

As of 03/31/2021 | Institutional: BILPX | **Investor A: BALPX** | Investor C: BCLPX

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies that we believe could undergo transformative corporate events, including announced mergers and acquisitions, spinoffs and split-offs, financial or strategic restructurings, management changes and other catalysts. The fund will make long and short investments in developed market companies across market capitalizations and sectors, as well as investing opportunistically across the capital structure using fixed income instruments.\*



Morningstar has awarded the Fund a Bronze medal (Effective 03/19/2021).† Rated against 91 Market Neutral Funds, as of 03/31/2021 based on risk adjusted total return. Overall Ratings are determined monthly and subject to change. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.††

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

With Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	6.59	4.51	4.24	6.77
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	12.50	6.40	5.37	7.35
Benchmark	0.12	1.49	1.19	0.63
Morningstar Average	7.63	2.15	1.84	1.37

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD	1Q2021
Investor A	3.94	6.87	5.13	7.16	6.03	0.63	0.63
Benchmark	0.33	0.86	1.87	2.28	0.67	0.03	0.03
Morningstar Average	2.23	2.37	-0.26	0.45	1.19	2.68	2.68

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

## MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	22/96	14/91	9/76	N/A
Quartile Rank	1	1	1	N/A

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

**Key Risks:** Holdings shown should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell securities. Stock and bond values fluctuate in price so the value of investments can go down depending on market conditions. Event driven strategies entail investing in companies involved, or potentially involved, in significant corporate actions. Success of event driven trading depends on successful prediction of whether various catalyst events will in fact occur or be finalized. Change in status or delay of events may affect the price of securities purchased and result in losses to the fund. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility. Compared to a traditional long only portfolio, the potential for volatility (compared to the market and the fund's benchmark) can be greater given the fund's additional long exposure along with its short exposure. Short selling entails special risks. If the fund makes short sales in securities that increase in value, the fund will lose value. Any loss on short positions may or may not be offset by investing short sale proceeds in other investments. Investing in alternative strategies such as a long/short strategy, presents the opportunity for significant losses, including the loss of your total investment.

\*The Fund's information prior to May 8, 2015 is the information for the Fund when it followed different investment strategies under the name "BlackRock Large Cap Core Plus Fund," which focused on establishing long and short positions in a diversified portfolio of equity securities issued primarily by large cap companies located in the United States.

## KEY FACTS

Size of Fund (Millions)	<b>\$7,258.1M</b>
Fund Launch Date	<b>05/08/2015</b>
Share Class Launch Date	<b>12/19/2007</b>
Morningstar Category	<b>Market Neutral</b>
Benchmark	<b>ICE BofA 3 Month Treasury Bill Index (G001) (4PM)</b>

## ANNUAL EXPENSES

Gross Expense Ratio	<b>1.68%</b>
Net Expense Ratio	<b>1.61%</b>

The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment Related Expenses is 1.44% Investment Related Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.16%, and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.01%, and certain other expenses, if applicable. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 09/30/2021 terminable upon 90 days' notice. BlackRock may agree to voluntarily waive certain fees and expenses, which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Long	Short	Net
Information Technology	62.6	-37.9	23.8
Health Care	53.1	-10.5	42.3
Financials	20.8	-34.3	-13.6
Industrials	31.7	-6.6	25.1
Consumer Discretionary	12.6	-6.3	5.9
Materials	8.0	-4.2	3.7
Communication	5.6	-0.3	5.1
Consumer Staples	3.2	0.0	3.2
Other	0.5	-1.5	-1.0
Real Estate	1.2	-0.2	1.0
Energy	0.9	-0.1	0.8
Utilities	0.6	0.0	0.6

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

	Long	Short	Net
North America	165.8	-84.0	79.8
Europe	32.0	-15.3	16.7
Emerging Markets	0.6	-0.3	0.3
Asia Pacific Basin	1.1	-1.7	-0.6

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

	Long	Short	Net
<\$5bn	13.8	-0.8	13.0
\$5bn - \$15bn	63.1	-9.8	53.3
\$15bn - \$30bn	63.2	-9.5	53.7
\$30bn +	46.6	-80.2	-33.6

<sup>2</sup>% of net assets represents the Fund's exposure based on the economic value of securities and is adjusted for futures, options, swaps, and convertible bonds. Allocations subject to change.

**You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. The prospectus and, if available, the summary prospectus contain this and other information about the fund and are available, along with information on other BlackRock funds, by calling 800-882-0052 or from your financial professional. The prospectus should be read carefully before investing. Investing involves risks including possible loss of principal.**

†The Morningstar Analyst Rating™ is not a credit or risk rating. It is an evaluation performed by Morningstar's Manager Research Group. The funds are evaluated on five pillars: process, performance, people, parent, and price. This evaluation determines how they believe funds are likely to perform relative to a benchmark over the long term on a risk-adjusted basis. They consider quantitative and qualitative factors. For active funds, an Analyst Rating of Gold, Silver, or Bronze reflects the expectation that the fund will be able to deliver positive alpha net of fees relative to the standard benchmark index assigned to the Morningstar category. The Analyst Ratings are overseen by an Analyst Rating Committee and are monitored and reevaluated at least every 14 months.

For more detailed information about Morningstar's Analyst Rating, including its methodology, please go to <https://www.morningstar.com/content/dam/marketing/shared/pdfs/Research/962834.pdf>. The Morningstar Analyst Rating (i) should not be used as the sole basis in evaluating a fund, (ii) involves unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause the Manager Research Group's expectations not to occur or to differ significantly from what they expected, and (iii) should not be considered an offer or solicitation to buy or sell the fund.

†† The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a 3-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure (excluding any applicable sales charges) that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% 3-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% 5-year rating/40% 3-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% 5-year rating/20% 3-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent 3-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all 3 rating periods. The fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled funds: 91, 76 and 23, over the 3, 5 and 10 year periods, respectively. With respect to these Market Neutral funds, the fund received a Morningstar Rating of 4, 4 and stars for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively. Other classes may have different performance characteristics.

BofA ML 3 Month Treasury Bill Index tracks U.S. government securities maturing in 90 days.

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