45%), Barclays Global Aggregate Index (25%) (for portfolio construction purposes).

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark (IA sector), net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and it also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.86% 0.85%
Fund OCF1 Peer group OCF2

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

BlackRock Balanced Managed Fund
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received by those assets.

Benchmark
IA OE Mixed Investment 40%–85% Shares Sector Average (for performance evaluation). Note: composite of FTSE All Share (30%), FTSE World ex-UK (45%), BofA ML 1-15 Yr Sterling Broad Market Index (25%) (for portfolio construction purposes).

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark (IA sector), net of fees, over its three- and five-year periods and also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Comparable market rates
1.56% 1.52%
Fund OCF1 Peer group OCF2

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF 3 OCF for A Accumulation class of fund
The fund aims to provide a rate of interest on investment (gross of fees), consistent with maintaining capital while ensuring that its underlying assets can easily be bought or sold in the market in normal market conditions.

Benchmark
Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate (SONIA)\(^1\)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Money Market – Short Term / Short Term Money Market

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over a five-year period and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the same periods, it delivered a positive return over the three- and five-year periods, while also delivering on its objectives of capital preservation and offering liquidity.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products. The AMC fees on this fund were waived from the start of this assessment period until March 2022, given the low interest rates prevailing in the market up until that time.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.24% Fund OCF\(^2\) 0.15% Peer group OCF\(^3\)

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1 Fund’s LIBOR (GBP 3M British Pound Sterling London Interbank Offer Rate) benchmark was replaced with SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) on 13 December 2021, following an industry-wide move away from LIBOR to other reference rates.

2 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund

3 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Catholic Charities Growth & Income Fund
BlackRock Charities Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment (net of fees) over five or more consecutive years generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets while adhering to the fund’s ethical investment policy.

Benchmark
Composite of FTSE Custom All-Share ex Tobacco, Defence, Aerospace, Beverages and Investment Trusts (30%); MSCI World SRI Index (30%); Bloomberg Barclays Sterling Aggregate: Gilts (20%); 3M GBP SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) compounded in arrears (10%); IPD All Balanced Funds Index (10%)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over a five-year period, it delivered a positive return, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods in line with its ethical investment policy and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group, over the same periods.\(^2\)

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we found that while the OCF was above the median level when compared to an external peer group determined by the IA, it was below the median level when compared to the most relevant, independently selected custom peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. Our analysis also confirmed that the fund was priced at a reasonable level compared to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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1 The LIBOR (GBP 3M British Pound Sterling London Interbank Offer Rate) component of the fund’s previous composite benchmark was replaced with SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) on 13 December 2021, following an industry-wide move away from LIBOR to other reference rates. \(^2\) The performance before 6 December 2019 relates to when the fund was structured as a Common Investment Fund ("CIF"). The fund is now structured as a Charities Authorised Investment Fund but has the same investment objective and policy as its CIF predecessor entity. \(^3\) OCF for A Income class of fund \(^4\) IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Charities Growth & Income Fund
BlackRock Charities Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment (net of fees) over five or more consecutive years generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets while adhering to the fund’s ESG policy.

Benchmark
Composite of FTSE Custom All-Share ex Tobacco, Defence, Aerospace, Beverages and Investment Trusts (30%); MSCI World SRI Index (30%); Bloomberg Barclays Sterling Aggregate: Gilts (20%); 3M GBP SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) compounded in arrears (10%); IPD All Balanced Funds Index (10%)

Morningstar / IA categories
Other Allocation / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than three years, it outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and delivered in line with its ESG investment policy from inception to date.2

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Other Allocation / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.47% 0.55%
Fund OCF3 Peer group OCF4

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1 The LIBOR (GBP 3M British Pound Sterling London Interbank Offer Rate) component of the fund’s previous composite benchmark was replaced with SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) on 13 December 2021, following an industry-wide move away from LIBOR to other reference rates. 2 The performance before 6 December 2019 relates to when the fund was structured as a Common Investment Fund (“CIF”). The fund is now structured as a Charities Authorised Investment Fund but has the same investment objective and policy as its CIF predecessor entity. 3 OCF for C Income class of fund 4 IA sector median OCF

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BlackRock Charities UK Bond Fund
BlackRock Charities Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through income paid out by assets held by the fund.

Benchmark
Composite of FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index (50%) and iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilt 1–10 Year Index (50%)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Diversified Bond / --

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods, it performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same periods.1

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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BlackRock Charities UK Equity ESG Fund
BlackRock Charities Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment (net of fees) over five or more consecutive years generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets while adhering to the fund’s ESG policy.

Benchmark
FTSE Custom All-Share ex Tobacco, Defence, Aerospace, Beverages and Investment Trust

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and delivered in line with its ESG investment policy over the three- and five-year periods. The fund also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.1

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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1 The performance before 6 December 2019 relates to when the fund was structured as a Common Investment Fund (“CIF”). The fund is now structured as a Charities Authorised Investment Fund but has the same investment objective and policy as its CIF predecessor entity. 2 OCF for A Income class of fund 3 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners 4 IA sector median OCF
The fund aims to provide a return on investment (net of fees) over five or more consecutive years generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
FTSE All-Share TR Index

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.¹

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates

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Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

¹ The performance before 6 December 2019 relates to when the fund was structured as a Common Investment Fund (“CIF”). The fund is now structured as a Charities Authorised Investment Fund but has the same investment objective and policy as its CIF predecessor entity. ² OCF for A Income class of fund ³ IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Consensus 35 Fund
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds (2)

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets by investing in units or shares of collective investment schemes.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Benchmarks
- Lipper ABI Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares Pension Sector
- Morningstar / IA categories
  - GBP Allocation 20-40% Equity / Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Benchmarks
- Lipper ABI Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares Pension Sector
- Morningstar / IA categories
  - GBP Allocation 20-40% Equity / Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Benchmarks
- Lipper ABI Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares Pension Sector
- Morningstar / IA categories
  - GBP Allocation 20-40% Equity / Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
**BlackRock Consensus 70 Fund**
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds (2)

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets by investing in units or shares of collective investment schemes.

**Benchmark**
Composite of Lipper ABI Mixed Investment 20–60% Shares Pension Sector (60%) and the Lipper ABI Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares Pension Sector (40%)

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Moderate Allocation / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

**Comparable market rates**

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**BlackRock Consensus 85 Fund**
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds (2)

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets by investing in units or shares of collective investment schemes.

**Benchmark**
Lipper ABI Mixed Investment 40%–85% Shares Pension Sector

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

**Comparable market rates**

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
**BlackRock Consensus 100 Fund**

**BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds (2)**

*The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets by investing in units or shares of collective investment schemes.*

**Benchmark**
Lipper ABI Global Equity Pensions Sector

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Allocation 80%+ Equity / Global

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods. Last year, the fund was identified as requiring enhanced performance monitoring and a review of its investment process as it had underperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods. This year, the fund delivered on its investment objective and we have introduced additional oversight measures as part of its standard performance review. As a result, we have removed this fund from enhanced performance monitoring.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately. Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Comparable market rates**
- Fund OCF\(^1\): 0.22%
- Peer group OCF\(^2\): 0.93%

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**BlackRock Continental European Fund**

**Retail Authorised Unit Trusts**

*The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years by investing in equities of companies incorporated or listed in Europe – excluding the UK.*

**Benchmark**
FTSE World Europe ex UK Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Europe ex-UK Equity / Europe Excluding UK

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and it also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

**Comparable market rates**
- Fund OCF\(^1\): 0.92%
- Peer group OCF\(^2\): 0.91%

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  
2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Continental European Income Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide an above-average income return (gross of fees) from its equity investments compared to the income produced by European equity markets (excluding the UK) as represented by its benchmark, without sacrificing capital growth, over five or more consecutive years.

Benchmark
FTSE All World Developed Europe Ex UK Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Europe ex-UK Equity / Europe Excluding UK

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-periods and it achieved its objective of providing an above-average income return compared to its benchmark over the three-year period. The fund also delivered a positive return, gross of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
● Performance
● Comparable market rates
● Comparable services
● AFM costs
● Economies of scale
● Quality of service
● Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.92% 0.91%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

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BlackRock Corporate Bond 1–10 Year Fund
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
Composite of Bank of America Merrill Lynch Sterling Corporate Securities 1–5 Year Index (41%) and Bank of America Merrill Lynch Sterling Corporate Securities 5–10 Year Index (59%)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Corporate Bond / £ Corporate Bond

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
● Performance
● Comparable market rates
● Comparable services
● AFM costs
● Economies of scale
● Quality of service
● Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.16% 0.12%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Corporate Bond Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets (gross of fees) by investing in corporate bonds and other interest-bearing securities.

Benchmark
ICE BofAML Sterling Corporate & Collateralized Index

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Corporate Bond / £ Corporate Bond

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three-year period, it outperformed the benchmark, net of fees, over the five-year period. The fund also performed in line with its Morningstar peer group over the five-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

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Comparable market rates
0.56% 0.56%

Fund OCF1 Peer group OCF2

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets (gross of fees) over the medium to long term (three to five or more consecutive years) by investing in shares of global equity securities in a manner consistent with the principles of sustainable investing.

Benchmark
MSCI World Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Growth Equity / Global

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history since its repositioning last year.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that the fund had less than 12 months of performance history against its current investment objective. The fund was repositioned on 6 September 2021 and renamed from the BlackRock Global Equity Fund to the Developed Markets Sustainable Equity Fund. Since the fund repositioning led to a material change in its investment objective and benchmark, we consider the fund to be too new to rate in this year’s assessment. We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Too new to rate

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.92% 0.95%
Fund OCF  Peer group OCF

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Footnotes:
1 Fund was repositioned and renamed from the BlackRock Global Equity Fund to the BlackRock Developed Markets Sustainable Equity Fund on 6 September 2021. 2 Fund’s benchmark changed from the MSCI All Country World Index to the MSCI World Index on 6 September 2021. 3 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 4 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Dynamic Allocation Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets, which exceeds the Bank of England’s Base Interest Rate by 3.5% per annum (gross of fees) over the medium to long term (five consecutive years).

Benchmark
Bank of England’s Base Interest Rate plus 3.5% (gross of fees)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Flexible Allocation / Specialist

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund did not meet its objective of providing a 3.5% return per annum in excess of the benchmark, gross of fees, over the three- and five-year periods, it delivered better risk-adjusted returns than a customised group of the most comparable peers over the same periods. Risk-adjusted returns were considered due to the investment style of the fund and the substantial variation in equity weight across different peers.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

The Specialist sector, assigned by the IA, includes funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by mainstream sectors. We therefore also reviewed the fund against an independently selected custom peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. We found that the fund was priced appropriately on this basis.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.50% 1.05%

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets, which exceeds the Bank of England’s Base Interest Rate by 3.5% per annum (gross of fees) over the medium term (three consecutive years).

Benchmark
Bank of England’s Base Interest Rate plus 3.5% (gross of fees)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Flexible Allocation / Specialist

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund did not meet its objective of providing a 3.5% return per annum in excess of the benchmark, gross of fees, over the three-year period, it delivered better risk-adjusted returns than a customised group of the most comparable peers over the three- and five-year periods. Risk-adjusted returns were considered due to the investment style of the fund and the substantial variation in equity weight across different peers.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

The Specialist sector, assigned by the IA, includes funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by mainstream sectors. We therefore also reviewed the fund against an independently selected custom peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. We found that the fund was priced appropriately on this basis.

Classes of units
We have reviewed charges across unit classes in the fund and our assessment did not identify unitholders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.65%  1.05%

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years by investing in companies incorporated or listed in emerging markets.

Benchmark
MSCI Emerging Markets Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Emerging Markets Equity / Global Emerging Markets

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three-year period, it outperformed the benchmark, net of fees, over the five-year period. It also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the five-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.98% 1.07%
Fund OCF1  Peer group OCF2

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock ESG Strategic Growth Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment over any period of seven consecutive years of 4.5% per annum (gross of fees) over the Bank of England’s Base Interest Rate, in a manner consistent with the principles of ESG-focused investing. In addition, the fund aims to have a volatility that is lower than the volatility of the monthly returns of the MSCI All Country World Index (GBP) over any period of seven consecutive years.

Benchmark
Bank of England Base Interest Rate plus 4.5% (gross of fees)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Flexible Allocation / Specialist

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than seven years, its volatility was within the target range during the three-year period. Although the fund did not meet its objective of providing a 4.5% return per annum in excess of the benchmark, gross of fees, it delivered better risk-adjusted returns than a customised group of the most comparable peers over the three-year period. Risk-adjusted returns were considered due to the investment style of the fund and the substantial variation in equity weight across different peers. The fund was repositioned to be a sustainable fund on 30 November 2020 and performed in line with its ESG objectives since then.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products. The Specialist sector, assigned by the IA, includes funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by mainstream sectors. We therefore also reviewed the fund against an independently selected custom peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. We found that the fund was priced appropriately on this basis.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products. The Specialist sector, assigned by the IA, includes funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by mainstream sectors. We therefore also reviewed the fund against an independently selected custom peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. We found that the fund was priced appropriately on this basis.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.29% 1.05%
Fund OCF¹ Peer group OCF²

¹ OCF for D Accumulation class of fund ² IA sector median OCF

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BlackRock European Absolute Alpha Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a positive absolute return on investment generated through an increase in the overall value of the fund, (gross of fees) over any 12-month period regardless of market conditions.

Benchmark
3-month SONIA compounded in arrears plus 11.9 basis points spread

Morningstar / IA categories
Equity Market Neutral Other / Targeted Absolute Return

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and delivered on its objective of achieving a positive absolute return, gross of fees, over the 12-month period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

BlackRock European Dynamic Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years by investing in companies incorporated or listed in Europe – excluding the UK.

Benchmark
FTSE World Europe ex UK Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Europe ex-UK Equity / Europe Excluding UK

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and it also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

1 Fund’s LIBOR (GBP 3M British Pound Sterling London Interbank Offer Rate) benchmark was replaced with SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) on 13 December 2021, following an industry-wide move away from LIBOR to other reference rates.
2 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund
3 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Global Equity Fund
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds (2)

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets by investing in units or shares of collective investment schemes.

**Benchmark**
Composite of FTSE All Share Index (50%) and the FTSE World ex-UK Index (50%)

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

BlackRock Global Income Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide an income return on investment (gross of fees) that is above average when compared to the income produced by the constituents of the index, without sacrificing capital growth, over five or more consecutive years.

**Benchmark**
MSCI All Countries World Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Equity Income / Global Equity Income

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (outcome-oriented)**
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods, it achieved its objective of providing an above-average income return compared to its benchmark over the three-year period. The fund also delivered a positive return, gross of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and performed in line with its Morningstar peer group over the same periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Global Unconstrained Equity Fund (UK)
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund over five years or more by investing in a global portfolio of equity securities.

**Benchmark**
MSCI World Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / --

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than three years, it outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, since inception and also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  
2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
BlackRock Gold & General Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years through investment in shares of companies related to gold mining, commodities and precious metals.

Benchmark
FTSE Gold Mining Index (capped version)

Morningstar / IA categories
Sector Equity Precious Metals / Specialist

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value. However, the fund underperformed over the assessment period and we have decided to take action in the form of enhanced monitoring of the fund’s performance, which includes a review of the investment process.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three- and five-year periods. This underperformance was driven by two factors. First, the fund’s benchmark is not investable according to UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Directive) diversification rules, and this contributed to structural underweights in selected large holdings within the benchmark. Second, the fund was invested in certain Russian securities that were written down in value following the Russian invasion of Ukraine that led to the fund’s underperformance versus peers. Due to this underperformance, we have initiated enhanced performance monitoring of the fund, which includes a review of the investment process and the appropriateness of its benchmark.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we found that while the OCF was above the median level when compared to its broad peer group determined by the IA, it was in line with similar BlackRock products. The Specialist sector, assigned by the IA, includes funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by mainstream sectors. We therefore also reviewed the fund against an independently selected custom peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. We found that the fund was priced appropriately on this basis.

The fund experienced a material fair valuation error, owing to incorrectly executed write down of publicly listed Russian securities within the fund following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This impacted the quality of service received by our clients. The error was corrected as soon as possible after discovery, and we have taken action to mitigate the risk of reoccurrence. Our assessment concluded that we provided high quality service in all other aspects.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Delivered value plus action

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
1.16% 1.05%
1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF

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BlackRock Growth and Recovery Fund
Institutional Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Small-Cap Equity / UK Smaller Companies

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods, and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

BlackRock Institutional Bond Funds – All Stocks Corporate Bond
BlackRock Institutional Bond Funds

The fund aims to outperform its benchmark (gross of fees) over five consecutive years.

Benchmark
iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts Bond Index

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Corporate Bond / --

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

1 OCF for A Income class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF  3 OCF for B Accumulating class of fund  4 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
BlackRock Institutional Bond Funds – Index Linked
BlackRock Institutional Bond Funds

The fund aims to outperform its benchmark (gross of fees) over five consecutive years.

Benchmark
FTSE-A Government Securities Over 5 Year Index-Linked Index

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Inflation-Linked Bond / --

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three- and five-year periods, it delivered on its objective of outperforming its benchmark, gross of fees, over the same periods. The underperformance, on a net of fees basis, was driven by the fund’s valuation policy whereby the fund and its benchmark are valued at different points in time. Although this can lead to under or over performance in any single period, we do not expect this to materially impact performance over the long term.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. We could not identify similar BlackRock products to which to compare the fund, but fees across the different unit classes were consistent with BlackRock’s standard fee structures.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

 Comparable market rates
0.42% 0.39%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

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BlackRock Institutional Bond Funds – Over 10 Year Corporate Bonds
BlackRock Institutional Bond Funds

The fund aims to outperform its benchmark (gross of fees) over five consecutive years.

Benchmark
iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts Over 10 Year Bond Index

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Corporate Bond / --

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods, while it underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. We could not identify similar BlackRock products to which to compare the fund, but fees across the different unit classes were consistent with BlackRock’s standard fee structures.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.38% 0.44%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

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1. OCF for B Income class of fund 2. Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
BlackRock Institutional Equity Funds – UK Select Equity

BlackRock Institutional Equity Funds

The fund aims to outperform its benchmark by 2% per annum (gross of fees) over five consecutive years, by making investments in companies incorporated and listed in the UK.

Benchmark
FTSE All-Share Index plus 2% (gross of fees)

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund did not deliver on its objective of providing a 2% return per annum in excess of the benchmark, gross of fees, over the five-year period, it outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods. The fund also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.02% Not meaningful
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

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BlackRock Institutional Equity Funds – UK Smaller Companies

BlackRock Institutional Equity Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment over five or more consecutive years by investing in a broad range of smaller companies incorporated and listed in the UK or Ireland.

Benchmark
Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Small-Cap Equity / ––

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark over the three- and five-year periods and it also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
1.07% 0.89%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

> Click for more fund information

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1 OCF for A Income class of fund 2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
**BlackRock Managed Volatility Fund**  
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

*The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 5% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.*

**Performance (outcome-oriented)**  
The fund delivered a return that was positive and in line with our volatility expectations over the five-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**  
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**  
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

**Comparable market rates**  

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**BlackRock Managed Volatility Fund I**  
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

*The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 6% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.*

**Performance (outcome-oriented)**  
While the fund delivered a negative return over the three-year period, it achieved a positive return over the five-year period. The fund also performed in line with our volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**  
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**  
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

**Comparable market rates**  

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1 OCF for C Accumulation class of fund  
2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.  
3 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Managed Volatility Fund II
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 8% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 40–60% Equity / Volatility Managed

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
The fund delivered a return that was positive and in line with our volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Comparable market rates
0.22% 0.50%
Fund OCF1  Peer group OCF2

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BlackRock Managed Volatility Fund III
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 10% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Volatility Managed

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
The fund delivered a return that was positive and in line with our volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Comparable market rates
0.24% 0.50%
Fund OCF1  Peer group OCF2

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1 OCF for C Accumulation class of fund
2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Managed Volatility Fund IV
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 15% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 80%+ Equity / ––

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
The fund delivered a return that was positive and in line with our volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

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**Comparable market rates**
0.29% 0.50%

1 OCF for C Accumulation class of fund 2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
BlackRock Market Advantage Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets, which exceeds 3-month SONIA compounded in arrears by 3.5% per annum (gross of fees) over the medium to long term (five consecutive years).

Benchmark
3-month SONIA compounded in arrears plus 3.5% per annum (gross of fees)

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Flexible Allocation / Mixed Investment 0–35% Shares

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value. However, the fund underperformed over the assessment period and we have decided to take action in the form of enhanced monitoring of the fund’s performance, which includes a review of the investment process.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund did not meet its objective of providing a 3.5% return in excess of the benchmark, gross of fees, over the five-year period. It also underperformed when compared to a customised group of the most comparable peers over the same periods. The underperformance was driven by the negative year-to-date returns of both equity and bond markets that were significant enough to affect the fund’s long-term track record. Due to this underperformance, we have initiated enhanced performance monitoring of the fund, which includes a review of the investment process.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

1 Fund’s LIBOR (GBP 3M British Pound Sterling London Interbank Offer Rate) benchmark was replaced with SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) on 13 December 2021, following an industry-wide move away from LIBOR to other reference rates.
2 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund
3 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Natural Resources Growth & Income Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets (gross of fees) with an above-average income from its equity investments compared to the income produced by the natural resources sector, as represented by the benchmark.

Benchmark
S&P Global Natural Resources Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Sector Equity Natural Resources / Commodities and Natural Resources

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-periods, and achieved its objective of providing an above-average income return compared to its benchmark over the three-year period. The fund also delivered a positive return, gross of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.79% 1.10%
Fund OCF1 Peer group OCF2

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Pension Growth Fund
BlackRock Authorised Contractual Scheme II

The fund aims to provide a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes over time.

Benchmark
Lipper ABI Mixed Investment 40–85% Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of providing a return on investment with an asset allocation that changes as appropriate over time and also outperformed its benchmark over the three-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

The fund does not charge a management fee within the fund; its fees are typically negotiated directly with institutional investors and charged outside the fund. This means that the fund’s OCF excludes management fees. For this reason, the fund had no meaningful peer group. However, taking this into account, its OCF was in line with similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.02% 0.01%
Fund OCF¹ Peer group OCF²

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BlackRock Overseas Equity Fund
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds (2)

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets, by investing in units or shares of collective investment schemes.

Benchmark
FTSE World ex-UK Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.22% 0.22%
Fund OCF¹ Peer group OCF²

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1 OCF for I Income class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF 3 OCF for X1 Accumulation class of fund
BlackRock Sustainable Sterling Short Duration Credit Fund

BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment of 1.5% per annum (gross of fees) over the return of 3-month SONIA compounded in arrears in a manner consistent with the principles of sustainable investment over a period of between one to three consecutive years generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
3-month SONIA compounded in arrears plus 1.5% (for performance evaluation).\(^2\) Note: ICE BAML 1-5 Year Global Corporate Index is used for measuring the fund’s carbon emission intensity score

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Corporate Bond - Short Term / £ Corporate Bond

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than three years, it did not meet its objective of providing a 1.5% return per annum, in excess of the benchmark, gross of fees, since inception. The fund, however, delivered better returns than a customised group of the most comparable peers over the same period. The fund was repositioned to be a sustainable fund on 14 June 2022. We will review the fund’s performance against its new ESG objectives and report on it in the next value assessment report.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.21% 0.56%
Fund OCF\(^3\) Peer group OCF\(^3\)

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\(^1\) Fund was repositioned and renamed from the BlackRock Sterling Short Duration Credit Fund to the BlackRock Sustainable Sterling Short Duration Credit Fund on 14 June 2022.  
\(^2\) The fund’s LIBOR (GBP 3M British Pound Sterling London Interbank Offer Rate) benchmark was replaced with SONIA (British Pound Sterling Overnight Index Average) on 13 December 2021, following an industry-wide move away from LIBOR to other reference rates.  
\(^3\) OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  
\(^4\) IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Sustainable Sterling Strategic Bond Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment of 4.5% per annum (gross of fees) over the return of 3-month SONIA compounded in arrears in a manner consistent with the principles of sustainable investment over three to five consecutive years generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Benchmark
3-month SONIA compounded in arrears plus 4.5% (for performance evaluation). Note: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index is used for measuring the fund’s carbon emission intensity score.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Flexible Bond / £ Strategic Bond

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, gross of fees, over the three-year period, it outperformed its benchmark, gross of fees, over the five-year period. The fund also performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the five-year period. The fund was repositioned to be a sustainable fund on 14 June 2022. We will review the fund’s performance against its new ESG objectives and report on it in the next value assessment report.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates

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1 Fund was repositioned and renamed from the BlackRock Sterling Strategic Bond fund to the BlackRock Sustainable Sterling Strategic Bond Fund on 14 June 2022. 2 Fund’s benchmark changed from the IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector Average to the 3-month SONIA compounded in arrears plus 4.5% (for performance evaluation) on 14 June 2022. 3 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 4 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Systematic Multi Allocation Credit Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to deliver, over the long-term (seven to ten years), a return on investment of 0.3% per annum (gross of fees) over its benchmark.

Benchmark
Each of the following indices make up one-third of the composite benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate GBP Hedged Index, Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Index Excl CMBS & EMG 2% Capped GBP Hedged Index and J.P. Morgan EMBI ESG Global Diversified GBP Hedged Index.

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Flexible Bond – GBP Hedged / Flexible Investment

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
The fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the one-year period. The fund also did not meet its objective of providing a 0.3% return per annum, gross of fees, in excess of the benchmark. Although the fund did not meet its alpha target since inception, the vast majority of its underperformance was attributed to the ramp up costs incurred at the time of fund launch. The fund’s objective is to deliver over the long-term (seven to ten years), and it had just over two years of track record. Given this, our assessment concluded that the fund passed on the overall performance criterion.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.28% 0.66%

Fund OCF1 Peer group OCF2

> Click for more fund information

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock UK Absolute Alpha Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a positive absolute return on investment generated through an increase in the overall value of the fund, (gross of fees) over any 12-month period regardless of market conditions.

**Benchmark**
3-month SONIA compounded in arrears plus 11.9 basis points spread

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Equity Market Neutral Other / Targeted Absolute Return

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and delivered on its objective of achieving a positive absolute return, gross of fees, over the 12-month period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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BlackRock UK Equity Fund
Institutional Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to deliver a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

**Benchmark**
FTSE All-Share TR Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund marginally underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period, it outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the five-year period. It also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.
BlackRock UK Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years by investing in the shares of larger companies incorporated or listed in the UK.

Benchmark
FTSE All Share Index

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value. However, the fund underperformed over the assessment period and we have decided to take action in the form of enhanced monitoring of the fund’s performance, which includes a review of the investment process.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three- and five-year periods. This underperformance was concentrated over the last 6 months of the assessment period during which the market saw a substantial drawdown affecting particular styles and industries that the fund was exposed to. Due to this underperformance, we have initiated enhanced performance monitoring of the fund, which includes a review of the investment process.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

However, we noted that certain unit classes are priced at a premium compared to an external peer group determined by the IA as well as an independently selected custom peer group recommended by Fitz Partners. The fund was priced in line with similar BlackRock products. BlackRock plans to review the fee structure for this fund.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Delivered value plus action

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.91% 0.90%
Fund OCF¹  Peer group OCF²

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¹ OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  ² IA sector median OCF
BlackRock UK Income Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an income received from fund assets (gross of fees) with an above-average and growing income compared to the income produced by UK equity markets (as defined by the benchmark) without sacrificing the benefits of capital growth over five or more consecutive years.

Benchmark
FTSE All Share Index

Morningstar / IA categories
UK Equity Income / UK Equity Income

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and it also achieved its objective of providing an above-average income return compared to its benchmark over the three-year period. The fund delivered a positive return, gross of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Certain investors within the fund were negatively impacted when one component of the fund’s costs and charges, the Annual Service Charge (ASC), was charged at a higher rate than was disclosed in the prospectus. The error was corrected as soon as possible after discovery, and necessary remedial actions were taken to mitigate the risk of recurrence. Our assessment concluded that we provided high quality service in all other aspects.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.81% 0.87%

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock UK Managed Volatility Fund I
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 5% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

**Performance (outcome-oriented)**
While the fund delivered a negative return over the three-year period, it achieved a positive return over the five-year period. The fund also performed in line with our volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

**Overall rating**
Delivered value

**Assessment criteria**
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

**Comparable market rates**

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**Classes of units**
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

**Overall rating**
Delivered value

**Assessment criteria**
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
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- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

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BlackRock UK Managed Volatility Fund II
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 7% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

**Performance (outcome-oriented)**
While the fund delivered a return that was marginally negative over the five-year period, it performed in line with our volatility expectations over the same period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

**Overall rating**
Delivered value

**Assessment criteria**
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

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1 OCF for C Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock UK Managed Volatility Fund III
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 9% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

**Benchmark**
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Volatility Managed

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (outcome-oriented)
While the fund delivered a return that was marginally negative over the five-year period, it performed in line with our volatility expectations over the same period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
The fund had a single unit class for eligible investors.

**Comparable market rates**

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BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years, by investing in shares of smaller companies incorporated or listed in the UK.

**Benchmark**
Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex-Investment Trusts Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Small-Cap Equity / UK Smaller Companies

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund marginally underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period, it outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the five-year period and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

**Comparable market rates**

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1 OCF for C Accumulation class of fund  
2 IA sector median OCF  
3 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund
BlackRock UK Special Situations Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund (gross of fees) over five or more consecutive years by investing in shares of companies incorporated or listed in the UK.

**Benchmark**
IA UK All Companies Sector Average (for performance evaluation).
Note: FTSE All-Share TR Index is used by the Investment Manager when constructing the portfolio of the fund as representative of the investment universe.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Flex-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, and underperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group over the three-year period, it outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the five-year period and performed better than the median of its Morningstar peer group over the same period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

BlackRock US Dynamic Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment over five or more consecutive years through capital growth by investing in shares of companies incorporated or listed in the United States of America.

**Benchmark**
Russell 1000 Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
US Large-Cap Blend Equity / North America

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (active)
Our assessment concluded that the fund outperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and it also outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
BlackRock US Opportunities Fund
Retail Authorised Unit Trusts

The fund aims to provide a return on investment over five or more consecutive years by investing in shares of medium and smaller companies incorporated or listed in the United States of America.

Benchmark
Russell Midcap® Value Index

Morningstar / IA categories
US Mid-Cap Equity / North America

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (active)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the five-year period, it outperformed the benchmark, net of fees, over the three-year period. The fund also delivered a positive return, gross of fees, over the three- and five-year periods and outperformed when compared to its Morningstar peer group, ranking in the top quartile over the same periods.

Last year, the fund benchmark was changed on 2 August 2021 to align with the value tilt of the investment process, and the fund remained under enhanced performance monitoring as we monitored the fund performance against the new benchmark. This year, given the fund delivered on its investment objective, we have removed this fund from enhanced performance monitoring. We will continue to monitor the fund against the new benchmark as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.¹

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

¹ Fund’s benchmark changed from the S&P US MidSmallCap Index to the Russell Midcap Value Index on 2 August 2021. Performance prior to 2 August 2021 was measured against the previous benchmark. ² OCF for D Accumulation class of fund ³ IA sector median OCF
BlackRock Volatility Strategy Fund I
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 9% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

**Benchmark**
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Volatility Managed

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (outcome-oriented)
The fund delivered a return that was positive and in line with our volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Comparable market rates**

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BlackRock Volatility Strategy Fund II
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 11% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

**Benchmark**
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Volatility Managed

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (outcome-oriented)
The fund delivered a return that was positive and in line with our volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Comparable market rates**

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BlackRock Volatility Strategy Fund III
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 13% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Performance (outcome orientated)
The fund has delivered a return that is positive and in line with volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund is priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it is priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 80%+ Equity / Volatility Managed

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Classes of units
We have reviewed charges across unit classes in the fund and our assessment did not identify unitholders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.22% 0.50%
Fund OCF1 Peer group OCF2

BlackRock Volatility Strategy Fund IV
BlackRock Non-UCITS Retail Funds

The fund aims to manage the volatility of its portfolio of investments at or around 15% and provide a return on investment generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the fund and/or income received from those assets.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
The fund has delivered a return that is positive and in line with volatility expectations over the three- and five-year periods.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and the benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 80%+ Equity / Volatility Managed

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.22% 0.50%
Fund OCF1 Peer group OCF2

1 OCF for C Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
iShares 100 UK Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE 100 Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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iShares 350 UK Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE 350 Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
iShares Continental European Equity ESG Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
Morningstar Developed Europe ex-UK ESG Enhanced Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Europe ex-UK Equity / --

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (index)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

iShares Continental European Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE World Europe Ex UK Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Europe ex-UK Equity / Europe Excluding UK

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners  3 IA sector median OCF

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**iShares Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)**
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts Overall TR Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Corporate Bond / £ Corporate Bond

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Comparable market rates**
0.11% Fund OCF\(^1\) 0.12% Peer group OCF\(^2\)

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF

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**iShares Developed World Fossil Fuel Screened Index Fund (UK)**
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
MSCI World Select Fossil Fuel Screened Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Large-Cap Blend Equity / Global

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
In last year’s assessment, the fund was too new to rate with less than 12 months of performance. This year, our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Comparable market rates**
0.12% Fund OCF\(^1\) 0.24% Peer group OCF\(^2\)

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
iShares Emerging Markets Equity ESG Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
Morningstar Emerging Markets ESG Enhanced Index (Net)

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Emerging Markets Equity / --

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (index)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Borders

iShares Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE Emerging Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Emerging Markets Equity / Global Emerging Markets

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Borders

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners. 3 IA sector median OCF

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iShares ESG Sterling Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
iBoxx MSCI ESG GBP Non-Gilts Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Corporate Bond / ––

Assessment methodology
Index

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (index)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

iShares Global Property Securities Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Property – Indirect Global / Property Other

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.
iShares Index Linked Gilt Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE Actuaries UK Index Linked Gilts Over 5 Years Index

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Inflation-Linked Bond / UK Index Linked Gilts

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund marginally underperformed its benchmark, net of fees, over the one-year period. On a gross-of-fees basis, the return was outside the expected range of tracking difference versus the benchmark.

The under-performance was driven by the valuation policy of the fund. The bonds in the fund are valued using mid prices, whereas the bonds in the benchmark are valued using bid prices. Although this can lead to under or over performance in any single period, we do not expect this to materially impact performance over the long term.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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iShares Japan Equity ESG Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
Morningstar Japan ESG Enhanced Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Japan Large-Cap Equity / ––

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (index)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF 3 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.

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**iShares Japan Equity Index Fund (UK)**
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE Japan Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Japan Large-Cap Equity / Japan

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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**iShares Mid Cap UK Equity Index Fund (UK)**
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE 250 Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Mid-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF
iShares North American Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE North America Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
US Large-Cap Blend Equity / North America

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

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iShares Over 15 Years Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
Markit iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts Over 15 Years Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Corporate Bond / --

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unitholders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF 3 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
iShares Over 15 Years Gilts Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts Over 15 Years Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Government Bond / UK Gilts

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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iShares Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate ex GBP Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Global Corporate Bond / Global Corporate Bond

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period. On 5 July 2022, after the reference date of this report, the fund was repositioned and renamed the iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund. The fund’s benchmark was also changed to reflect enhanced ESG screening. We will review the fund’s performance against the new benchmark and report on it in our next Assessment of Value report.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF 3 Fund was repositioned and renamed from the iShares Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund to the iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund on 5 July 2022. 4 Fund’s benchmark changed from Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate ex GBP Index to ICE BAML ESG Global Corporate ex GBP Index on 5 July 2022.
iShares Overseas Government Bond Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
JP Morgan Global Government Bond Index ex UK

Morningstar / IA categories
Global Bond / Global Government Bond

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.11% 0.13%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

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iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity ESG Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
Morningstar Developed Markets Asia Pacific ex-Japan ESG Enhanced Index

Morningstar / IA categories
Asia-Pacific ex-Japan Equity / --

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (index)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Too new to rate

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.12% 0.16%
Fund OCF\(^1\) Peer group OCF\(^2\)

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF 3 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE World Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
Asia-Pacific ex-Japan Equity / Asia Pacific Excluding Japan

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, unitholders eligible for a lower-priced unit class were identified and converted to the lower-priced class.

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iShares UK Equity ESG Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
Morningstar UK ESG Enhanced Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Large-Cap Equity / --

**Overall value statement**
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

**Performance** (index)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 IA sector median OCF  3 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
**iShares UK Equity Index Fund (UK)**
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE All Share Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
UK Large-Cap Equity / UK All Companies

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Comparable market rates**
- **0.05%** (Fund OCF¹)
- **0.13%** (Peer group OCF²)

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**iShares UK Gilts All Stocks Index Fund (UK)**
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

**Benchmark**
FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Government Bond / UK Gilts

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance (index)**
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

**Comparable market rates**
- **0.11%** (Fund OCF¹)
- **0.12%** (Peer group OCF²)

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¹ OCF for D Accumulation class of fund
² IA sector median OCF
iShares US Equity ESG Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return (gross of charges) on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
Morningstar US Markets ESG Enhanced Index

Morningstar / IA categories
US Large-Cap Blend Equity / --

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (index)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately. Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

iShares US Equity Index Fund (UK)
BlackRock Collective Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide a return on investment by tracking closely the performance of its benchmark.

Benchmark
FTSE USA Index

Morningstar / IA categories
US Large-Cap Blend Equity / North America

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (index)
Our assessment concluded that the fund delivered on its objective of tracking its benchmark within a reasonable margin over the one-year period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately. Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners  3 IA sector median OCF
The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio, while also maintaining a risk profile for the fund of 3 to 6%, as measured by the volatility of the fund’s returns converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 20–40% Equity / Volatility Managed

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered a positive net total return from inception to date and its volatility was within the target range during this period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.17%  0.50%

1  OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  2  IA sector median OCF

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The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio, while also maintaining a risk profile for the fund of 3 to 6%, as measured by the volatility of the fund’s returns converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period. The fund also aims to invest in a manner consistent with the principles of environmental, social and governance ("ESG") investing and at least 80% of the assets the fund invests in collective investment schemes (CIS) must be invested in funds which track benchmark indices that apply ESG related exclusionary criteria or funds that otherwise apply ESG related criteria.

**Benchmark**
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Allocation 20–40% Equity / --

**Overall value statement**
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

**Performance (outcome-oriented)**
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund  
2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
MyMap 4 Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio while also maintaining a risk profile for the fund’s portfolio of 6 to 9% as measured by the volatility of the fund’s returns converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 40-60% Equity / Volatility Managed

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered a positive net total return from inception to date and its volatility was within the target range during this period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

MyMap 4 Select Income Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio while also maintaining a risk profile for the fund’s portfolio of 6 to 9% as measured by the volatility of the fund’s returns converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period. The fund aims to provide a level of income (gross of fees) that is higher than that produced by the index over five-year periods.

Benchmark
Composite of Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (50%) and MSCI All Country World Index (50%) used to assess the level of income provided by the fund.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 40–60% Equity / --

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

1. OCF for D Accumulation class of fund
2. IA sector median OCF
3. Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
MyMap 5 Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio, while also maintaining a risk profile for the fund’s portfolio of 8 to 11% as measured by the volatility of the fund’s returns, converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / Volatility Managed

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered a positive net total return from inception to date and its volatility was within the target range during this period.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

Overall rating
Delivered value

Assessment criteria
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

Comparable market rates
0.17% Fund OCF<sup>1</sup> 0.50% Peer group OCF<sup>2</sup>

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
MyMap 5 Select ESG Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio, while also maintaining a risk profile of 8 to 11%, as measured by the volatility of the fund’s returns, converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period. The fund also aims to invest in a manner consistent with the principles of environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) investing and at least 80% of the assets the fund invests in collective investment schemes (CIS) must be invested in funds which track benchmark indices that apply ESG related exclusionary criteria or funds that otherwise apply ESG related criteria.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 60–80% Equity / ––

Overall value statement
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered a positive net total return from inception to date and its volatility was within the target range during this period. Secondary ESG objectives were applied to the fund on 25 April 2022. We will review the fund’s performance against the new ESG objectives and report on it in the next value assessment report.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
MyMap 6 Fund
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio, while also maintaining a risk profile for the fund's portfolio of 10 to 15%, as measured by the volatility of the fund's returns, converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period.

**Benchmark**
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

**Morningstar / IA categories**
GBP Allocation 80%+ Equity / Volatility Managed

**Overall value statement**
Our review determined that the fund delivered value.

**Performance** (outcome-oriented)
Our assessment concluded that, while the fund had a track record of less than five years, it delivered a positive net total return from inception to date and its volatility was within the target range during this period.

**Costs, charges & service quality**
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external peer group determined by the IA and to similar BlackRock products.

**Classes of units**
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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**Overall rating**
Delivered value

**Assessment criteria**
- Performance
- Comparable market rates
- Comparable services
- AFM costs
- Economies of scale
- Quality of service
- Classes of units

**Comparable market rates**

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 IA sector median OCF
MyMap 7 Fund Select ESG
BlackRock Investment Funds

The fund aims to provide, over five-year periods, a return on investment through an actively managed portfolio, while also maintaining a risk profile of 12% or more, as measured by volatility of the fund’s returns, converted into an annual rate, over a five-year period. The fund also aims to invest in a manner consistent with the principles of environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) investing and at least 80% of the assets the fund invests in collective investment schemes (CIS) must be invested in funds which track benchmark indices that apply ESG related exclusionary criteria or funds that otherwise apply ESG related criteria.

Benchmark
The fund does not have a target benchmark, a constraining benchmark or a comparator benchmark.

Morningstar / IA categories
GBP Allocation 80%+ Equity / --

Overall value statement
We determined that the fund was too new to rate, given that it had less than 12 months of performance history.

Performance (outcome-oriented)
We will continue to monitor the fund as part of our standard process as it builds its track record.

Costs, charges & service quality
We reviewed the AFM costs associated with the fund, together with the quality of service provided and benefits generated by our economies of scale, and concluded that the fund was priced appropriately.

Additionally, we confirmed that it was priced at a reasonable level compared to both an external IA peer group recommended by Fitz Partners and to similar BlackRock products.

Classes of units
Following a review of the charges for unit classes within the fund, no unit holders eligible for conversion to a lower-priced unit class were identified.

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1 OCF for D Accumulation class of fund 2 Fund is not assigned to IA sector; median OCF for broad group sector recommended by Fitz Partners.
Glossary of Terms

**Absolute return strategy**
An investment approach that seeks to generate a positive excess return over cash regardless of market circumstances and without reference to a market-based benchmark.

**Active strategy**
An investment approach that uses human judgement and/or quantitative tools to select securities; active fund managers seek to outperform benchmarks or meet specific total return targets.

**Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)**
An FCA authorised fund operator of an authorised open-ended investment company, an authorised contractual scheme or authorised unit trust.

**Alpha**
The excess return over a benchmark index.

**Alpha target**
The amount by which an investment seeks to outperform its benchmark index.

**AMC tiered pricing**
A variable costs and charges structure whereby the Annual Management Charge is reduced as fund AUM grows, according to a discount schedule.

**Annual Management Charge (AMC)**
The charge that covers the costs of portfolio management services provided to a fund.

**Annual Service Charge (ASC)**
The charge that covers non-portfolio management related costs, such as transfer agency and fund accounting services.

**Asset Allocation**
The apportionment of an investment portfolio across different asset classes, such as stocks and bonds. Allocations may vary according to the investment objective, the investment outlook or other considerations.

**Assets Under Management (AUM)**
The total market value of investments held within a fund or investment company on behalf of investors.

**Benchmark**
A gauge, usually an index, against which the performance of a fund can be measured.

**Beta**
The measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or portfolio compared to the market as a whole.

**Broadridge Financial Solutions**
A financial services company that provided the BFM Board and BlackRock with data and analytical support for the Assessment of Value process.

**Capital growth**
The increase in the value of an asset or investment over time.

**Capital preservation**
An investment approach that aims to prevent or limit losses in a portfolio.

**Comparator benchmark**
An index or similar factor against which an investment manager invites investors to compare a fund’s performance. It is commonly referred to as the performance benchmark.

**Composite benchmark**
A benchmark made up of multiple indices.

**Constraining benchmark**
An index or similar factor that investment managers use to limit or constrain how they construct a fund’s portfolio.

**Custodian**
A financial institution responsible for the safekeeping of securities to prevent loss of ownership.
Custom peer group
A group of the most relevant competitor funds used to compare fees; custom peer groups were selected by Fitz Partners and defined as approximately 10 comparable funds with similar management styles, investment objectives, sizes and availability to target investors

Direct investor
An investor who invests without an intermediary such as an investment platform, bank or financial adviser

ESG
Environmental, social and governance

Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
The regulatory body for the financial services industry in the United Kingdom

Fitz Partners
A financial services company that provided the BFM Board and BlackRock with data and analytical support for the Assessment of Value process

Gilt
A UK government bond issued by the HM Treasury that is denominated in British pound sterling

Gross performance
The return on an investment before fees are deducted

Index strategy
An investment approach that involves closely tracking a benchmark index’s returns; indices are unmanaged, and one cannot invest directly in an index

Investment Association (IA) sector
A group of funds with similar characteristics as defined by the Investment Association

Investment horizon
The recommended holding period for a fund

Investment universe
The total opportunity set of investments from which an investment manager can choose from as defined by its prospectus

Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or Key Information Document (KID)
A document that includes critical information about a fund, such as details about its investment objective, risks and fees

Liquidity
The degree to which a financial instrument can be sold and converted into cash without affecting its price

Long position
Holding a security with the expectation that it will rise in value

Long/short (investment style)
An investment strategy which seeks to achieve its investment objective by using both long positions and short positions

Management style
The investment approach taken by a fund’s management team

Market capitalisation
The total value of a company’s shares of stock. Certain funds may target different sized companies for investment depending on their market capitalisation and commonly refer to them as small cap, mid cap and large cap

Median
The midpoint of a range of values

Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI)
An investment research firm that provides stock indices, portfolio analytics and other services to the investment community

Morningstar category
A group of funds with similar characteristics as defined by Morningstar

Net performance
The return on an investment after fees have been deducted

Non-Executive Director
A member of a fund company’s Board of Directors who is not involved in the day-to-day management of the company

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)
The day-to-day costs of running a fund, including the annual management charge (AMC), annual service charge (ASC) and operational costs; expressed as a percentage of assets

Operational error
An error, mistake or inadvertent deviation from the rules and policies in the administration or management of a fund with an unintended (positive or negative) impact on BlackRock or the fund’s investors

Outcome-oriented strategy
An investment approach that caters to fund investors’ specific needs, such as generating income or limiting volatility

Peer group
A group of competitor funds with similar characteristics used to compare performances or fees

Proxy voting
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Repositioning
The changing characteristics of a fund, including but not limited to a change of investment objective, benchmark, name or fee structure

Risk-adjusted return
A measure of the return an investment has generated relative to the amount of risk it has realised

Quartile
The division of observations into four equal groups based on the data values; the first quartile comprises the quarter of a population that score highest, while the fourth quartile is the one that scores lowest
**Segregated mandate**
A portfolio designed and run specifically for an institutional client, with bespoke operational arrangements

**Short position**
Holding a security with the expectation that it will decrease in value

**SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average)**
An interest rate benchmark that reflects the average of the interest rates that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions and institutional investors

**Target benchmark**
An index or similar factor which is part of a target that an investment manager has set for a fund’s performance to match or exceed, which includes anything used for performance fee calculation

**Tracking difference**
Discrepancy between the performance of the fund and its benchmark index expressed in percentage points

**Valuation point**
The point in time when a fund is priced

**Value tilt**
A tilt, or deviation, away from the broad stock market and towards value stocks, i.e., shares of companies that appear to trade at relatively low-price levels compared to their fundamentals (as opposed to growth stocks)

**Yield**
The income generated from an investment, such as dividends or bond coupon payments. Yield is expressed as an annualised percentage and is calculated by dividing income by the total value of an investment

**Volatility**
The dispersion of an investment’s returns, typically expressed as an annualised percentage; higher volatility indicates higher investment risk

**Zero management fee unit class**
A unit class intended for institutional investors; requires a separate agreement with BlackRock, which specifies the amount of fees charged outside the fund for portfolio management services
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