

# BlackRock Sustainable Advantage Large Cap Core Fund

As of 09/30/2024 | Class K: BIRKX | Institutional: BIRIX | Investor A: BIRAX | Investor C: BIRCX

Broad allocation to U.S. equities

Focused on sustainable ESG characteristics

Seeks attractive returns through traditional and ESG lenses

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Invests at least 80% of its net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes in large cap equity securities and derivatives that have similar economic characteristics to such securities. The Fund seeks to maintain certain ESG characteristics, climate risk exposure and climate opportunities relative to the Russell 1000 Index (the "Benchmark"). The Fund generally seeks to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that, in BlackRock's view, (i) has an aggregate environmental, social and governance ("ESG") assessment that is better than the aggregate ESG assessment of the Benchmark, (ii) has an aggregate carbon emissions assessment that is lower than that of the Benchmark, and (iii) in the aggregate, includes issuers that BlackRock believes are better positioned to capture climate opportunities relative to the issuers in the Benchmark.



Morningstar has awarded the Fund a SILVER medal (Effective 10/23/2023).† Rated against 1,292 Large Blend Funds, as of 09/30/2024 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	Incept.
Investor A	29.28	8.49	14.49	N/A	13.57
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Incept.
Investor A	36.45	10.46	15.74	N/A	14.26
Benchmark	35.68	10.83	15.64	N/A	14.32
Morningstar Average	32.84	10.14	14.30	11.83	N/A

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	3Q2024
Investor A	30.79	22.11	28.26	-19.93	25.26	21.68	5.08
Benchmark	31.02	20.96	26.45	-19.13	26.53	21.18	6.08
Morningstar Average	28.78	15.83	26.07	-16.96	22.32	19.35	5.94

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	339/1,414	682/1,292	302/1,189	N/A
Quartile Rank	1	3	2	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 FACTS

Size of Fund (Millions)	\$898.0M
Fund Launch Date	10/05/2015
Share Class Launch Date	10/05/2015
Morningstar Category	Large Blend
Number of Holdings	199
Benchmark	Russell 1000 Index

## ANNUAL EXPENSES

Gross Expense Ratio	0.84%
Net Expense Ratio	0.73%

The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment Related Expenses is 0.73% Investment Related Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.00%, and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.00%, and certain other expenses, if applicable. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 06/30/2026 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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## TOP HOLDINGS (%)<sup>2</sup>

APPLE INC	7.49
MICROSOFT CORPORATION	7.07
NVIDIA CORPORATION	5.91
AMAZON.COM INC	4.15
ALPHABET INC	3.87
META PLATFORMS INC	2.06
MASTERCARD INC	1.83
ELI LILLY AND COMPANY	1.76
WALMART INC	1.35

**KEY RISKS:** *The fund is actively managed and its characteristics will vary. Holdings shown should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell securities. Stock values fluctuate in price so the value of your investment can go down depending on market conditions. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility. Investing in small- and mid-cap companies may entail greater risk than large-cap companies, due to shorter operating histories, less seasoned management or lower trading volumes. The fund intends to invest in companies with measurable societal impact outcomes, as determined by BlackRock, and screen out particular companies and industries. An investment's environmental, social and governance ("ESG") strategy limits the types and number of investment opportunities available and, as a result, may underperform other investments that do not have an ESG focus. An investment's ESG strategy may result in investing in securities or industry sectors that underperform the market as a whole or underperform other investments screened for ESG standards.*

*The Fund's returns prior to December 1, 2021 are the returns of the Fund when it followed different investment strategies and investment process under the name "BlackRock Advantage ESG U.S. Equity Fund." Effective on December 14, 2020, the Fund changed its benchmark from the Russell 3000® Index to the Russell 1000® Index. Fund management believes that this change in the benchmark index more accurately reflects the investment strategy of the Fund."*

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

PROLOGIS INC

1.22

**Total of Portfolio**

**36.71**

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

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Information Technology	30.6	29.8	0.8
Financials	12.5	13.4	-0.9
Health Care	12.4	11.5	0.9
Consumer Discretionary	11.1	10.4	0.7
Industrials	10.7	9.4	1.3
Communication	8.9	8.7	0.2
Consumer Staples	5.2	5.7	-0.5
Energy	2.8	3.4	-0.7
Real Estate	2.1	2.7	-0.6

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
United States	99.6	99.8	-0.2
Cash and/or Derivatives	0.4	0.0	0.4
Peru	0.0	0.0	-0.0
Canada	0.0	0.0	-0.0
Brazil	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Germany	0.0	0.0	-0.0

Allocations are subject to change. **Source:** BlackRock

<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.

**Price to Earnings Ratio:** The price-to-earnings ratio is used to assess a company's valuation. To compute this ratio, the latest closing price is divided by the company's last fiscal year's Earnings Per Share. The ratio represents a weighted harmonic mean of the price-to-earnings ratios of its holdings with negative values being excluded from the calculation. **Price to Book Ratio:** represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share. **Average Market Cap:** The average size of the securities the fund invests in. **Alpha:** A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. **Beta:** Beta measures the fund's sensitivity to market movements beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market. **R-Squared:** R-Squared reflects the percentage of a fund's movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark, showing the degree of correlation between the fund and benchmark. This figure is helpful in assessing how likely it is that beta is statistically significant. **Standard Deviation:** Standard Deviation measures the volatility of the fund's returns. Higher deviation represents higher volatility. **Sharpe Ratio:** Sharpe Ratio uses a fund's standard deviation and its excess return (difference between the fund's return and the risk-free return of 90-day Treasury Bills) to determine reward per unit of risk.

<sup>i</sup> **Analyst Driven %** is the analyst input into the overall rating assignment, including direct analyst coverage and inheritance of an analyst-rated pillar

<sup>ii</sup> **Data Coverage %** is available input data for rating calculation at the Pillar level

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

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Materials	1.8	2.6	-0.8
Utilities	1.5	2.4	-0.9
Other	0.4	0.0	0.4

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Price to Earnings	29.02x
Price to Book Ratio	4.93x
Average Market Capitalization (millions)	-

## RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)

	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	-0.03	-
Beta	1.00	-
R-Squared	99.34	-
Standard Deviation	17.77%	17.70%
Sharpe Ratio	0.46	0.48

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**This fund seeks to follow a sustainable, impact or ESG investment strategy, as disclosed in its prospectus.** For more information regarding the fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	A	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	7.01
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	86.08%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	99.52%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity US	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	46.52
Funds in Peer Group	3,692	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	99.06%

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21-Sep-2024**, based on holdings as of **31-Mar-2024**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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

## ESG GLOSSARY:

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC):** The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

**MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

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

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

**MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10):** The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

**MSCI ESG % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score and MSCI ESG Quality Score – Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds).

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES):** Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

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