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Annual report and audited financial statements

BlackRock UCITS Funds
(Report for investors in Switzerland)

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For the financial year ended 31 March 2023

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

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BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

GENERAL INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

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⁴In respect of the currency hedged unit classes.

For Swiss investors: The prospectus of the Entity, Trust Deed, the Key Investor Information Documents ("KIID"), the Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products Key Information Documents ("PRIIP KID"), the latest annual report and audited financial statements and interim report and unaudited financial statements, as applicable and a detailed list of investments purchased and sold for the Fund during the financial year may be obtained on request and free of charge from the representative in Switzerland.

The Entity is duly registered with the Comisión Nacional de Mercado de Valores in Spain under number 1646.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

BACKGROUND

BlackRock UCITS Funds (the “Entity”) is an open-ended unit trust established on 29 June 2007 as an umbrella fund under the laws of Ireland. The Entity was constituted by the Trust Deed dated 28 June 2007 between BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited (the “Manager”) and J.P. Morgan SE - Dublin Branch (the “Trustee”) and is governed by an amended and restated Trust Deed dated 4 December 2009 and any deeds supplemental thereto. The Entity is authorised as a unit trust with segregated liability between the funds pursuant to the Unit Trusts Act, 1990 (the “Act”). The Entity is authorised and supervised by the Central Bank of Ireland (“CBI”) pursuant to the provisions of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (as amended) (the “UCITS Regulations”).

The Entity is constituted as an umbrella fund and comprises of separate funds (“Fund”) of the Entity. The units of the Fund may be grouped into different classes of units (each a “unit class”). The Fund will represent a separate portfolio of assets and may consist of one or more unit classes. Each unit class may apply different subscription and redemption provisions, charges, fees or brokerage arrangements. The creation of an additional class of units will be notified to the CBI in advance. The portfolio of assets maintained for the Fund will be invested in accordance with the investment objectives and policies applicable to the Fund as set out in the prospectus. The assets of the Fund shall belong exclusively to that Fund, shall be segregated from the assets of other Funds, shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of or claims against any other Fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

Where an asset or a liability of the Entity cannot be considered as being attributable to a particular Fund or Funds, the Manager shall have discretion, to determine the basis upon which such asset or liability shall be allocated between the Funds and the Manager shall have power at any time and from time to time to vary such basis, including allocating such asset or liability between all Funds or some of the Funds pro rata to their Net Asset Values (“NAV”) or such other basis as the Manager determines.

The term “Fund” or “Financial Product” shall be deemed to mean either a Fund or Funds of the Entity, or if the context so requires, the Manager or its delegate acting for the accounts of the relevant Fund. The term “BlackRock” and “Investment Manager” are used to represent BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited as appropriate. All references to “redeemable units” shall be deemed to mean redeemable participating units when Fund units are classified as financial liabilities. The term “Directors” means the directors of the Manager.

Further details, including the investment objectives and minimum subscription requirements, are set out in the Entity’s prospectus.

Fund details

The Entity had 1 Fund approved in Switzerland for sale to unqualified investors as at 31 March 2023.

Changes to the Entity during the financial year

On 22 April 2022, an amended credit facility was issued to facilitate an increase in the credit facility available by JPMorgan and the other syndicated lenders to USD 450,000,000.

On 29 April 2022, Paul Freeman resigned as a non-executive Director of the Manager.

On 1 May 2022, Rosemary Quinlan was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Manager.

On 24 May 2022, an updated prospectus was issued for the Entity to facilitate the following changes:

- Inclusion of Michael Hodson and Eimear Martin as a non-executive Director of the Manager.
- Post-merger change of Trustee from J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) plc to J.P. Morgan SE - Dublin Branch.

On 31 May 2022, William Roberts resigned as the Chair and as a non-executive Director of the Manager.

On 1 June 2022, Rosemary Quinlan was appointed as the Chair of the Manager and Graham Bamping was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Manager.

On 30 June 2022, Eimear Martin resigned as a non-executive Director of the Manager.

On 31 July 2022, Barry O’Dwyer resigned as an executive Director of the Manager.

On 29 December 2022, an updated prospectus was issued for the Entity to facilitate the following changes:

- Updates to Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (“SFDR”) information.
- Updates to Risk Factors.

On 16 January 2023, the Secretary, Sanne Corporate Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, changed its name to Apex Group Corporate Administration Services Ireland Limited.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Investment objective

BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide income while preserving capital by investing predominantly in fixed income securities.

Investment management approach and environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) policy

The following table outlines the investment management approach adopted for the Fund. It also identifies which Funds promote environmental or social characteristics (“Article 8 Funds”) or have sustainable investments as an objective (“Article 9 Funds”), under the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (“SFDR”). Further detail around how Article 8 and Article 9 Funds have achieved these characteristics and objectives is included in the SFDR disclosures supplementary section to the Annual Report.

Fund name	Benchmark index/ Performance measure/ Performance benchmark	Investment management approach	SFDR criteria
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund ¹	3 Month EURIBOR Index	Active	Article 8

¹ The performance measure/performance benchmark included in the table above is for reference only. Please refer to the prospectus for more detail.

Performance summary

The following table compares the realised Fund performance against the performance of the relevant benchmark index/performance measure during the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Further information on these performance measures and calculation methodologies used is detailed below:

- Fund returns disclosed are the performance returns for the primary unit class for the Fund, net of fees, which has been selected as a representative unit class. The primary unit class represents the class of unit invested in by the majority of investors in the Fund and also takes into account other relevant factors such as the Fund's base currency. The returns disclosed for the comparative are in the same currency as the primary unit class, unless otherwise stated. Performance returns for any other unit class can be made available on request.
- Fund returns are based on the NAV calculated in accordance with the prospectus for the financial year under review with any dividends reinvested. Due to Financial Reporting Standard 102 (“FRS 102”) requirements which apply to the financial statements, there may be differences between the NAV per unit as recorded in the financial statements and the NAV per unit calculated in accordance with the prospectus.

Fund name	Fund return %	Performance measure %
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund - Class D Accumulating	(2.79)	0.27

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product. All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed. The performance figures do not consider charges and fees that may be levied at the time of subscription or redemption of units. Levels and bases of taxation may change from time to time. Subscriptions may be made only on the basis of the current prospectus, of which the most recent annual report and audited financial statements and interim report and unaudited financial statements as well as PRIIP KIIDs form an integral part. Copies of which are available from Investor Services, the Transfer Agent, the Management Company or any of the Representatives or Distributors.

Global economic overview

Global equities, as represented by the MSCI All Country World Index (“ACWI”), returned (7.44%) (in US dollar terms) for the twelve months ended 31 March 2023. Amid concerns about a global economic downturn, both bonds and equities were pressured by persistently high inflation (rate of increase in the prices of goods and services) and rapid monetary policy tightening from the world's largest central banks. The continued impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the resulting disruptions to normal trade patterns contributed to significant volatility (market ups and downs) in some commodity prices.

Driven by a widening trade deficit and lower business investment, US gross domestic product (“GDP”) contracted in the first half of 2022, raising recession concerns among investors. However, the US economy returned to growth in the third and fourth quarters as both consumer and government spending grew. The US job market showed continued strength and unemployment declined to the lowest level in over 50 years. In Japan, the economy slowed, constrained by weak levels of private consumption and business investment. The UK economy faltered amid weakness in the services and manufacturing sectors. Growth also slowed in the Eurozone as consumer demand was tempered by high inflation and increased borrowing costs.

Most emerging market economies continued to expand, although fluctuating commodity prices and the stronger US dollar presented significant economic challenges. The Chinese economy continued to grow at a slow pace relative to the country's historical growth rate, but a relaxation of strict COVID-19 protocols late in the reporting period drove investor optimism for an economic rebound. The Indian economy slowed in the second half of 2022, on an annual basis, as private spending and investment growth stalled.

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INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

Global economic overview (continued)

To counteract persistently elevated inflation, the world's largest central banks continued to implement various measures aimed at monetary policy tightening. The US Federal Reserve ("the Fed") raised interest rates eight times during the twelve-month period, including four consecutive 75 basis point increases before slowing the pace of its interest rate increases later in the period. The Fed also ended its bond buying programmes and began reducing some of its accumulated bond holdings in June 2022.

The Bank of England ("BoE") also raised interest rates eight times during the twelve-month period, as inflation reached a 41-year high. Inflation was also elevated in the Eurozone, and the European Central Bank ("ECB") raised interest rates six times. Furthermore, the ECB signalled that it would take action to prevent significant divergence between bond yields (which move inversely to prices) of Eurozone states as interest rates rise.

Global equity performance was negative during the twelve-month period overall, as investors assessed the impact of rapidly changing economic and credit conditions. Inflation pressures amid strong labour markets and tighter monetary policy from many central banks pressured equities, leading to significant declines, particularly in the first half of the period. Globally, bonds and equities that factor in companies' environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics continued to attract investment flows, although the pace of investment slowed significantly in 2022. New bonds for ESG-related projects declined in 2022 relative to 2021, as higher interest rates weighed on issuance.

Yields on the 10-year US Treasury, a benchmark lending rate for the global bond market, rose sharply during the reporting period as central banks tightened monetary policy. The yield curve, which measures the difference between yields at different maturity levels, inverted, a signal that markets were increasingly concerned about slowing economic growth. Yields on UK gilts rose substantially, and a tax cut proposal raised the likelihood of increased government borrowing, leading to BoE intervention to stabilise the UK bond market. The government subsequently dropped its proposal, further easing the pressure on gilts. Government bonds in the Eurozone also declined notably for the twelve-month period, while Japanese government bonds generally declined more slowly. However, in December 2022, the Japanese government raised its yield cap for 10-year government bond yields, leading to a sharp increase in the yields for those bonds before substantial purchases from the Bank of Japan drove yields down.

Global corporate bond returns were negative overall, as yields rose substantially. Amid growing inflation concerns, most of the largest central banks raised interest rates, reducing the value of existing bonds. Elevated borrowing costs weighed on issuers of corporate bonds, as investors became more concerned about the impact of changing economic conditions.

Equities in emerging markets posted a substantial decline as the US dollar strengthened and interest rates rose. Central banks in several emerging markets, such as India, Brazil, and Mexico raised interest rates multiple times in response to heightened inflation concerns. Emerging market bond prices declined notably amid continued monetary tightening from the Fed, which drove higher borrowing costs in emerging markets.

The commodities market was volatile, with prices rising sharply in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine before moderating on growth concerns. Brent crude oil prices were elevated at the beginning of the period amid the war's initial disruption, but declined as markets stabilized, ending the period lower. Natural gas prices in the Eurozone fluctuated significantly as countries sought alternate gas suppliers. Gold prices rose amid recession concerns and the slowing pace of Fed interest rate increases.

On the foreign exchange markets, the US dollar rose against most other global currencies, driven primarily by the Fed's tightening of monetary policy. The Japanese yen, the Chinese yuan, sterling, and the euro all fell versus the US dollar as higher US bond yields prompted increased demand for US investments from overseas investors.

Fund performance review and activity

BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund

Over the financial year to 31 March 2023, the Fund's performance return was (2.79%) and the active return was (3.06%), underperforming its performance measure which returned 0.27% (active return is the difference between the Fund's return and the performance measure).

The Fund remained defensively positioned and decreased its allocation to high yield credit over the review period. As of 31 March 2023, the Fund holds 64.6% of the overall portfolio market value in investment grade credit, compared to 63.4% in the beginning of the review period, and 36.1% is allocated to high yield, compared to 36.2% in the beginning of the review period.

During the financial year the following were the largest contributors to and detractors from the Fund's return relative to the performance measure:

Largest contributors		Largest detractors	
Sector	Effect on Fund return	Sector	Effect on Fund return
		Financial Other #	(0.62%)
		Banking #	(0.42%)
		Consumer Non-Cyclical #	(0.34%)
		Basic Industry #	(0.24%)
		Capital Goods #	(0.21%)

Overweight position – held more exposure than the performance benchmark.

⊖ Underweight position - held less exposure than the performance benchmark.

At a sector level, selected issuers within the financial other sector and banking sector were the primary detractors over the review period.

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INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

Fund performance review and activity (continued)

BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund (continued)

The following table details the significant active positions, where the Fund was overweight (held more exposure than the performance measure) and underweight (held less exposure than the performance measure), as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022:

31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
Sector	Gross exposure	Sector	Gross exposure
Banking	21.62%	Banking	17.63%
Consumer Non-Cyclical	16.57%	Consumer Non-Cyclical	15.37%
Consumer Cyclical	11.66%	Consumer Cyclical	12.17%
Communications	9.32%	Capital Goods	9.14%
Capital Goods	7.31%	Communications	8.70%

Where the Fund was underweight to a Sector, the return from such Sector will have an opposite effect on the Fund's active return. This may result in a Sector being listed as a contributor/detractor but not listed on the Fund's Portfolio Statement.

BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited
April 2023

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited (the "Manager"), is responsible for preparing the annual report and the audited financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council. In preparing these financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures from those standards being disclosed and explained in the notes to the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Entity will continue in business.

The Manager is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Entity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and comply with the provisions of the Unit Trusts Act, 1990. In this regard, the Manager has appointed J.P. Morgan Administration Services (Ireland) Limited for the purpose of maintaining proper accounting records and for preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the accounting records are kept at the following address:

200 Capital Dock
79 Sir John Rogerson's Quay
Dublin 2, D02 RK57
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The Manager is also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The assets of the Entity have been entrusted to the Trustee for safekeeping. The Trustee is J.P. Morgan SE – Dublin Branch. The address at which this business is conducted is as follows:

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79 Sir John Rogerson's Quay
Dublin 2, D02 RK57
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The financial statements for the Entity, and the accompanying notes and unaudited information, are approved by the Directors.

On behalf of the Manager

Director
21 July 2023

Director
21 July 2023

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS

We have enquired into the conduct of BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited (the "Manager") in respect of the BlackRock UCITS Funds (the "Entity") for the year ended 31 March 2023 in our capacity as Trustee to the Entity.

This report, including the opinion, has been provided solely in favour of the investors of the Fund as a body in accordance with the UCITS Regulations – European Communities Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended, ("the Regulations"). We do not, in the provision of this report, accept nor assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

In accordance with our Trustee obligation as provided for under the Regulations, we have enquired into the conduct of the Entity for the Accounting Period and we hereby report thereon to the Unitholders of the Entity as follows;

We are of the opinion that the Entity has been managed during the Accounting Period, in all material respects:

(i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Manager and the Trustee by the constitutional documents and the Regulations; and

(ii) otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional documents and the Regulations.

For and on behalf of

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21 July 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF THE BLACKROCK DEFENSIVE YIELD ESG SCREENED FUND; SUB-FUND OF BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund (the 'Fund' of BlackRock UCITS Funds (the 'Unit Trust')) for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Redeemable Participating Unitholders, Balance Sheet, Schedules of Investments and Notes to the Financial Statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2023 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Unit Trusts Act, 1990, the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Unit Trust in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern for the fund

In auditing the financial statements of the Fund, we have concluded that the manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF THE BLACKROCK DEFENSIVE YIELD ESG SCREENED FUND; SUB-FUND OF BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Other information

The manager is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of the manager for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of the manager's responsibilities set on page 7, the manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the Unitholders of the Fund, as a body, in accordance with Regulation 93 of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's Unitholders, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants

Dublin

Date: 17 July 2023

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

INCOME STATEMENT

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023

		BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	Note	2023 EUR '000	2022 EUR '000
Operating income	5	1,739	1,443
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments	7	(3,860)	(2,225)
Total investment income/(loss)		(2,121)	(782)
Operating expenses	6	(173)	(196)
Net operating income/(expenses)		(2,294)	(978)
Finance costs:			
Interest expense or similar charges	8	(1)	(1)
Distributions to redeemable unitholders	9	(49)	(55)
Total finance costs		(50)	(56)
Net profit/(loss) before taxation		(2,344)	(1,034)
Taxation	10	–	4
Net profit/(loss) after taxation		(2,344)	(1,030)
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to redeemable unitholders		(2,344)	(1,030)

There are no recognised gains or losses arising in the financial year other than those dealt with in the income statement. The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO REDEEMABLE UNITHOLDERS For the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Net assets at the beginning of the financial year	92,491	99,720
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to redeemable unitholders	(2,344)	(1,030)
Unit transactions:		
Issue of redeemable units	904	9,441
Redemption of redeemable units	(7,006)	(15,640)
Increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from unit transactions	(6,102)	(6,199)
Net assets at the end of the financial year	84,045	92,491

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2023

BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund			
		2023	2022
	Note	EUR '000	EUR '000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		173	109
Cash equivalents		2,615	2,294
Margin cash		–	6
Receivables	11	813	726
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	81,346	89,771
Total current assets		84,947	92,906
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Margin cash payable		–	6
Payables	12	777	401
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	4	125	8
Total current liabilities		902	415
Net assets attributable to redeemable unitholders	13	84,045	92,491

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General information

The Entity is an open-ended unit trust domiciled and incorporated under the laws of Ireland as a unit trust. The Entity is authorised by the CBI and is governed by the provisions of the UCITS Regulations.

2. Significant accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss.

The Entity has availed of the exemption available to open-ended investment funds that hold a substantial proportion of highly liquid and fair valued investments under Section 7 of FRS 102 and is not presenting a statement of cash flows.

The format and certain wordings of the financial statements have been adapted from those contained in Section 3 of FRS 102, so that, in the opinion of the Directors, they more appropriately reflect the nature of the Entity's business as an investment fund.

The principal accounting policies and notes are set out below, all of which are applied for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise indicated.

2.2 Financial instruments

The Entity has chosen to implement the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 and only the disclosure requirements of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 as they relate to financial instruments.

2.2.1 Classification

The Entity classifies its investments in debt instruments and derivatives as financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. These financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as held for trading or designated by the Directors at fair value through profit or loss at inception. All the derivative investments are held for trading purposes. All other financial assets and financial liabilities including cash, cash equivalents, bank overdraft, margin cash, cash collateral, receivables and payables are classified at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.2.2 Recognition and derecognition

The Entity recognises a financial asset or a financial liability when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the day the trade takes place.

Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial instruments are calculated using the weighted average cost method. For instruments held long, they represent the difference between the initial carrying amount and disposal amount. For instruments held short, they represent the difference between the proceeds received and the opening value. For derivative contracts, they represent the cash payments or receipts made on derivative contracts (excluding those on collateral or margin accounts for such instruments).

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired or the risks and rewards of ownership have all been substantially transferred. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

2.2.3 Measurement

All financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at fair value. Transaction costs on purchases or sales of investments and gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are presented in the income statement within 'Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments', in the period in which they arise.

Financial assets and financial liabilities, other than those classified as at fair value through profit or loss, are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

2.2.4 Fair value estimation

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, a liability settled or an equity instrument granted could be exchanged, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The estimation of fair value, after initial recognition, is determined as follows:

- Investments in debt instrument which are quoted, listed, traded or dealt on a market or exchange are valued based on quoted market prices which, for the purposes of the financial statements is in line with the valuation methodology prescribed in the Entity's prospectus. Depending on the nature of the underlying investment, the value taken could be either at the closing price, closing mid-market price or bid price on the relevant market.
- Investments in over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives are valued using valuation techniques.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Financial instruments (continued)

2.2.4 Fair value estimation (continued)

In the case of an investment which is not quoted, listed or dealt on a recognised market, or in respect of which a listed, traded or dealt price or quotation is not available at the time of valuation, the fair value of such investment shall be estimated with care and in good faith by a competent professional person, body, firm or corporation (appointed for such purpose by the Directors in consultation with the Investment Manager and approved for the purpose by the Trustee), and such fair value shall be determined using valuation techniques. The Entity uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date.

Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as OTC derivatives include those detailed in the fair value hierarchy note, and those used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

2.2.5 Financial derivative and other specific instruments

2.2.5.1 Forward currency contracts

A forward currency contract is an agreement, in the OTC market, between two parties to buy or sell a certain underlying currency at a certain date in the future, at a specified price.

2.2.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash in the balance sheet includes cash deposits held on call with banks. Cash equivalents include short-term liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, with original maturities of three months or less.

Bank overdrafts are classified as liabilities in the balance sheet.

2.2.7 Collateral and margin cash

Cash collateral provided by the Fund is identified as an asset on the balance sheet as 'Cash collateral' and is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

Cash balances held as margin with relevant brokers relating to investments in derivatives at the reporting date are identified on the balance sheet as 'Margin cash'.

Cash collateral provided to the Fund by counterparties is identified on the balance sheet as 'Cash collateral payable'. The Fund may reinvest this cash collateral and the assets purchased are included as 'Cash equivalents' on the balance sheet.

2.2.8 Redeemable units

The Fund classifies redeemable units issued as financial liabilities or equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments. Redeemable units are measured at the present value of redemption amounts.

The redeemable units are redeemable at the option of the holders and do not meet the conditions set out in Section 22.4 of FRS 102, to be classified as equity and as a result are classified as financial liabilities.

The redeemable units are accounted for on the day the trade takes place. Subscriptions and redemptions of redeemable units are accounted for on the day the trade transaction takes place. Units are subscribed and redeemed based upon the NAV per unit as of the latest valuation point.

Where duties and charges are applied in the context of a subscription or redemption, they will have an impact on the value of an investment of a subscribing or redeeming investor and as a result are reflected as part of the issue of redeemable units or the redemption of redeemable units in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to redeemable unitholders and statement of changes in equity. Any potential duties and charges are at the discretion of the Directors.

2.3 Foreign currency

2.3.1 Functional and presentation currency

Foreign currency items included in the Fund's financial statements are measured in the Fund's functional currency which is shown for the Fund in the headings of the financial statements.

The Directors consider that these currencies most accurately represent the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions of the Fund. The Fund's presentation currency is the same as the functional currency.

2.3.2 Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency of the Fund at the foreign currency exchange rate in effect at the date of the transaction.

Foreign currency assets and liabilities, including investments, are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the reporting date.

The foreign exchange gain or loss based on the translation of the investments, as well as the gain or loss arising on the translation of other assets and liabilities, is included in the income statement.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Directors to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Entity's accounting policies. Changes in assumptions may have a significant impact on the financial statements in the period the assumptions changed. The Directors believe that the underlying assumptions are appropriate and that the Entity's financial statements, therefore, present the Entity's financial position and its results fairly. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future years if the revision affects both current and future years. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed below.

2.4.1 Assumptions and estimation uncertainties

2.4.1.1 Fair value of OTC derivative financial instruments

OTC financial derivative instruments are valued using valuation techniques, as detailed in the fair value hierarchy note to the financial statements. Where valuation techniques (for example, models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed and compared to the price provided by an independent pricing service provider, where available.

2.4.1.2 Fair value of financial instruments not quoted in an active market

The fair value of such instruments not quoted in an active market may be determined by the Fund using reputable pricing sources or indicative prices from bond/debt market makers. The Fund would exercise judgement and estimates on the quantity and quality of pricing sources used. Broker quotes as obtained from the pricing sources may be indicative and not executable or binding.

2.4.2 Judgements

2.4.2.1 Assessment as investment entities

The Directors are of the opinion that the Entity meets the definition of an investment entity. The following conditions exist:

- a. the Entity has obtained funds for the purpose of providing investors with investment management services; and
- b. the investments held by the Entity are measured and evaluated on a fair value basis and information about those investments are provided to unitholders on a fair value basis through the Entity.

2.5 Interest income and interest expense

Interest income and interest expense for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognised in the income statement using the effective interest method.

2.6 Securities lending income

Securities lending income is earned from lending securities owned by the Fund to third party borrowers. Securities lending income is recognised in the income statement on an accruals method basis.

2.7 Fees and expenses

Expenses are recognised in the income statement on an accruals basis except for transaction charges relating to the acquisition and realisation of investments which are charged for as incurred and presented within 'Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments', in the period in which they arise.

Expenses directly attributable to a specific class of units are borne directly by such class solely.

2.8 Distributions

Distributions are recognised in the income statement as finance costs where units in the Fund do not meet the conditions to be classified as equity and as a result are classified as financial liabilities. All remaining distributions are recognised in the statement of changes in equity.

The Directors may declare distributions on the units of the class in respect of the financial period. Distributions may be paid out of the Fund's net income. In addition, the Directors may declare distributions on the units of Class D Distributing Unit Class of the BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund out of capital in order to ensure a distribution is paid to unitholders.

The Directors have implemented income equalisation arrangements to ensure that the level of income derived from investments is not affected by the issue, conversion or redemption of units during the financial year. As part of the distribution payment, the average amount of this equalisation is returned to unitholders who subscribed to or redeemed from the Fund during the year. The equalisation element of the distribution is treated as a repayment of capital.

Distributions will not be made to the unitholders of the accumulating unit classes. The income and other profits will be accumulated and reinvested in the Fund on behalf of these unitholders.

2.9 Taxation

2.9.1 Current tax

Current tax is recognised for the amount of income tax payable in respect of the overseas taxable profit for the current or past reporting periods using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Changes in accounting policies

2.10.1 Amendments to FRS 102 adopted during the financial year

Interest rate benchmark reform (Phase 2)

The amendment to FRS 102 is intended to adopt and simplify accounting requirements in the context of interest rate benchmark reform and introduce new requirements for disclosure of the nature and extent of risks arising from the interest rate benchmark reform. Additional disclosures on the nature and extent of risk arising from financial instruments subject to interest rate benchmark reform are detailed in the financial risk note to the financial statements.

3. Financial risks

The Fund's investment activities expose them to the various types of risk which are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The following information is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of all risks and investors should refer to the prospectus for a more detailed discussion of the risks inherent in investing in the Fund.

3.1 Risk management framework

The Directors review quarterly investment performance reports and receive semi-annual presentations from the Investment Manager covering the Entity's performance and risk profile during the financial year. The Directors have delegated the day-to-day administration of the investment programme to the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager is also responsible for ensuring that the Entity is managed within the terms of its investment guidelines and limits set out in the prospectus. The Directors reserve to themselves the investment performance, product risk monitoring and oversight and the responsibility for the monitoring and oversight of regulatory and operational risk for the Entity. The Manager has appointed a risk manager who has responsibility for the daily risk management process with assistance from key risk management personnel of the Investment Manager, including members of the BlackRock Risk and Quantitative Analysis Group ("RQA Group") which is a centralised group which performs an independent risk management function. The RQA Group independently identifies, measures and monitors investment risk, including climate-related risk. The RQA Group tracks the actual risk management practices being deployed across the Fund. By breaking down the components of the process, the RQA Group has the ability to determine if the appropriate risk management processes are in place across the Fund. This captures the risk management tools employed, how the levels of risk are controlled, ensuring risk/return is considered in portfolio construction and reviewing outcomes.

3.2 Market risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future values of financial instruments influenced by currency, interest rate and price movements. It represents the potential loss the Fund may suffer through holding market positions in the face of market movements.

The Fund is exposed to market risk by virtue of their investment in debt instruments, equity instruments and derivatives.

A key metric used by the RQA Group to measure market risk is Value-at-Risk ("VaR") which encompasses currency, interest rate and price risk. VaR is a statistical risk measure that estimates the potential portfolio loss from adverse market movements in an ordinary market environment. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis.

The VaR calculations are based on an adjusted historical simulation model with a confidence level of 99%, a holding period of one day and a historical observation period of not less than one year (250 days). A VaR number is defined at a specified probability and a specified time horizon. A 99% one day VaR means that the expectation is that 99% of the time over a one-day period the Fund will lose no more than this number in percentage terms. Therefore, higher VaR numbers indicate higher risk.

It is noted that the use of VaR methodology has limitations, namely that the use of historical market data as a basis for estimating future events does not encompass all possible scenarios, particularly those that are of an extreme nature and that the use of a specified confidence level (e.g. 99%) does not take into account losses that occur beyond this level. There is some probability that the loss could be greater than the VaR amounts. These limitations and the nature of the VaR measure mean that the Fund can neither guarantee that losses will not exceed the VaR amounts indicated, nor that losses in excess of the VaR amounts will not occur more frequently.

The one-day VaR based on 99% confidence level is outlined in the table below:

Fund name	2023 %	2022 %
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	0.61	0.39

3.2.1 Market risk arising from foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Exposure to foreign currency risk

The Fund may invest in financial instruments denominated in currencies other than its functional currency. Consequently, the Fund is exposed, directly and/or indirectly, to risks that the exchange rate of its functional currency relative to other currencies may change in a manner which has an adverse effect on the value of the portion of the Fund's assets which are denominated in currencies other than its own currency.

The details of the open forward currency contracts in place to hedge foreign currency risk at the financial year end date are disclosed in the schedule of investments.

All, or substantially all, of the Fund's investments is denominated in the functional currency of the Fund and therefore was not directly exposed to foreign currency risk as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3. Financial risks (continued)

3.2 Market risk (continued)

3.2.1 Market risk arising from foreign currency risk (continued)

Management of foreign currency risk

The Fund may engage in foreign currency hedging to minimise the effect of currency movements between the currencies of the investments held by the Fund and the Fund's functional currency and the Fund's currency hedged unit classes.

The Investment Manager monitors foreign currency risk exposure against pre-determined tolerances and determines when a currency hedge should be reset and the gain or loss arising from such hedge reinvested or settled, while taking into consideration the frequency and associated transaction and reinvestment costs of resetting the currency hedge.

3.2.2 Market risk arising from interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Exposure to interest rate risk

The Fund is exposed to interest rate risk through its cash and cash equivalent holdings including margin cash held with brokers, use of credit facilities, and through its investments in interest bearing financial instruments which are disclosed in the schedule of investments.

The Fund also has indirect exposure to interest rate risk through its investments into interest rate financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") whereby the value of an underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates.

The Fund invests in debt instruments, the relevant cash products and derivatives that have exposure to interbank offered rates ("IBOR") that will be replaced or reformed as part of the market-wide initiative. The main risks to which the Fund is exposed as a result of IBOR reform are operational resulting from the updating of systems that use IBOR curves and the revision of operational controls related to the reform. Financial risk is predominantly limited to interest rate risk.

The Fund has exposure to EURIBOR and SONIA on its debt instruments, the relevant cash products and derivatives through the floating legs that are indexed to these interest rate benchmarks.

Management of interest rate risk

Interest rate risk exposure is managed by constantly monitoring the position for deviations outside of a pre-determined tolerance level and, when necessary, rebalancing back to the original desired parameters.

Cash is invested into money market funds to generate a return to protect the Fund against unfavourable movements in interest rates.

The Fund monitors the progress of transition from IBORs to new benchmark rates by reviewing the total amounts of contracts that have yet to transition to an alternative benchmark rate and the amounts of such contracts that contain an appropriate fallback clause.

3.2.3 Market risk arising from price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting similar financial instruments traded in the market. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issue, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and market prices of its investments.

Exposure to price risk

The Fund is exposed to price risk arising from its investments in financial instruments. The exposure of the Fund to price risk is the fair value of the investments held as shown in the schedule of investments of the Fund.

Management of price risk

By diversifying the portfolio, where this is appropriate and consistent with the Fund's objectives, the risk that a price change of a particular investment will have a material impact on the NAV of the Fund is minimised.

There is a risk that the valuation of the Fund may not fairly reflect the value of the investments held at a specific time due to events outside the control of the Directors, which could result in significant losses or inaccurate pricing for the Fund. To mitigate this risk the Directors may temporarily suspend the determination of the NAV of any Fund until a fair or reasonable valuation of the investments held can be determined.

3.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulties in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

Exposure to liquidity risk

The Fund's principal liquidity risks arise from the ability of investors to effect redemption requests and the liquidity of the underlying investments the Fund has invested in.

The Fund's unitholders may redeem their units on the close of any daily dealing deadline for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV, excluding any duties and charges where applicable. The Fund is therefore potentially exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting the unitholders' redemptions and may need to sell assets at prevailing market prices to meet liquidity demands.

The Fund may invest in Collective Investment Scheme ("CIS") which can impose notice periods or other restrictions on redemptions and this may increase the liquidity risk of the Fund. The Fund is also exposed to liquidity risk associated with daily margin calls on FDIs.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3. Financial risks (continued)

3.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

The Fund's financial liabilities, based on contractual maturities, fall due within three months. The expected settlement dates can be more than three months based on the analysis of the remaining period at the reporting date to the maturity date and are outlined in the schedule of investments.

Management of liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is minimised by holding sufficient liquid investments which can be readily realised to meet liquidity demands. Asset disposals may also be required to meet redemption requests. However, timely sale of trading positions can be impaired by many factors including trading volume and increased price volatility. As a result, the Fund may experience difficulties in disposing of assets to satisfy liquidity demands.

The Fund's liquidity risk is managed by the Investment Manager in accordance with established policies and procedures in place. The portfolio managers review daily forward-looking cash reports which project cash obligations. These reports allow them to manage their cash obligations. If redemption requests from all holders of units in a Fund exceed more than 10% of the NAV of the Fund on any particular dealing day, the Directors shall be entitled, at their discretion, to refuse to redeem such excess numbers of units in issue from the Fund. The units which are not redeemed at any given dealing day shall be redeemed on each subsequent dealing day on a pro-rata basis in priority to any requests received thereafter.

None of the assets of the Fund are subject to special liquidity arrangements.

The Manager may temporarily suspend the determination of the NAV of any Fund and the issue and redemption of units of any Class of any Fund during the whole or part of any period:

(i) when any of the principal markets on which any significant portion of the investments of the relevant Fund from time to time are quoted, listed, traded or dealt in is closed (otherwise than for customary weekend or ordinary holidays) or during which dealings therein are restricted or suspended or trading on any relevant futures exchange or market is restricted or suspended;

(ii) when, as a result of political, economic, military or monetary events or any other circumstances outside the control, responsibility and power of the Manager, any disposal or valuation of investments of the relevant Fund is not, in the opinion of the Manager, reasonably practicable without this being seriously detrimental to the interests of owners of units in general or the owners of units of the relevant Fund or if, in the opinion of the Manager, the Redemption Price cannot fairly be calculated or such disposal would be materially prejudicial to the owners of units in general or the owners of units of the relevant Fund;

(iii) during which any breakdown occurs in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any of the investments of the Fund or when for any other reason the value of any of the investments or other assets of the relevant Fund cannot reasonably or fairly be ascertained;

(iv) when the Manager is unable to repatriate funds required for the purpose of making redemption payments or when such payments cannot, in the opinion of the Manager, be effected at normal prices or normal rates of exchange or during which any transfer of funds involved in the realisation or acquisition of investments or when payments due or redemption cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be effected at normal prices or normal rates of exchange; or

(v) following service of a notice of a meeting of the unitholders at which a resolution is to be proposed to wind up the Fund or a resolution has been passed for the winding up of the Fund.

3.4 Counterparty credit risk

Counterparty credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Exposure to counterparty credit risk

The Fund is exposed to counterparty credit risk from the parties with which it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default.

The Fund's exposure is limited to the contracts in which it currently has a financial asset position reduced by any collateral received from the counterparty, or to counterparties who have received collateral from the Fund. The carrying value of financial assets together with cash held with counterparties best represents the Fund's gross maximum exposure to counterparty credit risk at the reporting date, before including the effect of any International Swaps and Derivatives Associations, Inc. Master Agreement ("ISDA Master Agreement") or similar agreement, and netting, which would reduce the overall counterparty credit risk exposure. The Fund only transacts with counterparties that are regulated entities subject to prudential supervision, or with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. Cash held as security by the counterparty to FDI contracts is subject to the credit risk of the counterparty.

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery of securities, using approved brokers. Risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered low due to the short settlement period involved and the high credit quality of the brokers used.

Management of counterparty credit risk

Counterparty credit risk is monitored and managed by BlackRock's RQA Counterparty & Concentration Risk Team. The team is headed by BlackRock's Chief Counterparty Credit Officer who reports to the Global Head of RQA. Credit authority resides with the Chief Counterparty Credit Officer and selected team members to whom specific credit authority has been delegated. As such, counterparty approvals may be granted by the Chief Counterparty Credit Officer, or by identified RQA Credit Risk Officers who have been formally delegated authority by the Chief Counterparty Credit Officer.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3. Financial risks (continued)

3.4 Counterparty credit risk (continued)

The BlackRock RQA Counterparty & Concentration Risk Team completes a formal review of each new counterparty, monitors and reviews all approved counterparties on an ongoing basis and maintains an active oversight of counterparty exposures and the collateral management process.

There were no past due or impaired balances in relation to transactions with counterparties as at 31 March 2023 or 31 March 2022.

3.4.1 FDIs

The Fund's holdings in exchange traded and OTC FDIs expose the Fund to counterparty credit risk.

3.4.1.1 Exchange traded FDIs

The exposure is limited by trading contracts through a clearing house. The Fund's exposure to credit risk on contracts in which it currently has a gain position is reduced by such gains received in cash from the counterparty under the daily mark-to-market mechanism on exchange traded contracts (variation margin). The Fund's exposure to credit risk on contracts in which it currently has a loss position is equal to the amount of margin posted to the counterparty which has not been transferred to the exchange under the daily mark-to-market mechanism.

3.4.1.2 OTC FDIs

The risk in relation to OTC FDIs arises from the failure of the counterparty to perform according to the terms of the contract as these FDI transactions are traded bilaterally and not through a central clearing counterparty.

All OTC FDI transactions are entered into by the Fund under an ISDA Master Agreement or similar agreement. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs OTC FDI transactions entered into by the parties.

The parties' exposures under the ISDA Master Agreement are netted and collateralised together, therefore, any collateral disclosures provided are in respect of all OTC FDI transactions entered into by the Fund under the ISDA Master Agreement. All cash collateral received/posted by the Fund under the ISDA Master Agreement is transferred bilaterally under a title transfer arrangement.

The Fund is the legal owner of inbound collateral and can sell the assets and withhold the cash in the case of default. If the counterparty fulfils its obligations in relation to the investment, the Fund will return an equal amount of cash to the counterparty on maturity or sale of the investment. When the Fund return securities collateral to the counterparty, it must be of the same type, nominal value, description and amount as the securities that were transferred to the Fund. Trading in OTC FDIs which have not been collateralised give rise to counterparty exposure.

The Fund's maximum exposure to counterparty credit risk from holding forward currency contracts will be equal to the notional amount of the currency contract and any net unrealised gains as disclosed in the relevant Fund's schedule of investments.

Forward currency contracts do not require variation margins and the counterparty credit risk is monitored through the BlackRock RQA Counterparty & Concentration Risk Team who monitor the creditworthiness of the counterparty.

The Fund has the right to reinvest cash collateral received. Cash collateral pledged by the Fund is separately identified on the balance sheets as cash collateral and is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents. Inbound cash collateral received by the Fund is reflected on the balance sheets as cash collateral payable. The Fund is also exposed to counterparty risk of rehypothecation of pledged collateral. The value of inbound cash collateral and cash collateral pledged is reflected on the balance sheets of the Fund.

The following tables detail the total number of OTC FDI counterparties the Fund is exposed to, the lowest long-term credit rating of any one counterparty (or its ultimate parent, if it is unrated), the maximum exposure to any one counterparty (which is calculated on a net basis) and the related total cash and non-cash collateral received to this individual counterparty exposure, where applicable:

As at 31 March 2023	Currency	Total number of counterparties	Lowest credit rating of any one counterparty	Maximum exposure to any one counterparty '000	Total collateral received in relation to the maximum exposure '000
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR	1	A+	–	–

As at 31 March 2022	Currency	Total number of counterparties	Lowest credit rating of any one counterparty	Maximum exposure to any one counterparty '000	Total collateral received in relation to the maximum exposure '000
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR	1	A+	–	–

For CFDs held by the Fund, cash movements take place on a daily basis, above a certain threshold for each counterparty. The risk is further mitigated as contracts are reset on a monthly basis (1 year rolling maturity at each monthly reset) with the gain or loss being realised in the relevant Fund.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3. Financial risks (continued)

3.4 Counterparty credit risk (continued)

3.4.2 Trustee

The majority of the investments are held by the Trustee at the financial year end. Investments are segregated from the assets of the Trustee, with ownership rights remaining with the Fund. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Trustee may cause the Funds' rights with respect to its investments held by the Trustee to be delayed or limited. The maximum exposure to this risk is the amount of long investments disclosed in the schedule of investments, plus any unsettled trades.

Substantially all of the cash of the Fund is held with the Trustee's affiliate, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in its capacity as banker ("the Trustee's affiliate").

In respect of the cash held by the Trustee's affiliate it appoints, the Fund will be exposed to counterparty credit risk of the Trustee's affiliate. In the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Trustee's affiliate, the Fund will be treated as a general creditor of the Trustee's affiliate.

To mitigate the Fund's exposure to the Trustee, the Investment Manager employs specific procedures to ensure that the Trustee is a reputable institution and that the counterparty credit risk is acceptable to the Fund. The Fund only transacts with Trustee's that are regulated entities subject to prudential supervision, or with "high credit ratings" assigned by international credit rating agencies.

The long-term credit rating of the parent company of the Trustee as at 31 March 2023 is A+ (31 March 2022: A+) (Standard & Poor's rating).

In order to further mitigate the Fund's counterparty credit risk exposure to the Trustee's affiliate, the Fund may enter into additional arrangements such as placing of residual cash in a money market fund.

3.4.3 Securities lending

The Fund's engagement in securities lending activities expose the Fund to counterparty credit risk. The maximum exposure of the Fund is equal to the value of the securities loaned.

All securities lending transactions entered into by the Fund are subject to a written legal agreement between the Fund and the securities lending agent, BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited, a related party to the Entity, and separately between the securities lending agent and the approved borrowing counterparty. Collateral received in exchange for securities lent is transferred under a title transfer arrangement and is delivered to and held in an account with a tri-party collateral manager in the name of the Trustee on behalf of the Fund. Collateral received is segregated from the assets belonging to the Fund's Trustee or the securities lending agent.

The collateral is registered and held in the name of Trustee on behalf of the Fund in any or all of the following central securities depositories; JP Morgan Chase, Euroclear or Bank of New York Mellon, depending on the type of collateral the counterparty has to give in order to cover the required value of exposure. The collateral provided by these counterparties consists of shares admitted to dealing on a regulated market.

The Fund outlined below engaged in securities lending activities during the financial year. The value of securities on loan and collateral held at the financial year end are shown below:

Fund name	Currency	Value of securities on loan	Value of collateral received	Value of securities on loan	Value of collateral received
		31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
		'000	'000	'000	'000
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR	4,372	4,830	6,380	6,868

To mitigate this risk, the Fund receives either cash or securities as collateral equal to a certain percentage in excess of the fair value of the securities loaned. The Investment Manager monitors the fair value of the securities loaned and additional collateral is obtained, if necessary.

As at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022, all collateral received consists of securities admitted to or dealt on a regulated market.

The Fund also benefits from a borrower default indemnity provided by BlackRock, Inc. The indemnity allows for full replacement of securities lent. BlackRock, Inc. bears the cost of indemnification against borrower default.

3.4.4 Issuer credit risk relating to debt instruments

Issuer credit risk is the default risk of one of the issuers of any debt instruments held by the Fund. Debt instruments involve credit risk to the issuer which may be evidenced by the issuer's credit rating. Securities which are subordinated and/or have a lower credit rating are generally considered to have a higher credit risk and a greater possibility of default than more highly rated. A number of the Fund invest into sovereign debt and corporate debt which expose them to the default risk of the issuer with regards to interest or principal payments.

The following tables detail the credit rating profile of the debt instruments held by the Fund:

As at 31 March 2023	Currency	Investment grade	Non-investment grade	Not rated	Total
		% of debt instruments	% of debt instruments	% of debt instruments	% of debt instruments
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR	67.37	32.27	0.36	100.00

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3. Financial risks (continued)

3.4 Counterparty credit risk (continued)

3.4.4 Issuer credit risk relating to debt instruments (continued)

As at 31 March 2022	Currency	Investment grade % of debt instruments	Non-investment grade % of debt instruments	Not rated % of debt instruments	Total % of debt instruments
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR	67.62	30.11	2.27	100.00

To manage this risk, the Investment Manager, where appropriate and consistent with the Fund's objectives, invests in a wide range of debt instruments. The ratings of debt instruments are continually monitored by the BlackRock Portfolio Management Group ("PMG") and for non-rated or securities with subordinated or lower credit ratings, additional specific procedures are employed to ensure the associated credit risk is acceptable to the Fund.

4. Fair value hierarchy

The Fund classifies financial instruments measured at fair value using a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy has the following categories:

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability. This category includes all instruments where the valuation techniques used include inputs not based on market data and these inputs could have a significant impact on the instrument's valuation. This category also includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant entity determined adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments and instruments for which there is no active market.

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments classified as level 2 and/or level 3 include:

- (i) for debt and equity instruments, the use of quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments;
- (ii) for investments which are a unit of participation in an investee CIS and Investments in exchange traded funds ("ETFs") where the Fund typically trades the units held at the latest NAV for that ETF, are valued at the unaudited NAV, and where available the independently audited NAV, on the valuation date of such unit of participation as calculated by the administrator of the investee CIS and ETF and in accordance with the requirements of the scheme of which the relevant investment is a unit of participation. The unaudited NAV of the underlying investee CIS and ETF is reflected gross of any redemption costs which may potentially arise upon redemption from the underlying CIS and ETF. The unaudited NAV of the underlying investee CIS and ETF may be subject to adjustments upon issuance of their respective independently audited financial statements and such adjustments may be material to the Fund's financial statements;
- (iii) for foreign equities, using independent fair value adjustment factors to reflect the difference between the last market close and the valuation point of the Fund;
- (iv) for defaulted debt instruments, the use of recent transactions and defaulted equity instruments for which market data is unavailable;
- (v) for interest rate swaps, the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves;
- (vi) for total return swaps, the value of the estimated cash flows based on the market value of the underlying reference asset or index at the balance sheet date;
- (vii) for inflation swaps, the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves. Certain zero coupon inflation swaps may be valued using a single quote from the swap counterparty, where the model and inputs are not market observable.
- (viii) for foreign currency forwards, present value of future cash flows based on the forward exchange rates at the balance sheet date;
- (ix) for SPAC PIPE commitments, the use of underlying quoted market prices and application of discounts for lack of marketability, volatility and deal probabilities;
- (x) for foreign currency options, option pricing models; and
- (xi) for other financial instruments, discounted cash flow analysis.

All of the resulting fair value estimates are included in level 2 except for unlisted equity securities, a contingent consideration receivable and certain derivative contracts, where the fair values have been determined based on present values and the discount rates used were either not market observable or adjusted for counterparty or own credit risk, or certain CISs which have gates or redemption restrictions imposed or that can't be redeemed within 90 days, are included in level 3.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' inputs requires significant judgement. The Directors consider observable inputs to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

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4. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following tables provide an analysis of the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022:

31 March 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Bonds	–	81,346	–	81,346
Total	–	81,346	–	81,346
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
Unrealised losses on forward currency contracts	–	(125)	–	(125)
Total	–	(125)	–	(125)

31 March 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Bonds	–	89,771	–	89,771
Total	–	89,771	–	89,771
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:				
Unrealised losses on forward currency contracts	–	(8)	–	(8)
Total	–	(8)	–	(8)

5. Operating income

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Interest income on financial assets	1,705	1,426
Securities lending income	34	17
Total	1,739	1,443

6. Operating expenses

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Audit fees	(10)	(10)
Excess operating expenses refunded	140	105
Management fees	(209)	(230)
Other operating expenses	(94)	(61)
Total	(173)	(196)

Management fees (inclusive of investment management, administrator and trustee fees):

The Manager is entitled to charge a fee calculated as a percentage per annum of the NAV of the Fund or relevant unit class as set out in the "Table of Fees and Expenses". Different percentages may be charged to different unit classes of the same Fund and in this respect the fees payable may be higher or lower than the fees payable by other or existing unit classes. The Manager will be responsible for discharging, from this fee, all fees (including reasonable out of pocket expenses) of the Investment Manager (a portion of which may be paid to distributors which may be affiliates of the Investment Manager), the Administrator and the Trustee, except in circumstances where a Client Agreement may exist in respect of a particular unit class in which case no investment management fees will be charged to the assets attributable to that class. The fee will be accrued on a daily basis and will be paid monthly in arrears.

Any amounts in excess of the maximum fee rate are disclosed as a management fee waiver. The management fee waiver is disclosed in the operating income note.

Client Agreement

Unitholders in the class will be subject to a fee with regard to the investment in the relevant unit class based on the Client Agreement between themselves and the Investment Manager or an Affiliate. Where a Client Agreement applies to a particular class, details are out in the "Table of Fees and Expenses".

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6. Operating expenses (continued)

Table of fees and expenses

Fund name	Unit class	Management Fee (including fee for Administrator and Trustee and Investment Management Fee where applicable) up to the following:	Investment Management Fee
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund			
	Class D Accumulating	0.24%	Included in Management Fee
	Class D CHF Hedged Accumulating	0.24%	Included in Management Fee
	Class D Distributing	0.24%	Included in Management Fee
	Class Z Accumulating	0.19%	Included in Management Fee
	Class Z CHF Hedged Accumulating	0.19%	Included in Management Fee
	Flexible Accumulating Unit Class	0.15%	Client Agreement

Excess operating expenses refunded

The Investment Manager intends to cap any additional expenses that are paid within the Fund so the TER for each unit class (including operating costs and expenses of the underlying fund investments) will not exceed the below rates.

Fund Name	Unit class	Fee cap
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund		
	Class D Accumulating	0.24%
	Class D Distributing	0.24%
	Class D CHF Hedged Accumulating	0.24%
	Class Z Accumulating	0.19%
	Class Z CHF Hedged Accumulating	0.19%
	Flexible Accumulating Unit Class	0.15%

Credit administration fees

JPMorgan, as administrative agent to the credit agreement, together with other syndicated lenders, made a credit facility of USD 450,000,000 available to the Fund. A loan commitment fee is charged at the rate of 0.10% per annum, payable by all the Fund, on the daily outstanding balance. The fee is payable quarterly in arrears. There was no credit administration fee charged during the financial year. Further details on the credit facility agreement, are set out in note 16.

7. Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Net realised gains/(losses) on investments in securities	(1,742)	(693)
Net realised gains/(losses) on financial derivative and other instruments	540	1,090
Net change in unrealised gains/(losses) on investments in securities	(2,380)	(2,522)
Net change in unrealised gains/(losses) on financial derivative and other instruments	(117)	(29)
Net gains/(losses) on foreign exchange on other instruments	(161)	(71)
Total	(3,860)	(2,225)

8. Interest expense or similar charges

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Interest and dividend expense on financial derivative instruments	–	–
Other interest	(1)	(1)
Total	(1)	(1)

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9. Distributions to redeemable unitholders

The Entity may declare and pay dividends on any distributing class of units in the Entity. In accordance with the prospectus, any dividend which has remained unclaimed for twelve years from the date of its declaration shall be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Entity to investors and become the property of the relevant Fund.

Distributions declared during the financial year were as follows:

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
May	–	–
June	–	–
August	–	–
November	–	–
March	(48)	(48)
Distributions declared		
Equalisation income	(1)	(9)
Equalisation expense	–	2
Total	(49)	(55)

10. Taxation

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Current tax		
Non-reclaimable overseas income withholding tax	–	4
Total tax	–	4

Irish tax

Under current law and practice, the Entity qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended. On that basis it is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income or gains. However, Irish tax may arise on the occurrence of a 'chargeable event'. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to unitholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of units and the holding of units at the end of each eight year period beginning with the acquisition of such units.

No Irish tax will arise on the Entity in respect of chargeable events in respect of:

- A unitholder who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes, at the time of the chargeable event, provided appropriate valid declarations in accordance with the provisions of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended, are held by the Entity; or the Entity has been authorised by the Irish Revenue to make gross payments in the absence of appropriate declarations; and
- Certain exempted Irish tax resident unitholders who have provided the Entity with the necessary signed annual declarations.

Overseas tax

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) received on investments made by the Entity may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income/gains are received, and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Entity or its unitholders.

For financial reporting purposes, and in accordance with FRS 102, the Entity must recognise a provision for deferred tax payable arising from material timing differences between the taxation of unrealised gains in the financial statements and actual realisable taxable profits.

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11. Receivables

As at 31 March 2023

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Interest income receivable from financial assets	807	721
Securities lending income receivable	3	3
Other receivables	3	2
Total	813	726

12. Payables

As at 31 March 2023

	BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	
	2023	2022
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Audit fees payable	20	10
Distribution to redeemable unitholders payable	48	48
Excess operating expenses refundable	(126)	(76)
Management fees payable	133	93
Purchase of securities awaiting settlement	649	279
Redemption of units awaiting settlement	–	–
Other payables	53	47
Total	777	401

13. Net asset value attributable to redeemable unitholders

As at 31 March 2023

		2023	2022	2021
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund				
Class D Accumulating				
Net asset value	EUR '000	17,204	19,305	18,332
Units in issue		1,732,573	1,890,014	1,757,312
Net asset value per unit	EUR	9.93	10.21	10.43
Class D CHF Hedged Accumulating				
Net asset value	CHF '000	1,757	2,054	5,180
Units in issue		181,309	204,301	503,131
Net asset value per unit	CHF	9.69	10.05	10.30
Class D Distributing				
Net asset value	EUR '000	2,641	2,937	3,874
Units in issue		298,890	317,390	403,230
Net asset value per unit	EUR	8.84	9.25	9.61
Class Z Accumulating				
Net asset value	EUR '000	53,099	58,435	59,717
Units in issue		5,330,953	5,706,066	5,711,172
Net asset value per unit	EUR	9.96	10.24	10.46
Class Z CHF Hedged Accumulating				
Net asset value	CHF '000	9,257	10,038	14,501
Units in issue		953,267	997,099	1,406,826
Net asset value per unit	CHF	9.71	10.07	10.31
Flexible Accumulating Unit Class				
Net asset value	EUR '000	5	5	5
Units in issue		482	482	482
Net asset value per unit	EUR	10.05	10.32	10.52

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14. Exchange rates

The rates of exchange ruling at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022 were:

	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
EUR = 1		
AUD	1.6222	1.4817
CAD	1.4703	1.3898
CHF	0.9925	1.0239
CLP	858.9582	875.5721
CNY	7.4610	7.0577
COP	5,062.1073	4,176.5598
CZK	23.4770	24.4254
DKK	7.4493	7.4385
GBP	0.8787	0.8451
HKD	8.5286	8.7136
HUF	380.3501	367.2400
IDR	16,290.7743	15,980.4353
ILS	3.9119	3.5507
JPY	144.5956	135.0479
KRW	1,414.3949	1,348.5874
MXN	19.6169	22.1885
MYR	4.7940	4.6784
NOK	11.3785	9.7290
NZD	1.7365	1.5997
PEN	4.0862	4.1335
PLN	4.6805	4.6367
RON	4.9474	4.9419
RUB	84.4172	91.6267
SEK	11.2660	10.3692
SGD	1.4445	1.5058
THB	37.1512	36.9956
USD	1.0864	1.1126
ZAR	19.2763	16.2586
GBP = 1		
EUR	1.1381	1.1833
USD = 1		
AED	3.6725	3.6731
BRL	5.0703	4.7520
CLP	790.6100	786.9250
CNH	6.8673	6.3481
CNY	6.8673	6.3431
CZK	21.6089	21.9525
EUR	0.9204	0.8988
GBP	0.8088	0.7595
HKD	7.8500	7.8314
HUF	350.0852	330.0589
IDR	14,994.5000	14,362.5000
INR	82.1825	75.775
KRW	1,301.8500	1,212.0500
KWD	0.3069	0.3038
MXN	18.0560	19.9420
MYR	4.4125	4.2048
NZD	1.5983	1.4377
PHP	54.3650	51.7450
PLN	4.3081	4.1673
QAR	3.6711	3.6418
RUB	77.7000	82.3500
SAR	3.7537	3.7515
THB	34.1950	33.2500
TRY	19.1950	14.6678
TWD	30.4475	28.6515
ZAR	17.7425	14.6125

15. Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or is able to exercise significant influence over the other party, in making financial or operational decisions.

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15. Related party transactions (continued)

The following entities were related parties to the Entity during the financial year ended 31 March 2023:

Manager:	BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited
Investment Manager, Promoter, Distributor and Securities Lending Agent:	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited
Paying Agent in Sweden:	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
Representative in Denmark:	BlackRock Copenhagen Branch
Representative in Switzerland:	BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG

The ultimate holding company of the Manager, Investment Manager, Promoter, Distributor, Securities Lending Agent, Paying Agent in Sweden, Representative in Denmark and Representative in Switzerland is BlackRock, Inc. a company incorporated in Delaware USA.

Fees paid to the Manager and Investment Manager during the financial year, the nature of these transactions and balances outstanding at the financial year end are disclosed in note 6 and note 12 respectively.

The Directors as at 31 March 2023 are presented in the table below:

Director	Employee of the BlackRock Group	Director of BlackRock affiliates and/or other funds managed by BlackRock
Rosemary Quinlan	No	No
Graham Bamping	No	Yes
Patrick Boylan	Yes	Yes
Michael Hodson	No	No
Enda McMahon	Yes	Yes
Justin Mealy	Yes	No
Adele Spillane	Yes	No
Catherine Woods	No	No

The Directors who are also employees of the BlackRock Group are not entitled to receive Directors' fees.

The Entity reimburses the Manager for the portion of fees paid to the Directors on its behalf.

Holdings in other funds managed by BlackRock

Investments in funds managed by BlackRock, Inc. and investments that are BlackRock affiliates are listed below and marked on the relevant Funds' schedule of investments. For underlying funds which are subject to investment management or performance fees, these have been rebated back to the Fund.

The Entity invested in the following funds which are also managed by the Manager. For income earned on these related party funds please refer to the operating income. Further information on the fees charged from investing in these underlying funds is presented in the table below. These disclosed fees are the maximum charges capped as per the prospectus of the underlying funds and actual fees charged may be lower:

Investments	Fee paid by Fund
Investment Company - UCITS authorised in Ireland by CBI	
BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency (Acc T0) Shares	Annual expense capped at 0.03% of NAV ¹

¹The Manager of these investments will be responsible for discharging from its fee the annual expenses of the Fund. Where actual fees and costs incurred exceed the amount paid to the Manager, the excess will be discharged by the Manager from its own assets.

All related party transactions were carried out at arm's length in the ordinary course of business. The terms and returns received by the related parties in making the investments were no more favourable than those received by other investors investing into the same unit classes.

Significant investors

The following investors are:

- funds managed by the BlackRock Group or are affiliates of BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock Related Investors") or
- investors (other than those listed in (a) above) who held 51% or more of the units in issue in the Entity and are as a result, considered to be related parties to the Entity ("Significant Investors").

As at 31 March 2023

Fund name	Total % of units held by BlackRock Related Investors	Total % of units held by Significant Investors who are not BlackRock Related Investors	Number of Significant Investors who are not BlackRock Related Investors
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	0.01	Nil	Nil

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15. Related party transactions (continued)

Significant investors (continued)

As at 31 March 2022

Fund name	Total % of units held by BlackRock Related Investors	Total % of units held by Significant Investors who are not BlackRock Related Investors	Number of Significant Investors who are not BlackRock Related Investors
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	0.01	Nil	Nil

Securities lending

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the relevant Fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Fund which undertake securities lending transactions receive at least 62.5%, while the Securities Lending Agent receives up to 37.5% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Securities Lending Agent's share. Income earned during the financial year by the Fund from securities lending transactions is disclosed in the operating income note.

No provisions have been recognised by the Fund against amounts due from related parties at the financial year end date (31 March 2022: Nil).

No amounts have been written off during the financial year in respect of amounts due to or from related parties (31 March 2022: Nil).

No commitments secured or unsecured or guarantees have been entered into with related parties during the financial year (31 March 2022: Nil).

16. Credit facility

The Fund entered into a credit facility with JPMorgan whereby JPMorgan, together with other syndicated lenders, made a portion of a USD 450,000,000 credit facility available to the Fund. The portion of the USD 450,000,000 credit facility will be allocated to the Fund based on the credit facility agreement dated 22 April 2022. This credit facility will be utilised by the Funds for temporary funding purposes, including, without limitation, the funding of investor redemptions. Any interest and commitment fees in relation to drawdowns from such credit facility are paid out of the assets of the Fund. Any new Fund will not automatically be subject to a credit line and will therefore be required to be added by way of a joinder process. This process includes, inter alia, any necessary due diligence being carried out by the lenders in order to approve the addition of the new Fund. During this year, such Funds will not be subject to, or able to draw down on, any credit line. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that the addition of any new Fund will be approved by the lenders, or that credit will be available to a Fund since the credit line is subject to availability (on an equitable allocation basis) between the Fund and other BlackRock Funds participating in the credit agreement. As such, certain Funds may not be subject to the credit line and will not incur any fees with respect to same.

A loan commitment fee is charged on a daily basis in relation to this credit facility which is included in the income statement under caption "Credit administration fee". The loan commitment fee is charged at 0.10% on the outstanding balance.

The credit facility was not used during the year.

17. Commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no significant commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022.

18. Subsequent events

On 4 May 2023, Adele Spillane changed from an executive Director to a non-executive Director of the Manager.

Other than above, there have been no events subsequent to the financial year end, which, in the opinion of the Directors, may have had an impact on the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

19. Approval date

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 21 July 2023.

BLACKROCK DEFENSIVE YIELD ESG SCREENED FUND

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

As at 31 March 2023

Holding	Currency	Investments	Fair Value EUR '000	% of Net Asset Value
BONDS				
Corporate debt securities (31 March 2022: 96.32%)				
Australia (31 March 2022: 1.51%)				
300,000	EUR	APA Infrastructure Ltd., 2.00%, 22/03/2027	276	0.33
400,000	EUR	Brambles Finance Ltd., 2.38%, 12/06/2024	394	0.47
500,000	EUR	Goodman Australia Finance Pty. Ltd., REIT, 1.38%, 27/09/2025	459	0.55
100,000	EUR	National Australia Bank Ltd., 0.63%, 30/08/2023	99	0.12
275,000	EUR	Toyota Finance Australia Ltd., 2.00%, 21/10/2024	269	0.32
100,000	EUR	Transurban Finance Co. Pty. Ltd., 1.88%, 16/09/2024	97	0.11
100,000	EUR	Transurban Finance Co. Pty. Ltd., 2.00%, 28/08/2025	96	0.11
100,000	EUR	Transurban Finance Co. Pty. Ltd., 1.75%, 29/03/2028	91	0.11
Total Australia			1,781	2.12
Austria (31 March 2022: 0.72%)				
200,000	EUR	ams-OSRAM AG, 6.00%, 31/07/2025	187	0.22
200,000	EUR	BAWAG PSK Bank fuer Arbeit und Wirtschaft und Oesterreichische Postsparkasse AG, 4.13%, 18/01/2027	198	0.23
175,000	EUR	Sappi Papier Holding GmbH, 3.63%, 15/03/2028 ¹	153	0.18
300,000	EUR	voestalpine AG, 1.38%, 27/09/2024 ¹	291	0.35
200,000	EUR	Volksbank Wien AG, 4.75%, 15/03/2027	198	0.24
Total Austria			1,027	1.22
Belgium (31 March 2022: 0.33%)				
300,000	EUR	Argenta Spaarbank NV, FRN, 5.38%, 29/11/2027	296	0.35
125,000	EUR	Azelis Finance NV, 5.75%, 15/03/2028	127	0.15
200,000	EUR	Elia Transmission Belgium SA, 1.38%, 27/05/2024	195	0.23
Total Belgium			618	0.73
British Virgin Islands (31 March 2022: 0.65%)				
500,000	EUR	Global Switch Holdings Ltd., 1.50%, 31/01/2024	490	0.58
Total British Virgin Islands			490	0.58
Canada (31 March 2022: 0.33%)				
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Denmark (31 March 2022: 0.62%)				
275,000	EUR	Danske Bank A/S, FRN, 4.00%, 12/01/2027	275	0.32
500,000	EUR	Jyske Bank A/S, FRN, 0.25%, 17/02/2028	426	0.51
100,000	EUR	Vestas Wind Systems A/S, 4.13%, 15/06/2026	101	0.12
Total Denmark			802	0.95
Finland (31 March 2022: 2.80%)				
175,000	EUR	OP Corporate Bank plc, 0.38%, 29/08/2023	173	0.21
350,000	EUR	OP Corporate Bank plc, 0.38%, 26/02/2024	340	0.40
200,000	EUR	SBB Treasury OYJ, REIT, FRN, 3.12%, 08/02/2024	186	0.22
300,000	EUR	Stora Enso OYJ, 2.13%, 16/06/2023	299	0.36
Total Finland			998	1.19
France (31 March 2022: 13.51%)				
100,000	EUR	Accor SA, FRN, 2.63%, 30/01/2025 ²	92	0.11
100,000	EUR	Air Liquide Finance SA, 1.00%, 02/04/2025	96	0.11
300,000	EUR	Altice France SA, 2.50%, 15/01/2025	280	0.33
200,000	EUR	Altice France SA, 5.88%, 01/02/2027	177	0.21
300,000	EUR	Arkema SA, FRN, 2.75%, 17/06/2024 ²	288	0.34
300,000	EUR	Arval Service Lease SA, 0.00%, 01/10/2025	272	0.32
100,000	EUR	Arval Service Lease SA, 4.75%, 22/05/2027	102	0.12

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BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
France (continued)				
100,000	EUR	AXA SA, FRN, 5.13%, 04/07/2043	100	0.12
125,000	EUR	Banijay Entertainment SASU, 3.50%, 01/03/2025 ¹	122	0.14
200,000	EUR	BNP Paribas SA, FRN, 0.50%, 15/07/2025	191	0.23
200,000	EUR	BNP Paribas SA, FRN, 2.13%, 23/01/2027	188	0.22
200,000	EUR	BNP Paribas SA, FRN, 0.50%, 30/05/2028	173	0.20
200,000	EUR	BPCE SA, 0.38%, 05/10/2023	197	0.23
200,000	EUR	Capgemini SE, 1.00%, 18/10/2024	192	0.23
200,000	EUR	Carrefour Banque SA, FRN, 3.60%, 12/09/2023	200	0.24
400,000	EUR	Chrome Bidco SASU, 3.50%, 31/05/2028	334	0.40
100,000	EUR	Cie de Saint-Gobain, 1.75%, 03/04/2023	100	0.12
400,000	EUR	Credit Agricole SA, FRN, 1.00%, 22/04/2026	376	0.45
100,000	EUR	Credit Mutuel Arkea SA, 0.88%, 05/10/2023	99	0.12
200,000	EUR	Danone SA, FRN, 1.75%, 05/02/2023 ²	199	0.24
100,000	EUR	Elis SA, 4.13%, 24/05/2027	100	0.12
200,000	EUR	ELO SACA, FRN, 2.38%, 25/04/2025	193	0.23
200,000	EUR	Engie SA, FRN, 1.62%, 04/08/2025 ²	185	0.22
500,000	EUR	Getlink SE, 3.50%, 30/10/2025	486	0.58
225,000	EUR	Holding d'Infrastructures des Metiers de l'Environnement, 0.13%, 16/09/2025	203	0.24
100,000	EUR	HSBC Continental Europe SA, 0.25%, 17/05/2024	96	0.11
200,000	EUR	JCDecaux SE, 5.00%, 11/01/2029 ¹	199	0.24
125,000	EUR	Mobilux Finance SAS, 4.25%, 15/07/2028	104	0.12
100,000	EUR	Nexans SA, 5.50%, 05/04/2028	102	0.12
300,000	EUR	Orange SA, FRN, 2.38%, 15/01/2025 ²	286	0.34
150,000	EUR	Paprec Holding SA, 3.50%, 01/07/2028	131	0.16
600,000	EUR	Pernod Ricard SA, 0.00%, 24/10/2023	589	0.70
100,000	EUR	Picard Groupe SAS, 3.88%, 01/07/2026	90	0.11
125,000	EUR	PSA Banque France SA, 0.63%, 21/06/2024	121	0.14
200,000	EUR	RCI Banque SA, 1.63%, 11/04/2025	190	0.23
300,000	EUR	RCI Banque SA, 4.13%, 01/12/2025	300	0.36
375,000	EUR	Rexel SA, 2.13%, 15/06/2028 ¹	330	0.39
200,000	EUR	Schneider Electric SE, 3.38%, 06/04/2025	200	0.24
125,000	EUR	Seche Environnement SA, 2.25%, 15/11/2028	107	0.13
200,000	EUR	Societe Generale SA, FRN, 1.00%, 24/11/2030	176	0.21
300,000	EUR	TotalEnergies SE, FRN, 1.75%, 04/04/2024 ²	289	0.34
200,000	EUR	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield SE, REIT, 0.63%, 04/05/2027 ¹	169	0.20
100,000	EUR	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield SE, REIT, FRN, 2.13%, 25/07/2023 ²	86	0.10
200,000	EUR	Vallourec SA, 8.50%, 30/06/2026	200	0.24
200,000	EUR	Verallia SA, 1.63%, 14/05/2028 ¹	176	0.21
300,000	EUR	Vivendi SE, 1.13%, 24/11/2023	296	0.35
500,000	EUR	Vivendi SE, 0.63%, 11/06/2025 ¹	468	0.56
200,000	EUR	Worldline SA, 0.25%, 18/09/2024	190	0.23
		Total France	9,840	11.70
Germany (31 March 2022: 7.44%)				
400,000	EUR	Aareal Bank AG, 4.50%, 25/07/2025	391	0.47
175,000	EUR	Cheplapharm Arzneimittel GmbH, 4.38%, 15/01/2028	163	0.19
175,000	EUR	Covestro AG, 0.88%, 03/02/2026 ¹	164	0.20
150,000	EUR	Ctec II GmbH, 5.25%, 15/02/2030	125	0.15
400,000	EUR	Deutsche Lufthansa AG, 2.00%, 14/07/2024	389	0.46
200,000	EUR	Deutsche Lufthansa AG, 2.88%, 16/05/2027	181	0.22
300,000	EUR	Deutsche Pfandbriefbank AG, 0.25%, 17/01/2025	273	0.32
125,000	EUR	Deutsche Pfandbriefbank AG, 5.00%, 05/02/2027	123	0.15
75,000	EUR	E.ON SE, 1.00%, 07/10/2025	71	0.08
200,000	EUR	Evonik Industries AG, 2.25%, 25/09/2027	190	0.23
175,000	EUR	Gruenthal GmbH, 3.63%, 15/11/2026 ¹	166	0.20
300,000	EUR	Hornbach Baumarkt AG, 3.25%, 25/10/2026 ¹	288	0.34
200,000	EUR	INEOS Styrolution Group GmbH, 2.25%, 16/01/2027	174	0.21

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BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
Germany (continued)				
300,000	EUR	Infineon Technologies AG, 0.75%, 24/06/2023 ¹	298	0.35
400,000	EUR	Infineon Technologies AG, FRN, 3.63%, 01/01/2028 ²	364	0.43
400,000	EUR	Merck KGaA, FRN, 1.62%, 25/06/2079	381	0.45
100,000	EUR	Merck KGaA, FRN, 1.62%, 09/09/2080	89	0.11
525,000	EUR	Nidda Healthcare Holding GmbH, 7.50%, 21/08/2026	515	0.61
100,000	EUR	Novelis Sheet Ingot GmbH, 3.38%, 15/04/2029	87	0.10
300,000	EUR	O2 Telefonica Deutschland Finanzierungs GmbH, FRN, 1.75%, 05/07/2025	286	0.34
200,000	EUR	Oldenburgische Landesbank AG, 5.63%, 02/02/2026	198	0.24
200,000	EUR	Schaeffler AG, 2.75%, 12/10/2025	194	0.23
350,000	EUR	Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 675 mbH, 2.00%, 15/07/2025	327	0.39
300,000	EUR	thyssenkrupp AG, 2.88%, 22/02/2024	297	0.35
175,000	EUR	TK Elevator Midco GmbH, 4.38%, 15/07/2027	159	0.19
175,000	EUR	TUI Cruises GmbH, 6.50%, 15/05/2026	157	0.19
400,000	EUR	Vantage Towers AG, 0.00%, 31/03/2025	399	0.47
100,000	EUR	ZF Finance GmbH, 3.00%, 21/09/2025	95	0.11
400,000	EUR	ZF Finance GmbH, 2.75%, 25/05/2027	358	0.43
		Total Germany	6,902	8.21
Greece (31 March 2022: 0.23%)				
225,000	EUR	Mytilineos SA, 2.25%, 30/10/2026	209	0.25
225,000	EUR	National Bank of Greece SA, FRN, 7.25%, 22/11/2027	227	0.27
350,000	EUR	Piraeus Bank SA, FRN, 8.25%, 28/01/2027	350	0.42
		Total Greece	786	0.94
Hungary (31 March 2022: 0.33%)				
300,000	EUR	MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas plc, 2.63%, 28/04/2023	299	0.36
		Total Hungary	299	0.36
Iceland (31 March 2022: 0.86%)				
575,000	EUR	Arion Banki HF, 0.38%, 14/07/2025	505	0.60
250,000	EUR	Islandsbanki HF, 0.50%, 20/11/2023	244	0.29
		Total Iceland	749	0.89
Ireland (31 March 2022: 2.92%)				
300,000	EUR	Abbott Ireland Financing DAC, 0.88%, 27/09/2023 ¹	297	0.35
200,000	EUR	AIB Group plc, FRN, 2.87%, 30/05/2031	181	0.21
200,000	EUR	Bank of Ireland Group plc, FRN, 1.00%, 25/11/2025	190	0.23
175,000	EUR	Bank of Ireland Group plc, FRN, 1.88%, 05/06/2026	166	0.20
225,000	EUR	Dell Bank International DAC, 0.50%, 27/10/2026	200	0.24
200,000	EUR	eircom Finance DAC, 1.75%, 01/11/2024	197	0.23
600,000	EUR	James Hardie International Finance DAC, 3.63%, 01/10/2026	568	0.68
400,000	EUR	Linde plc, 0.00%, 30/09/2026	359	0.43
		Total Ireland	2,158	2.57
Isle of Man (31 March 2022: 0.11%)				
37,736	EUR	Playtech plc, 3.75%, 12/10/2023	37	0.04
100,000	EUR	Playtech plc, 4.25%, 07/03/2026	97	0.12
		Total Isle of Man	134	0.16
Italy (31 March 2022: 7.59%)				
175,000	EUR	ACEA SpA, 1.50%, 08/06/2027	162	0.19
100,000	EUR	AMCO - Asset Management Co. SpA, 4.63%, 06/02/2027	100	0.12

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BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
Italy (continued)				
125,000	EUR	ASTM SpA, 1.00%, 25/11/2026	111	0.13
400,000	EUR	ASTM SpA, FRN, 3.38%, 13/02/2024	399	0.47
100,000	EUR	Autostrade per l'Italia SpA, 5.88%, 09/06/2024	102	0.12
100,000	EUR	Banco BPM SpA, 2.50%, 21/06/2024	98	0.12
100,000	EUR	Banco BPM SpA, 1.75%, 28/01/2025	95	0.11
250,000	EUR	Banco BPM SpA, FRN, 6.00%, 21/01/2028	250	0.30
175,000	EUR	BPER Banca, 1.88%, 07/07/2025	165	0.20
250,000	EUR	BPER Banca, FRN, 3.38%, 30/06/2025	246	0.29
225,000	EUR	BPER Banca, FRN, 1.37%, 31/03/2027 ¹	201	0.24
250,000	EUR	doValue SpA, 3.38%, 31/07/2026	219	0.26
225,000	EUR	Enel SpA, FRN, 3.50%, 24/02/2025 ²	214	0.26
300,000	EUR	Eni SpA, 1.75%, 18/01/2024	296	0.35
125,000	EUR	FCA Bank SpA, 0.00%, 16/04/2024	120	0.14
250,000	EUR	FIS Fabbrica Italiana Sintetici SpA, 5.63%, 01/08/2027	223	0.27
175,000	EUR	Illimity Bank SpA, 6.63%, 09/12/2025	173	0.21
400,000	EUR	Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane SpA, 1.88%, 08/07/2026	377	0.45
200,000	EUR	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA, 6.63%, 13/09/2023	202	0.24
200,000	EUR	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA, 1.50%, 10/04/2024	196	0.23
325,000	EUR	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA, 1.00%, 04/07/2024	314	0.37
250,000	EUR	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA, 1.63%, 21/04/2025	238	0.28
275,000	EUR	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA, FRN, 3.58%, 17/03/2025	275	0.33
225,000	EUR	Intesa Sanpaolo SpA, FRN, 5.00%, 08/03/2028	225	0.27
200,000	EUR	Lottomatica SpA, 5.13%, 15/07/2025	198	0.24
300,000	EUR	Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario SpA, 5.75%, 18/04/2023 ¹	301	0.36
400,000	EUR	Mundys SpA, 1.63%, 03/02/2025	380	0.45
325,000	EUR	Snam SpA, 0.00%, 12/05/2024	313	0.37
100,000	EUR	Snam SpA, 1.25%, 28/08/2025	95	0.11
100,000	EUR	TeamSystem SpA, 3.50%, 15/02/2028	89	0.11
200,000	EUR	Terna - Rete Elettrica Nazionale, FRN, 2.38%, 11/09/2027 ²	168	0.20
200,000	EUR	UniCredit SpA, FRN, 2.73%, 15/01/2032	171	0.20
100,000	EUR	Unipol Gruppo SpA, 3.00%, 18/03/2025	97	0.12
100,000	EUR	Webuild SpA, 3.88%, 28/07/2026	87	0.10
		Total Italy	6,900	8.21
Japan (31 March 2022: 0.85%)				
300,000	EUR	Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., 1.02%, 11/10/2023	296	0.35
200,000	EUR	Nidec Corp., 0.05%, 30/03/2026	178	0.21
300,000	EUR	NTT Finance Corp., 0.08%, 13/12/2025	274	0.33
300,000	EUR	ORIX Corp., 1.92%, 20/04/2026	285	0.34
300,000	EUR	ORIX Corp., 4.48%, 01/06/2028	302	0.36
200,000	EUR	SoftBank Group Corp., 2.13%, 06/07/2024	190	0.23
200,000	EUR	SoftBank Group Corp., 2.88%, 06/01/2027	171	0.20
		Total Japan	1,696	2.02
Jersey (31 March 2022: 1.33%)				
18,981	EUR	Adient Global Holdings Ltd., 3.50%, 15/08/2024	19	0.02
225,000	EUR	Kane Bidco Ltd., 5.00%, 15/02/2027 ¹	209	0.25
		Total Jersey	228	0.27
Luxembourg (31 March 2022: 6.18%)				
175,000	EUR	Altice Financing SA, 2.25%, 15/01/2025	165	0.20
225,000	EUR	ArcelorMittal SA, 1.00%, 19/05/2023	224	0.27
100,000	EUR	Aroundtown SA, REIT, FRN, 3.38%, 23/09/2024 ²	45	0.05
100,000	EUR	BK LC Lux Finco1 Sarl, 5.25%, 30/04/2029	89	0.11
600,000	EUR	CK Hutchison Group Telecom Finance SA, 0.38%, 17/10/2023	590	0.70

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BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
Luxembourg (continued)				
125,000	EUR	Cullinan Holdco Scsp, 4.63%, 15/10/2026	111	0.13
325,000	EUR	DH Europe Finance II Sarl, 0.20%, 18/03/2026	296	0.35
200,000	EUR	Hannover Finance Luxembourg SA, FRN, 5.00%, 30/06/2043	200	0.24
275,000	EUR	Herens Midco Sarl, 5.25%, 15/05/2029	185	0.22
250,000	EUR	Highland Holdings Sarl, 0.00%, 12/11/2023	245	0.29
250,000	EUR	Highland Holdings Sarl, 0.32%, 15/12/2026	222	0.27
100,000	EUR	Holcim Finance Luxembourg SA, 2.38%, 09/04/2025	98	0.12
100,000	EUR	Kleopatra Finco Sarl, 4.25%, 01/03/2026	84	0.10
74,424	EUR	Lincoln Financing SARL, 3.63%, 01/04/2024	74	0.09
150,000	EUR	Logicor Financing Sarl, REIT, 0.63%, 17/11/2025	128	0.15
125,000	EUR	Medtronic Global Holdings SCA, 0.25%, 02/07/2025	117	0.14
100,000	EUR	Picard Bondco SA, 5.38%, 01/07/2027	85	0.10
300,000	EUR	Rossini Sarl, FRN, 6.34%, 30/10/2025 ¹	299	0.36
100,000	EUR	Sani/Ikos Financial Holdings 1 Sarl, 5.63%, 15/12/2026	93	0.11
275,000	EUR	Segro Capital Sarl, REIT, 1.25%, 23/03/2026	245	0.29
200,000	EUR	SES SA, 3.50%, 14/01/2029	180	0.21
200,000	EUR	SIG Combibloc PurchaseCo Sarl, 2.13%, 18/06/2025	193	0.23
200,000	EUR	SIX Finance Luxembourg SA, 0.00%, 02/12/2025	182	0.22
100,000	EUR	Stena International SA, 3.75%, 01/02/2025	96	0.11
		Total Luxembourg	4,246	5.06
Netherlands (31 March 2022: 12.77%)				
100,000	EUR	ABB Finance BV, 0.63%, 03/05/2023	100	0.12
225,000	EUR	ABB Finance BV, 0.63%, 31/03/2024	219	0.26
200,000	EUR	Abertis Infraestructuras Finance BV, FRN, 3.25%, 24/11/2025 ²	179	0.21
175,000	EUR	Achmea BV, 3.63%, 29/11/2025	175	0.21
200,000	EUR	Aegon Bank NV, 0.63%, 21/06/2024	193	0.23
225,000	EUR	Alcon Finance BV, 2.38%, 31/05/2028	210	0.25
100,000	EUR	Allianz Finance II BV, 0.00%, 14/01/2025	95	0.11
400,000	EUR	Ashland Services BV, 2.00%, 30/01/2028	346	0.41
100,000	EUR	Coca-Cola HBC Finance BV, 2.75%, 23/09/2025	99	0.12
275,000	EUR	Conti-Gummi Finance BV, 2.13%, 27/11/2023	273	0.32
150,000	EUR	Conti-Gummi Finance BV, 1.13%, 25/09/2024	145	0.17
400,000	EUR	CTP NV, REIT, 0.63%, 27/09/2026 ¹	318	0.38
300,000	EUR	Danfoss Finance I BV, 0.13%, 28/04/2026	268	0.32
175,000	EUR	Digital Dutch Finco BV, REIT, 0.63%, 15/07/2025	159	0.19
200,000	EUR	Givaudan SA, 1.13%, 17/09/2025	188	0.22
225,000	EUR	GSK Consumer Healthcare Capital NL BV, 1.25%, 29/03/2026	209	0.25
100,000	EUR	Heineken NV, 2.25%, 30/03/2030	92	0.11
200,000	EUR	Iberdrola International BV, FRN, 1.88%, 05/02/2023 ²	199	0.24
200,000	EUR	Iberdrola International BV, FRN, 1.87%, 28/01/2026 ²	180	0.21
350,000	EUR	IMCD NV, 2.13%, 31/03/2027	315	0.37
200,000	EUR	ING Groep NV, 1.00%, 20/09/2023	198	0.24
200,000	EUR	ING Groep NV, FRN, 2.13%, 23/05/2026	192	0.23
300,000	EUR	ING Groep NV, FRN, 4.87%, 14/11/2027	305	0.36
400,000	EUR	JAB Holdings BV, 1.75%, 25/05/2023	399	0.47
375,000	EUR	JDE Peet's NV, 0.00%, 16/01/2026	334	0.40
100,000	EUR	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV, 3.50%, 04/04/2028	100	0.12
175,000	EUR	Koninklijke FrieslandCampina NV, FRN, 2.85%, 09/10/2025 ²	160	0.19
300,000	EUR	Koninklijke KPN NV, FRN, 2.00%, 11/08/2024 ²	284	0.34
110,000	EUR	Koninklijke KPN NV, FRN, 6.00%, 21/09/2027 ²	110	0.13
200,000	EUR	Louis Dreyfus Co. Finance BV, 2.38%, 27/11/2025	190	0.23
225,000	EUR	Mercedes-Benz International Finance BV, 1.63%, 22/08/2023	224	0.27
200,000	EUR	Mercedes-Benz International Finance BV, 0.25%, 06/11/2023	197	0.23
175,000	EUR	Mercedes-Benz International Finance BV, 2.63%, 07/04/2025	173	0.21
200,000	EUR	Nobel Bidco BV, 3.13%, 15/06/2028 ¹	142	0.17
300,000	EUR	Novo Nordisk Finance Netherlands BV, 0.00%, 04/06/2024	289	0.34
200,000	EUR	PACCAR Financial Europe BV, 3.25%, 29/11/2025	199	0.24

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BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
Netherlands (continued)				
300,000	EUR	Phoenix PIB Dutch Finance BV, 2.38%, 05/08/2025	286	0.34
400,000	EUR	Prosus NV, 1.21%, 19/01/2026	358	0.43
300,000	EUR	RELX Finance BV, 1.50%, 13/05/2027	280	0.33
100,000	EUR	Repsol International Finance BV, FRN, 3.75%, 03/11/2026 ²	94	0.11
200,000	EUR	Repsol International Finance BV, FRN, 2.50%, 22/12/2026 ²	175	0.21
150,000	EUR	Saipem Finance International BV, 2.63%, 07/01/2025	144	0.17
500,000	EUR	Samvardhana Motherson Automotive Systems Group BV, 1.80%, 06/07/2024	479	0.57
425,000	EUR	Signify NV, 2.00%, 11/05/2024	416	0.49
176,000	EUR	Stellantis NV, 3.38%, 07/07/2023	176	0.21
200,000	EUR	Stellantis NV, 3.75%, 29/03/2024	200	0.24
200,000	EUR	Stellantis NV, 2.00%, 20/03/2025	194	0.23
100,000	EUR	Stellantis NV, 3.88%, 05/01/2026	100	0.12
600,000	EUR	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II BV, 3.75%, 09/05/2027	544	0.65
175,000	EUR	Thermo Fisher Scientific Finance I BV, 0.00%, 18/11/2025	160	0.19
100,000	EUR	Trivium Packaging Finance BV, FRN, 6.40%, 15/08/2026	98	0.12
250,000	EUR	Unilever Finance Netherlands BV, 0.75%, 28/02/2026	233	0.28
150,000	EUR	Unilever Finance Netherlands BV, 1.75%, 16/11/2028	138	0.16
125,000	EUR	United Group BV, FRN, 5.90%, 15/02/2026	110	0.13
350,000	EUR	Wolters Kluwer NV, 3.00%, 23/09/2026	346	0.41
		Total Netherlands	11,989	14.26
New Zealand (31 March 2022: 0.32%)				
100,000	EUR	ASB Bank Ltd., 4.50%, 16/03/2027	101	0.12
200,000	EUR	Westpac Securities NZ Ltd., 0.30%, 25/06/2024	192	0.23
		Total New Zealand	293	0.35
Norway (31 March 2022: 0.43%)				
125,000	EUR	Adevinta ASA, 2.63%, 15/11/2025	120	0.14
100,000	EUR	Norsk Hydro ASA, 1.13%, 11/04/2025	94	0.12
		Total Norway	214	0.26
Panama (31 March 2022: 0.00%)				
150,000	EUR	Carnival Corp., 10.13%, 01/02/2026	158	0.19
		Total Panama	158	0.19
Portugal (31 March 2022: 0.29%)				
100,000	EUR	Banco Comercial Portugues SA, FRN, 8.50%, 25/10/2025	101	0.12
300,000	EUR	Banco Comercial Portugues SA, FRN, 4.00%, 17/05/2032	213	0.25
		Total Portugal	314	0.37
Romania (31 March 2022: 0.22%)				
			–	–
Singapore (31 March 2022: 0.44%)				
400,000	EUR	DBS Group Holdings Ltd., FRN, 1.50%, 11/04/2028	399	0.48
		Total Singapore	399	0.48
South Korea (31 March 2022: 0.30%)				
100,000	EUR	LG Chem Ltd., 0.50%, 15/04/2023	100	0.12
175,000	EUR	POSCO, 0.50%, 17/01/2024	170	0.20
		Total South Korea	270	0.32

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

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Holding	Currency	Investments	Fair Value EUR '000	% of Net Asset Value
BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
Spain (31 March 2022: 5.18%)				
100,000	EUR	Abertis Infraestructuras SA, 0.63%, 15/07/2025	94	0.11
125,000	EUR	Almirall SA, 2.13%, 30/09/2026	114	0.13
100,000	EUR	Amadeus IT Group SA, 0.88%, 18/09/2023	99	0.12
200,000	EUR	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, 1.75%, 26/11/2025	191	0.23
300,000	EUR	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, FRN, 2.57%, 22/02/2029	293	0.35
200,000	EUR	Banco de Sabadell SA, 1.75%, 10/05/2024	194	0.23
300,000	EUR	Banco Santander SA, 2.50%, 18/03/2025	293	0.35
300,000	EUR	CaixaBank SA, 0.75%, 18/04/2023	300	0.36
100,000	EUR	CaixaBank SA, 2.38%, 01/02/2024	99	0.12
300,000	EUR	CaixaBank SA, 0.88%, 25/03/2024 ¹	291	0.35
200,000	EUR	CaixaBank SA, FRN, 2.25%, 17/04/2030	186	0.22
100,000	EUR	Cellnex Finance Co. SA, 2.25%, 12/04/2026	94	0.11
100,000	EUR	Cellnex Telecom SA, 2.88%, 18/04/2025	98	0.12
325,000	EUR	eDreams ODIGEO SA, 5.50%, 15/07/2027	282	0.33
400,000	EUR	Iberdrola Finanzas SA, 0.88%, 16/06/2025	379	0.45
300,000	EUR	Santander Consumer Finance SA, 0.38%, 17/01/2025	282	0.33
200,000	EUR	Unicaja Banco SA, FRN, 4.50%, 30/06/2025	199	0.24
200,000	EUR	Werfenlife SA, 0.50%, 28/10/2026	176	0.21
		Total Spain	3,664	4.36
Sweden (31 March 2022: 4.31%)				
125,000	EUR	Dometic Group AB, 2.00%, 29/09/2028	96	0.11
300,000	EUR	Intrum AB, 4.88%, 15/08/2025	278	0.33
200,000	EUR	Lansforsakringar Bank AB, 0.88%, 25/09/2023	198	0.24
500,000	EUR	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB, 3.25%, 24/11/2025	492	0.59
400,000	EUR	Svenska Handelsbanken AB, 1.00%, 15/04/2025	381	0.45
125,000	EUR	Tele2 AB, 1.13%, 15/05/2024	121	0.14
475,000	EUR	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson, 1.13%, 08/02/2027	416	0.50
125,000	EUR	Verisure Holding AB, 7.13%, 01/02/2028	125	0.15
100,000	EUR	Volvo Car AB, 2.13%, 02/04/2024	98	0.12
100,000	EUR	Volvo Car AB, 2.00%, 24/01/2025	96	0.11
100,000	EUR	Volvo Treasury AB, 0.13%, 17/09/2024	95	0.11
425,000	EUR	Volvo Treasury AB, 1.63%, 26/05/2025	409	0.49
		Total Sweden	2,805	3.34
Switzerland (31 March 2022: 0.91%)				
			–	–
United Kingdom (31 March 2022: 4.59%)				
200,000	EUR	Barclays plc, FRN, 3.38%, 02/04/2025	199	0.24
125,000	EUR	Barclays plc, FRN, 0.75%, 09/06/2025	120	0.14
200,000	EUR	Barclays plc, FRN, 1.37%, 24/01/2026	189	0.22
200,000	EUR	Coca-Cola Europacific Partners plc, 1.13%, 26/05/2024	194	0.23
100,000	EUR	Coca-Cola Europacific Partners plc, 1.75%, 27/03/2026	95	0.11
150,000	EUR	Diageo Finance plc, 1.00%, 22/04/2025	143	0.17
250,000	EUR	Drax Finco plc, 2.63%, 01/11/2025	238	0.28
300,000	EUR	EC Finance plc, 3.00%, 15/10/2026	278	0.33
325,000	EUR	HSBC Holdings plc, FRN, 3.02%, 15/06/2027	312	0.37
178,000	EUR	Informa plc, FRN, 1.50%, 05/07/2023	177	0.21
200,000	EUR	Jaguar Land Rover Automotive plc, 2.20%, 15/01/2024	196	0.23
200,000	EUR	Jaguar Land Rover Automotive plc, 4.50%, 15/01/2026	186	0.22
150,000	EUR	Lloyds Banking Group plc, FRN, 3.50%, 01/04/2026	148	0.18
225,000	EUR	Mitsubishi HC Capital UK plc, 0.25%, 03/02/2025	211	0.25
175,000	EUR	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc, 0.19%, 20/01/2025	165	0.20
225,000	EUR	National Grid plc, 2.18%, 30/06/2026	216	0.26
400,000	EUR	NatWest Markets plc, 4.25%, 13/01/2028	400	0.48
350,000	EUR	NGG Finance plc, FRN, 1.62%, 05/12/2079	332	0.39

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

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Holding	Currency	Investments	Fair Value EUR '000	% of Net Asset Value
BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
United Kingdom (continued)				
200,000	EUR	Nomad Foods Bondco plc, 2.50%, 24/06/2028	176	0.21
200,000	EUR	OTE plc, 0.88%, 24/09/2026 ¹	182	0.22
350,000	EUR	Rolls-Royce plc, 4.63%, 16/02/2026	347	0.41
175,000	EUR	SIG plc, 5.25%, 30/11/2026	150	0.18
275,000	EUR	Synthomer plc, 3.88%, 01/07/2025 ¹	254	0.30
100,000	EUR	TI Automotive Finance plc, 3.75%, 15/04/2029	77	0.09
125,000	EUR	Virgin Money UK plc, FRN, 0.38%, 27/05/2024	124	0.15
		Total United Kingdom	5,109	6.07
United States (31 March 2022: 18.25%)				
400,000	EUR	American Honda Finance Corp., 1.95%, 18/10/2024	391	0.47
150,000	EUR	American Tower Corp., REIT, 0.40%, 15/02/2027	130	0.15
150,000	EUR	AT&T, Inc., 1.05%, 05/09/2023	149	0.18
400,000	EUR	Athene Global Funding, 1.88%, 23/06/2023	397	0.47
175,000	EUR	Athene Global Funding, 1.24%, 08/04/2024	168	0.20
100,000	EUR	Autoliv, Inc., 0.75%, 26/06/2023	99	0.12
200,000	EUR	Autoliv, Inc., 4.25%, 15/03/2028	202	0.24
375,000	EUR	Avantor Funding, Inc., 2.63%, 01/11/2025	362	0.43
300,000	EUR	Ball Corp., 1.50%, 15/03/2027 ¹	270	0.32
250,000	EUR	Baxter International, Inc., 0.40%, 15/05/2024	241	0.29
100,000	EUR	Becton Dickinson and Co., 0.00%, 13/08/2023	99	0.12
100,000	EUR	Becton Dickinson and Co., 0.03%, 13/08/2025	92	0.11
400,000	EUR	Belden, Inc., 3.38%, 15/07/2027 ¹	368	0.44
175,000	EUR	Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., 0.00%, 12/03/2025	164	0.19
675,000	EUR	Berry Global, Inc., 1.00%, 15/01/2025	642	0.76
300,000	EUR	Blackstone Private Credit Fund, 1.75%, 30/11/2026	253	0.30
300,000	EUR	Booking Holdings, Inc., 4.00%, 15/11/2026	305	0.36
200,000	EUR	Capital One Financial Corp., 0.80%, 12/06/2024	188	0.22
350,000	EUR	Catalent Pharma Solutions, Inc., 2.38%, 01/03/2028	316	0.38
300,000	EUR	Citigroup, Inc., 0.75%, 26/10/2023	295	0.35
100,000	EUR	Citigroup, Inc., 2.38%, 22/05/2024	98	0.12
200,000	EUR	Comcast Corp., 0.00%, 14/09/2026	178	0.21
350,000	EUR	Coty, Inc., 3.88%, 15/04/2026	337	0.40
225,000	EUR	Danaher Corp., 1.70%, 30/03/2024	221	0.26
600,000	EUR	Digital Euro Finco LLC, REIT, 2.63%, 15/04/2024 ¹	586	0.70
200,000	EUR	Ecolab, Inc., 1.00%, 15/01/2024	196	0.23
400,000	EUR	Eli Lilly & Co., 1.63%, 02/06/2026	380	0.45
100,000	EUR	Encore Capital Group, Inc., 4.88%, 15/10/2025	91	0.11
275,000	EUR	Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., 0.75%, 21/05/2023	274	0.33
725,000	EUR	Fiserv, Inc., 0.38%, 01/07/2023	720	0.86
125,000	EUR	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, 1.74%, 19/07/2024	120	0.14
200,000	EUR	General Mills, Inc., 0.13%, 15/11/2025	184	0.22
200,000	EUR	General Mills, Inc., 0.45%, 15/01/2026	184	0.22
100,000	EUR	General Mills, Inc., 3.91%, 13/04/2029	101	0.12
300,000	EUR	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., 0.96%, 07/09/2023	297	0.35
275,000	EUR	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., 2.20%, 01/04/2024	271	0.32
100,000	EUR	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The), 1.38%, 15/05/2024	98	0.12
150,000	EUR	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The), 0.13%, 19/08/2024	143	0.17
300,000	EUR	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The), 1.63%, 27/07/2026	280	0.33
400,000	EUR	Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc., 0.90%, 19/11/2024	381	0.45
150,000	EUR	Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc., 5.13%, 05/04/2026	151	0.18
100,000	EUR	Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc., FRN, 3.88%, 19/05/2023	100	0.12
500,000	EUR	IQVIA, Inc., 2.88%, 15/09/2025	492	0.59
125,000	EUR	IQVIA, Inc., 1.75%, 15/03/2026	117	0.14
300,000	EUR	Kronos International, Inc., 3.75%, 15/09/2025 ¹	276	0.33
100,000	EUR	Levi Strauss & Co., 3.38%, 15/03/2027	94	0.11
300,000	EUR	McKesson Corp., 1.50%, 17/11/2025	284	0.34
200,000	EUR	Metropolitan Life Global Funding I, 0.38%, 09/04/2024	193	0.23

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

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Holding	Currency	Investments	Fair Value EUR '000	% of Net Asset Value
BONDS (continued)				
Corporate debt securities (continued)				
United States (continued)				
400,000	EUR	MMS USA Holdings, Inc., 0.63%, 13/06/2025	374	0.45
100,000	EUR	Morgan Stanley, 1.75%, 11/03/2024	98	0.12
225,000	EUR	Morgan Stanley, FRN, 0.64%, 26/07/2024	223	0.26
125,000	EUR	National Grid North America, Inc., 0.41%, 20/01/2026	114	0.14
175,000	EUR	Netflix, Inc., FRN, 3.00%, 15/06/2025 ¹	173	0.21
100,000	EUR	Netflix, Inc., FRN, 3.63%, 15/05/2027	99	0.12
175,000	EUR	Organon & Co., 2.88%, 30/04/2028	154	0.18
225,000	EUR	PepsiCo, Inc., 0.25%, 06/05/2024	218	0.26
125,000	EUR	PPG Industries, Inc., 1.88%, 01/06/2025	120	0.14
175,000	EUR	Primo Water Holdings, Inc., 3.88%, 31/10/2028	153	0.18
300,000	EUR	Prologis LP, REIT, 3.00%, 02/06/2026	293	0.35
300,000	EUR	Silgan Holdings, Inc., 3.25%, 15/03/2025	293	0.35
100,000	EUR	Silgan Holdings, Inc., 2.25%, 01/06/2028	85	0.10
200,000	EUR	Standard Industries, Inc., 2.25%, 21/11/2026	176	0.21
400,000	EUR	Stryker Corp., 1.13%, 30/11/2023	394	0.47
250,000	EUR	Stryker Corp., 0.25%, 03/12/2024	237	0.28
400,000	EUR	Sysco Corp., 1.25%, 23/06/2023	398	0.47
500,000	EUR	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc., 0.75%, 12/09/2024	481	0.57
100,000	EUR	ZF North America Capital, Inc., 2.75%, 27/04/2023	100	0.12
		Total United States	16,161	19.23
Total investments in corporate debt securities			81,030	96.41
Supranational securities (31 March 2022: 0.74%)				
150,000	EUR	Ardagh Metal Packaging Finance USA LLC, 2.00%, 01/09/2028	124	0.15
200,000	EUR	Clarios Global LP, 4.38%, 15/05/2026	192	0.23
Total investments in supranational securities			316	0.38
Total investments in bonds			81,346	96.79
Description	Counterparty	Maturity Date	Fair Value EUR '000	% of Net Asset Value
Forward currency contracts³				
Class D CHF Hedged Accumulating				
Buy CHF 1,746,594; Sell EUR 1,780,612	J.P. Morgan	14/04/2023	(20)	(0.02)
Total unrealised loss (31 March 2022: 0.00%)⁴			(20)	(0.02)
Class Z CHF Hedged Accumulating				
Buy CHF 9,219,435; Sell EUR 9,398,999	J.P. Morgan	14/04/2023	(105)	(0.13)
Total unrealised loss (31 March 2022: (0.01)%			(105)	(0.13)
Total unrealised loss on forward currency contracts (31 March 2022: (0.01)%			(125)	(0.15)

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

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	Fair Value EUR '000	% of Net Asset Value
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	81,346	96.79
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(125)	(0.15)
Cash	173	0.21
Cash equivalents		
Holding	Currency	Undertaking for collective investment schemes (31 March 2022: 2.48%)
		BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency (Acc T0)
26,407	EUR	Shares ⁵
Total cash equivalents	2,615	3.11
Other assets and liabilities	36	0.04
Net asset value attributable to redeemable unitholders	84,045	100.00

	% of Total Assets
Analysis of total assets	
Transferable securities admitted to official stock exchange listing	95.76
Collective investment schemes	3.08
Other assets	1.16
Total assets	100.00

¹Security fully or partially on loan.

²Security is perpetual without predetermined maturity date. The date shown, if applicable, is the next call date.

³Forward currency contracts held with one counterparty that have the same buy currency, sell currency and maturity date are presented on an aggregate basis where applicable. There is no netting of asset and liability positions.

⁴Prior year percentage of net asset value rounds to 0.00%.

⁵A related party to the Fund.

	Underlying Exposure EUR '000
Financial derivative instruments	
Forward currency contracts	11,049

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SCHEDULE OF MATERIAL PURCHASES AND SALES (UNAUDITED)

For the financial period ended 31 March 2023

Purchases		
Quantity	Investments	Cost EUR'000
277,162	BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency (Acc T0) Shares	27,260
600,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II BV, 3.75%, 09/05/2027	561
500,000	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB, 3.25%, 24/11/2025	499
400,000	NatWest Markets plc, 4.25%, 13/01/2028	400
400,000	Aareal Bank AG, 4.50%, 25/07/2025	399
400,000	Eli Lilly & Co., 1.63%, 02/06/2026	384
400,000	EC Finance plc, 3.00%, 15/10/2026	365
400,000	Infineon Technologies AG, FRN, 3.63%, 01/01/2028	361
400,000	ZF Finance GmbH, 2.75%, 25/05/2027	352
350,000	Wolters Kluwer NV, 3.00%, 23/09/2026	350
350,000	Piraeus Bank SA, FRN, 8.25%, 28/01/2027	348
350,000	Rolls-Royce plc, 4.63%, 16/02/2026	344
350,000	Getlink SE, 3.50%, 30/10/2025	343
325,000	HSBC Holdings plc, FRN, 3.02%, 15/06/2027	325
300,000	Prologis LP, REIT, 3.00%, 02/06/2026	312
300,000	ING Groep NV, FRN, 4.87%, 14/11/2027	305
300,000	ORIX Corp., 1.92%, 20/04/2026	300
300,000	ORIX Corp., 4.48%, 01/06/2028	300
300,000	Booking Holdings, Inc., 4.00%, 15/11/2026	300
300,000	UBS Group AG, FRN, 2.75%, 15/06/2027	300
Sales		
Quantity	Investments	Proceeds EUR'000
274,087	BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency (Acc T0) Shares	26,951
700,000	Glencore Finance Europe Ltd., 1.75%, 17/03/2025	658
500,000	iliad SA, 0.75%, 11/02/2024	470
500,000	Viterra Finance BV, 0.38%, 24/09/2025	454
375,000	Volkswagen Leasing GmbH, 0.38%, 20/07/2026	327
325,000	Credit Suisse Group AG, 3.25%, 02/04/2026	300
300,000	Levi Strauss & Co., 3.38%, 15/03/2027	289
300,000	KION Group AG, 1.63%, 24/09/2025	284
300,000	UBS Group AG, FRN, 2.75%, 15/06/2027	283
300,000	Banca Popolare di Sondrio SPA, 1.25%, 13/07/2027	263
275,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance plc, 2.13%, 15/08/2026	237
225,000	Quatrim SASU, 5.88%, 15/01/2024	217
250,000	SBB Treasury OYJ, REIT, FRN, 3.12%, 08/02/2024	209
200,000	John Deere Cash Management SARL, 1.38%, 02/04/2024	196
200,000	ABN AMRO Bank NV, 0.88%, 15/01/2024	196
200,000	Veolia Environnement SA, FRN, 2.87%, 19/01/2024	194
200,000	Volvo Car AB, 2.13%, 02/04/2024	193
200,000	Belden, Inc., 3.38%, 15/07/2027	184
200,000	Clearstream Banking AG, 0.00%, 01/12/2025	183
200,000	Grifols SA, 1.63%, 15/02/2025	181

The CBI requires a schedule of material changes in the composition of the portfolio during the financial year. These are defined as aggregate purchases of a security exceeding one per cent of the total value of purchases for the financial year and aggregate disposals greater than one per cent of the total value of sales. At a minimum the largest 20 purchases and 20 sales must be given or all purchases and sales if less than 20. A full listing of the portfolio changes for the financial period is available, upon request, at no cost from the Administrator.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN SWITZERLAND (UNAUDITED)

The following table summarises the performance on a calendar year basis for the Fund registered for distribution in Switzerland.

Further information on these performance measures and calculation methodologies used is detailed in the Performance summary section within the Investment Manager's Report. The currency of each class is listed in the Net asset value attributable to redeemable unitholders note to the financial statements.

Fund name	Launch date	2022		2021		2020	
		Fund return %	Benchmark return %	Fund return %	Benchmark return %	Fund return %	Benchmark return %
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund - Class D Accumulating	25 May 2017	(6.60)	(0.32)	0.57	(0.55)	0.55	(0.39)

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product. All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed. The performance figures do not consider charges and fees that may be levied at the time of subscription or redemption of units. Levels and bases of taxation may change from time to time.

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INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN SWITZERLAND (UNAUDITED) (continued)

The TER for each unit class is disclosed in the following table for the twelve-month period ended 31 March 2023:

Fund name	Class of the Fund	TER (%)
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	Class D Accumulating	0.24
	Class D CHF Hedged Accumulating	0.24
	Class D Distributing	0.24
	Class Z Accumulating	0.19
	Class Z CHF Hedged Accumulating	0.19
	Flexible Accumulating Unit Class	0.02

TRANSACTIONS WITH CONNECTED PERSONS (UNAUDITED)

In accordance with the requirements of the CBI, the Manager shall ensure that any transactions carried out between the Fund and the Manager or Trustee to a Fund, the delegates or sub-delegates of the Manager or Trustee (excluding any non-group company sub-custodians appointed by a Trustee) and any associated or group company of the Manager, Trustee, delegate or sub-delegate ("Connected Persons") must be conducted at arm's length and in the best interests of the unitholders.

The Directors are satisfied that there are arrangements in place, as evidenced by written procedures, to ensure that the obligations set out above are applied to all transactions with Connected Persons and that transactions with Connected Persons entered into during the financial year complied with this obligation.

SOFT COMMISSIONS (UNAUDITED)

There were no soft commission arrangements entered into by the Investment Manager on behalf of the Fund during the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

GLOBAL EXPOSURE (UNAUDITED)

The Directors are required by regulation to employ a risk management process, which enables it to monitor accurately and manage the global exposure from FDIs which the Fund gains as a result of its strategy ("global exposure").

The Directors uses one of two methodologies, the "commitment approach" or the "value-at-risk approach" ("VaR"), in order to measure the global exposure of the Fund and manage the potential loss to them due to market risk.

Commitment approach

The commitment approach is a methodology that aggregates the underlying market or notional value of FDI to determine the global exposure of the Fund to FDI.

Pursuant to the relevant regulations, global exposure for a Fund utilising the commitment approach must not exceed 100% of the Fund's NAV.

LEVERAGE (UNAUDITED)

The use of FDIs may expose a Fund to a higher degree of risk. In particular, FDI contracts can be highly volatile, and the amount of initial margin is generally small relative to the size of the contract so that transactions may be leveraged in terms of market exposure. A relatively small market movement may have a potentially larger impact on FDIs than on standard bonds or equities. Leveraged FDI positions can therefore increase a Fund's volatility.

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REPORT ON REMUNERATION (UNAUDITED)

The below disclosures are made in respect of the remuneration policies of the BlackRock group ("BlackRock"), as they apply to BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited (the "Manager"). The disclosures are made in accordance with the Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities ("UCITS"), as amended, including in particular by Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the council of 23 July 2014, (the "Directive"), and the "Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive and AIFMD" issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

BlackRock's UCITS Remuneration Policy (the "UCITS Remuneration Policy") will apply to the EEA entities within the BlackRock group authorised as a manager of UCITS funds in accordance with the Directive, and will ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 14b of the Directive, and to UK entities within the BlackRock group authorised by The financial conduct authority ("FCA") as a manager of a UK UCITS fund.

The Manager has adopted the UCITS Remuneration Policy, a summary of which is set out below.

Remuneration Governance

BlackRock's remuneration governance in EMEA operates as a tiered structure which includes: (a) the Management Development and Compensation Committee ("MDCC") (which is the global, independent remuneration committee for BlackRock, Inc. and (b) the Manager's board of directors (the "Manager's Board"). These bodies are responsible for the determination of BlackRock's remuneration policies which includes reviewing the remuneration policy on a regular basis and being responsible for its implementation.

The implementation of the remuneration policy is annually subject to central and independent review for compliance with policies and procedures for remuneration adopted by the MDCC and by the Manager's Board. The remuneration disclosure is produced and owned by MDCC and the Manager's Board.

(a) MDCC

The MDCC's purposes include:

- providing oversight of:
 - BlackRock's executive compensation programmes;
 - BlackRock's employee benefit plans; and
 - such other compensation plans as may be established by BlackRock from time to time for which the MDCC is deemed as administrator;
- reviewing and discussing the compensation discussion and analysis included in the BlackRock, Inc. annual proxy statement with management and approving the MDCC's report for inclusion in the proxy statement;
- reviewing, assessing and making reports and recommendations to the BlackRock, Inc. Board of Directors (the 'BlackRock, Inc. Board') as appropriate on BlackRock's talent development and succession planning, with the emphasis on performance and succession at the highest management levels; and
- supporting the boards of the Company's EMEA regulated entities in meeting their remuneration-related obligations by overseeing the design and implementation of EMEA remuneration policy in accordance with applicable regulations.

The MDCC directly retains its own independent compensation consultant, Semler Brossy Consulting Group LLC, who has no relationship with BlackRock, Inc. or the BlackRock, Inc. Board that would interfere with its ability to provide independent advice to the MDCC on compensation matters.

The BlackRock, Inc. Board has determined that all of the members of the MDCC are "independent" within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which requires each meet a "non-employee director" standard.

The MDCC held 7 meetings during 2022. The MDCC charter is available on BlackRock, Inc.'s website (www.blackrock.com).

(b) The Manager's Board

The Manager's Board has the task of supervising and providing oversight of the UCITS Remuneration Policy as it applies to the Manager and its Identified Staff.

Decision-making process

Remuneration decisions for employees are made once annually in January following the end of the performance year. This timing allows full-year financial results to be considered along with other non-financial goals and objectives. Although the framework for remuneration decision-making is tied to financial performance, significant discretion is used to determine individual variable remuneration based on achievement of strategic and operating results and other considerations such as management and leadership capabilities.

No set formulas are established and no fixed benchmarks are used in determining annual incentive awards. In determining specific individual remuneration amounts, a number of factors are considered including non-financial goals and objectives and overall financial and investment performance. These results are viewed in the aggregate without any specific weighting, and there is no direct correlation between any particular performance measure and the resulting annual incentive award. The variable remuneration awarded to any individual(s) for a particular performance year may also be zero.

Annual incentive awards are paid from a bonus pool.

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Decision-making process (continued)

The size of the projected bonus pool, including cash and equity awards, is reviewed throughout the year by the MDCC and the final total bonus pool is approved after year-end. As part of this review, the MDCC receives actual and projected financial information over the course of the year as well as final year-end information. The financial information that the MDCC receives and considers includes the current year projected income statement and other financial measures compared with prior year results and the current year budget. The MDCC additionally reviews other metrics of BlackRock's financial performance (e.g., net inflows of AUM and investment performance) as well as information regarding market conditions and competitive compensation levels.

The MDCC regularly considers management's recommendation as to the percentage of pre-incentive operating income that will be accrued and reflected as a compensation expense throughout the year for the cash portion of the total annual bonus pool (the "accrual rate"). The accrual rate of the cash portion of the total annual bonus pool may be modified by the MDCC during the year based on its review of the financial information described above. The MDCC does not apply any particular weighting or formula to the information it considers when determining the size of the total bonus pool or the accruals made for the cash portion of the total bonus pool.

Following the end of the performance year, the MDCC approves the final bonus pool amount.

As part of the year-end review process the Enterprise Risk and Regulatory Compliance departments report to the MDCC on any activities, incidents or events that warrant consideration in making compensation decisions.

Individuals are not involved in setting their own remuneration.

Control functions

Each of the control functions (Enterprise Risk, Legal & Compliance, and Internal Audit) has its own organisational structure which is independent of the business units and therefore staff members in control functions are remunerated independently of the businesses they oversee. The head of each control function is either a member of the Global Executive Committee ("GEC"), the global management committee, or has a reporting obligation to the board of directors of BlackRock Group Limited, the parent company of all of BlackRock's EMEA regulated entities, including the Manager.

Functional bonus pools are determined with reference to the performance of each individual function. The remuneration of the senior members of control functions is directly overseen by the MDCC.

Link between pay and performance

There is a clear and well defined pay-for-performance philosophy and compensation programmes which are designed to meet the following key objectives as detailed below:

- appropriately balance BlackRock's financial results between shareholders and employees;
- attract, retain and motivate employees capable of making significant contributions to the long-term success of the business;
- align the interests of senior employees with those of shareholders by awarding BlackRock Inc.'s stock as a significant part of both annual and long-term incentive awards;
- control fixed costs by ensuring that compensation expense varies with profitability;
- link a significant portion of an employee's total compensation to the financial and operational performance of the business;
- promote sound and effective risk management across all risk categories, including sustainability risk;
- discourage excessive risk-taking (sustainability related or otherwise); and
- ensure that client interests are not negatively impacted by remuneration awarded on a short-term, mid-term and/or long-term basis.

Driving a high-performance culture is dependent on the ability to measure performance against objectives, values and behaviours in a clear and consistent way. Managers use a 5-point rating scale to provide an overall assessment of an employee's performance, and employees also provide a self-evaluation. The overall, final rating is reconciled during each employee's performance appraisal. Employees are assessed on the manner in which performance is attained as well as the absolute performance itself.

In keeping with the pay-for-performance philosophy, ratings are used to differentiate and reward individual performance – but don't pre-determine compensation outcomes. Compensation decisions remain discretionary and are made as part of the year-end compensation process.

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REPORT ON REMUNERATION (UNAUDITED) (continued)

Link between pay and performance (continued)

When setting remuneration levels other factors are considered, as well as individual performance, which may include:

- the performance of the Manager, the funds managed by the Manager and/or the relevant functional department;
- factors relevant to an employee individually; relationships with clients and colleagues; teamwork; skills; any conduct issues; and, subject to any applicable policy, the impact that any relevant leave of absence may have on contribution to the business;
- the management of risk within the risk profiles appropriate for BlackRock's clients;
- strategic business needs, including intentions regarding retention;
- market intelligence;
- criticality to business; and
- supporting the firm's approaches to environmental, social and governance factors and diversity, equity and inclusion.

A primary product tool is risk management and, while employees are compensated for strong performance in their management of client assets, they are required to manage risk within the risk profiles appropriate for their clients. Therefore, employees are not rewarded for engaging in high-risk transactions outside of established parameters. Remuneration practices do not provide undue incentives for short-term planning or short-term financial rewards, do not reward unreasonable risk and provide a reasonable balance between the many and substantial risks inherent within the business of investment management, risk management and advisory services.

BlackRock operates a total compensation model for remuneration which includes a base salary, which is contractual, and a discretionary bonus scheme.

BlackRock operates an annual discretionary bonus scheme. Although all employees are eligible to be considered for a discretionary bonus, there is no contractual obligation to make any award to an employee under its discretionary bonus scheme. In exercising discretion to award a discretionary bonus, the factors listed above (under the heading "Link between pay and performance") may be taken into account in addition to any other matters which become relevant to the exercise of discretion in the course of the performance year.

Discretionary bonus awards for all employees, including executive officers, are subject to a guideline that determines the portion paid in cash and the portion paid in BlackRock, Inc. stock and subject to additional vesting/clawback conditions. Stock awards are subject to further performance adjustment through variation in BlackRock, Inc.'s share price over the vesting period. As total annual compensation increases, a greater portion is deferred into stock. The MDCC adopted this approach in 2006 to substantially increase the retention value and shareholder alignment of the compensation package for eligible employees, including the executive officers. The portion deferred into stock vests into three equal instalments over the three years following grant.

Supplementary to the annual discretionary bonus as described above, equity awards may be made to select individuals to provide greater linkage with future business results. These long-term incentive awards have been established individually to provide meaningful incentive for continued performance over a multi-year period recognising the scope of the individual's role, business expertise and leadership skills.

Selected senior leaders are eligible to receive performance-adjusted equity-based awards from the "BlackRock Performance Incentive Plan" ("BPIP"). Awards made from the BPIP have a three-year performance period based on a measurement of As Adjusted Operating Margin¹ and Organic Revenue Growth². Determination of pay-out will be made based on the firm's achievement relative to target financial results at the conclusion of the performance period. The maximum number of shares that can be earned is 165% of the award in those situations where both metrics achieve pre-determined financial targets. No shares will be earned where the firm's financial performance in both of the above metrics is below a pre-determined performance threshold. These metrics have been selected as key measures of shareholder value which endure across market cycles.

A limited number of investment professionals have a portion of their annual discretionary bonus (as described above) awarded as deferred cash that notionally tracks investment in selected products managed by the employee. The intention of these awards is to align investment professionals with the investment returns of the products they manage through the deferral of compensation into those products. Clients and external evaluators have increasingly viewed more favourably those products where key investors have "skin in the game" through significant personal investments.

Identified Staff

The UCITS Remuneration Policy sets out the process that will be applied to identify staff as Identified Staff, being categories of staff of the Manager, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Manager or of the funds it manages.

¹As Adjusted Operating Margin: As reported in BlackRock's external filings, reflects adjusted Operating Income divided by Total Revenue net of distribution and servicing expenses and amortisation of deferred sales commissions.

²Organic Revenue Growth: Equal to net new base fees plus net new Aladdin revenue generated in the year (in dollars).

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Identified Staff (continued)

The list of Identified Staff will be subject to regular review, being formally reviewed in the event of, but not limited to:

- organisational changes;
- new business initiatives;
- changes in significant influence function lists;
- changes in role responsibilities; and
- revised regulatory direction.

Quantitative Remuneration Disclosure

The Manager is required under the Directive to make quantitative disclosures of remuneration. These disclosures are made in line with BlackRock's interpretation of currently available regulatory guidance on quantitative remuneration disclosures. As market or regulatory practice develops BlackRock may consider it appropriate to make changes to the way in which quantitative remuneration disclosures are calculated. Where such changes are made, this may result in disclosures in relation to a fund not being comparable to the disclosures made in the prior year, or in relation to other BlackRock fund disclosures in that same year.

Disclosures are provided in relation to (a) the staff of the Manager; (b) staff who are senior management; and (c) staff who have the ability to materially affect the risk profile of the Fund, including individuals who, although not directly employed by the Manager, are assigned by their employer to carry out services directly for the Manager.

All individuals included in the aggregated figures disclosed are rewarded in line with BlackRock's remuneration policy for their responsibilities across the relevant BlackRock business area. As all individuals have a number of areas of responsibilities, only the portion of remuneration for those individuals' services attributable to the Manager is included in the aggregate figures disclosed.

Members of staff and senior management of the Manager typically provide both UCITS and non-UCITS related services in respect of multiple funds, clients and functions of the Manager and across the broader BlackRock group. Therefore, the figures disclosed are a sum of individuals' portion of remuneration attributable to the Manager according to an objective apportionment methodology which acknowledges the multiple-service nature of the Manager and the broader BlackRock group. Accordingly, the figures are not representative of any individual's actual remuneration or their remuneration structure.

The amount of the total remuneration awarded to the Manager's staff in respect of the Manager's financial year ending 31 December 2022 is USD 220.40 million. This figure is comprised of fixed remuneration of USD 118.00 million and variable remuneration of USD 102.40 million. There were a total of 3,940 beneficiaries of the remuneration described above.

The amount of the aggregate remuneration awarded by the Manager in respect of the Manager's financial year ending 31 December 2022, to its senior management was USD 21.60 million, and to other members of its staff whose actions potentially have a material impact on the risk profile of the Manager or its funds was USD 30.80 million. These figures relate to the entire Manager and not to the Fund.

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EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AND SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS (UNAUDITED)

Efficient portfolio management techniques

The Directors may, on behalf of the Fund and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the CBI and the prospectus, employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities, including investments in OTC FDIs provided that such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management purposes or to provide protection against exchange risk or for direct investment purposes, where applicable.

The underlying exposure obtained through FDI and at the identity of the counterparties to these FDIs at the financial year end are disclosed on the relevant Fund's schedule of investments.

Securities lending

All securities lending transactions entered into by the Fund are subject to a written legal agreement between the Fund and the securities lending agent, BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited, a related party to the Entity, and separately between the securities lending agent and the approved borrowing counterparty. Collateral received in exchange for securities lent is transferred under a title transfer arrangement. Collateral received is delivered to and held in an account in the name of the Trustee on behalf of the Fund. Collateral received is segregated from the assets belonging to the Fund's Trustee or the securities lending agent.

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Fund's total lendable assets and as a proportion of the Fund's NAV, as at 31 March 2023. Total lendable assets represent the aggregate value of assets forming part of a Fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

		% of lendable assets	% of NAV
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR	5.68	5.20

Income earned during the year by the Fund from securities lending transactions is disclosed in the Fund's notes to the financial statements.

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the relevant Fund and the Securities Lending Agent. The Fund's receives at least 62.5% while securities lending agent receives up to 37.5% of such income with all operational costs borne out of the securities lending agent's share.

The following tables details the value of securities on loan (individually identified in the relevant Fund's schedule of investments), analysed by counterparty as at 31 March 2023.

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Amount on loan EUR '000	Collateral received EUR '000
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund			
J.P. Morgan Securities plc	United Kingdom	1,467	1,712
Barclays Bank plc	United Kingdom	1,316	1,423
Goldman Sachs International	United Kingdom	446	469
Morgan Stanley & Co. International	United Kingdom	436	451
HSBC Bank plc	United Kingdom	241	266
The Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	194	222
BNP Paribas	France	184	192
Credit Suisse International	United Kingdom	88	95
Total		4,372	4,830

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are callable or terminable daily.

Analysis of collateral currency

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the cash and underlying non-cash collateral received by the Fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement, in respect of securities lending transactions and OTC FDIs (including CFDs), as at 31 March 2023.

Currency	Cash collateral received EUR '000	Cash collateral posted EUR '000	Non-cash collateral received EUR '000
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund			
Securities lending transactions			
AUD	–	–	60
DKK	–	–	246
EUR	146	–	2,001
GBP	–	–	952
JPY	–	–	118
NOK	–	–	8
USD	–	–	1,299
Total	146	–	4,684

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EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AND SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS (UNAUDITED) (continued)

Analysis of collateral type, quality and maturity tenor

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received by the Fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions, as at 31 March 2023.

Collateral type and quality	Maturity Tenor						Open	Total
	1 day	2 - 7 days	8 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 365 days	More than 365 days		
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000
Collateral received - Securities lending								
Fixed Income								
Investment grade	–	–	58	1	88	2,869	–	3,016
Equities								
Recognised equity index	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,445	1,445
ETFs								
UCITS	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	10
Non-UCITS	–	–	–	–	–	–	213	213
Total	–	–	58	1	88	2,869	1,668	4,684

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency; Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch.

A recognised equity index contains at least 20 equities where no single equity represents more than 20% of the total index and no five equities combined represent more than 60% of the total index.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received or posted as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while for equity securities and ETFs received or posted as collateral are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

All cash received or posted as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it is not subject to a contractual maturity date.

Reuse of collateral received

Non-cash collateral received by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in relation to securities lending and OTC FDIs, cannot be sold, re-invested or pledged.

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EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AND SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS (UNAUDITED) (continued)

Safekeeping of collateral received

The following table provides an analysis of the amounts of non-cash collateral received by the Fund in respect of securities lending transactions, and held by the Fund's Trustee (or through its delegates) or through a securities settlement system, as at 31 March 2023.

Custodian	Non-cash collateral received Securities lending EUR '000
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR '000
Euroclear	2,025
J.P. Morgan SE - Dublin Branch	2,659
Total	4,684

Concentration of collateral received

The following table lists the ten largest issuers by value of non-cash collateral received by the Fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement across securities lending transactions as at 31 March 2023.

Issuer	Value EUR '000
BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund	EUR '000
US Treasury	584
France Government	504
UK Treasury	484
Kingdom Of Belgium Government	383
Republic of Austria	368
Netherlands Government	167
HSBC Holdings PLC	148
Bundesschatzanweisungen	147
Genmab A/S	125
Equinix Inc	125
Other issuers	1,649
Total	4,684

No securities collateral received from a single issuer, in relation to efficient portfolio management and OTC FDIs, has exceeded 20% of any of the respective Fund's NAV at the year end date.

Fund has not been fully collateralised in securities issued or guaranteed by an EU member state at the year end date.

BLACKROCK UCITS FUNDS

SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED)

Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Glossary and key definitions

The periodic report disclosures set out below are presented for the year ended 31 March 2023, the “reference period”.

All data presented for the Fund’s investments and other quantitative measures disclosed has been calculated based on an average of the value of investments traded and held at each quarter end date unless otherwise indicated within the reference period for which the relevant Funds met the criteria of an Article 8 Fund. For metrics that are presented with sustainability indicators, the relevant metric calculation relates to the investments for which the underlying ESG data is available, rather than all investments held by the Fund.

All such data presented is unaudited and was not subject to an assurance provided by the Fund auditors or a review by a third party.

The term “Assets” shall be deemed to mean the total value of investments held by the Fund throughout the reference period.

Investments shall include cash and cash equivalents as set out by Article 53 of the regulatory technical standards under the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288. However, FRS 102 requires cash and cash equivalents to be treated separately. Therefore, there will be a difference in presentation for the purposes of the overall annual report.

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SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED) (continued)

BLACKROCK DEFENSIVE YIELD ESG SCREENED FUND

Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (continued)

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

Product name:

BlackRock Defensive Yield ESG Screened Fund

Legal entity identifier:

549300HGWERLUYL3SS73

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ____%	<input type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of _% of sustainable investments
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	<input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective: ____%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The following table lists the environmental and social characteristics which were promoted by the Fund throughout the reference period. Further information on these environmental and social characteristics is outlined in the Fund's prospectus. Please refer to the section below, "How did the sustainability indicators perform?", which provides information about the extent that the Fund met such environmental and social characteristics.

Environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund
Exclusion of issuers which are engaged in, or are otherwise exposed to, the production of controversial weapons (including, but not limited to, cluster munitions, biological-chemical, landmines, depleted uranium, blinding laser, non-detectable fragments and/or incendiary weapons).
Exclusion of issuers deriving any revenue from direct involvement in the production of nuclear weapons or nuclear weapon components or delivery platforms, or the provision of auxiliary services related to nuclear weapons.
Exclusion of issuers deriving more than 5% of their revenue from thermal coal extraction and/or thermal coal-based power generation, with the exception of "green bonds", that are considered to comply with the International Capital Markets Association's Green Bond Principles, from such issuers.
Exclusion of issuers deriving more than 5% of their revenue from the production and generation of tar sands (also known as oil sands).
Exclusion of issuers which produce tobacco products.
Exclusion of issuers which derive more than 5% of their revenue from the production, distribution, retail and supply of tobacco-related products.
Exclusion of issuers which produce firearms and/or small arms ammunition intended for retail to civilians.
Exclusion of issuers which derive more than 5% of their revenue from the distribution (wholesale or retail) of firearms and/or small arms ammunition intended for civilian use.
Exclusion of issuers which have been deemed to have failed to comply with UN Global Compact Principles (which cover human rights, labour standards, the environment and anticorruption).
Exclusion of issuers with an ESG rating of CCC or below according to MSCI.

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SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED) (continued)

BLACKROCK DEFENSIVE YIELD ESG SCREENED FUND

Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (continued)

- **How did the sustainability indicators perform?**

The following table provides information about the performance of the sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as further detailed in the Fund's prospectus.

Sustainability Indicator	Metric	Performance for the reference period
Exclusion of issuers based on exclusionary criteria as defined in table above "Environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund"	# of active breaches reported	No active breaches

- **...and compared to previous periods?**

As this is the first reference period that the periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 are effective, no comparatives are presented.

- **What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

This section is not applicable for this Fund as it did not commit to holding sustainable investments during the reference period, however, certain sustainable investments may form part of the Fund's investments portfolio.

- **How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

This section is not applicable for this Fund as it did not commit to holding sustainable investments during the reference period, however, certain sustainable investments may form part of the Fund's investment portfolio.

- **How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?**

This section is not applicable for this Fund as it did not commit to holding sustainable investments during the reference period, however, certain sustainable investments may form part of the Fund's investment portfolio. Please refer to the section below, "How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?", which describes how the Fund considered PAIs on sustainability factors.

- **Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

This section is not applicable for this Fund as it did not commit to holding sustainable investments during the reference period, however, certain sustainable investments may form part of the Fund's investment portfolio.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impact of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significantly harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do not significantly harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

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SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED) (continued)

BLACKROCK DEFENSIVE YIELD ESG SCREENED FUND

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How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The following table provides information about the impact of the principal adverse sustainability indicators taken into consideration by this Fund. The Fund considered the impact of the principal adverse sustainability indicators through the application of these minimum ESG and exclusionary criteria. The Investment Manager has determined that those PAIs marked in the table below as “F” are fully considered or “P” are partially considered, as part of the investment selection criteria. A PAI is partially considered where a BlackRock internal assessment has determined the sustainability indicator partially meets the regulatory definition of the PAI outlined in Annex 1 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 Regulatory Technical Standards (“RTS”). A PAI is fully considered where a BlackRock internal assessment has determined the sustainability indicator captures the full regulatory definition as outlined in Annex 1 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 RTS.

Adverse Sustainability Indicator	Sustainability indicators			
	Exclusion of issuers which are exposed to the production of controversial weapons (nuclear, biological-chemical, landmine, depleted uranium, or incendiary weapons)	Exclusion of issuers deriving more than 5% of their revenue from the production and generation of tar sands (also known as oil sands)	Exclusion of issuers deriving more than 5% of their revenue from thermal coal extraction and/or thermal coal-based power generation, with the exception of “green bonds”, that are considered to comply with the International Capital Markets Association’s Green Bond Principles, from such issuers	Exclusion of issuers have been involved in violations of the UN Global Compact as determined by MSCI or such other external ESG research provider used by the Investment Manager from time to time
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector		P	P	
Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises				P
Exposure to controversial weapons (anti personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	F			

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What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: From 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

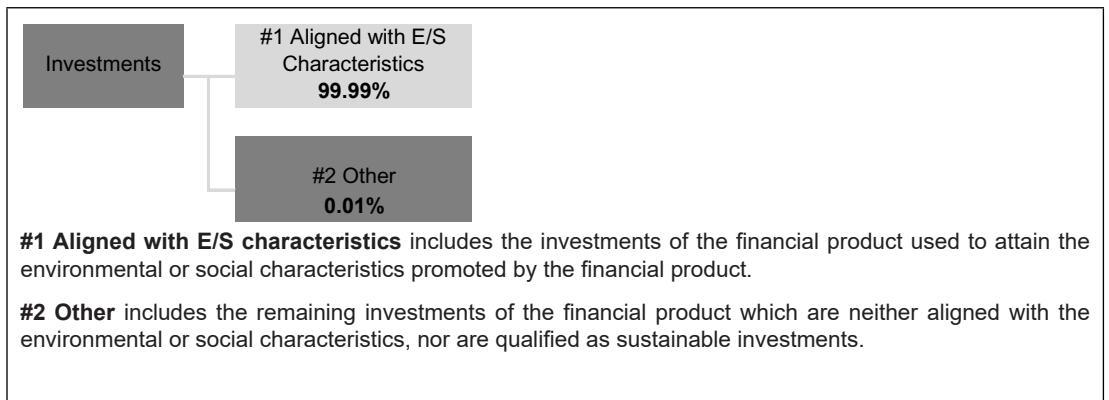
Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
Blk Leaf Fund Agency Acc T0 Eur	Financial Institutions	2.55%	Ireland
Fiserv Inc	Industrial	0.85%	United States
Berry Global Inc Regs	Industrial	0.75%	United States
Digital Euro Finco Llc Regs	Financial Institutions	0.71%	United States
Ck Hutchison Group Telecom Finance Regs	Industrial	0.70%	Luxembourg
Pernod-Ricard Sa Regs	Industrial	0.70%	France
James Hardie International Finance Regs	Industrial	0.67%	Ireland
Arion Banki Hf Mtn Regs	Financial Institutions	0.60%	Iceland
Global Switch Holdings Ltd Mtn Regs	Industrial	0.58%	Virgin Islands, British
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	Industrial	0.58%	United States
Vivendi Sa Mtn Regs	Industrial	0.56%	France
Goodman Australia Finance Pty Ltd Regs	Financial Institutions	0.55%	Australia
Samvardhana Motherson Automotive S Regs	Industrial	0.55%	Netherlands
Iqvia Inc Regs	Industrial	0.55%	United States
Jyske Bank A/S Mtn Regs	Financial Institutions	0.51%	Denmark



What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

- What was the asset allocation?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



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- **In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to during the reference period.

Sector	Sub-sector	% of investments
Financial Institutions	Banking	20.59%
Industrial	Consumer Non-Cyclical	16.24%
Industrial	Consumer Cyclical	11.81%
Industrial	Communications	8.85%
Industrial	Capital Goods	7.28%
Industrial	Technology	5.53%
Industrial	Chemicals	4.36%
Financial Institutions	Financial Other	3.98%
Industrial	Transportation	3.67%
Utility	Electric	3.34%
Financial Institutions	Finance Companies	2.85%
Financial Institutions	REITs	2.49%
Financial Institutions	Insurance	2.14%
Industrial	Integrated	1.37%
Utility	Natural Gas	1.15%
Industrial	Metals and Mining	1.15%
Industrial	Refining	0.13%
Industrial	Oil Field Services	0.09%

During the reference period, none of the Fund's investments were held in the following sub-sectors (as defined by the Barclays Industry Classification System): independent, midstream.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

For the reference period, the Fund's investment alignment with EU Taxonomy is shown in the graphs below.

- **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?**

Yes

In fossil gas In nuclear energy

No

¹ Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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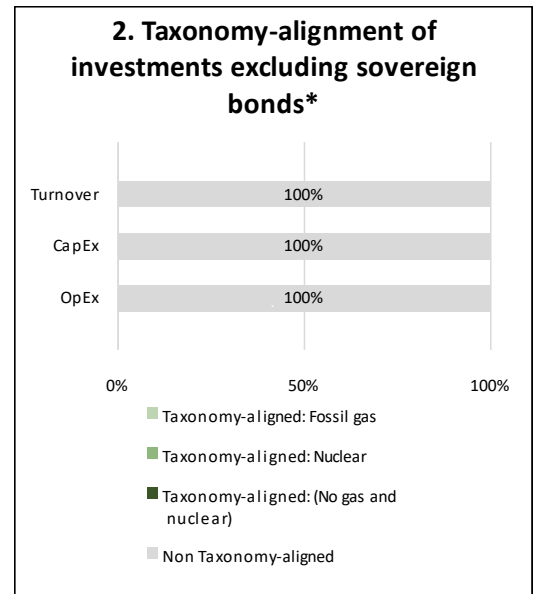
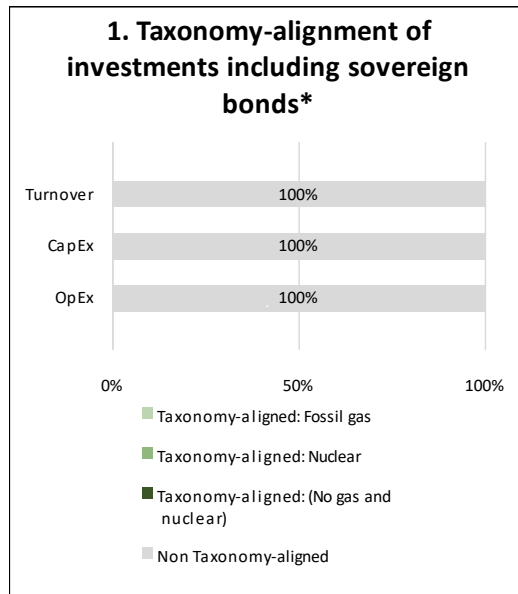
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To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

For the reference period, 0% of the Fund's investments are identified for the purposes of this report as being in transitional and enabling activities.

- **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

As this is the first reference period that the periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 are effective, no comparatives are presented.

 *Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



- **What was the share of sustainable investments* with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

This section is not applicable for this Fund as it did not commit to holding sustainable investments during the reference period, however, certain sustainable investments may form part of the Fund's investment portfolio.



- **What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

This section is not applicable for this Fund as it did not commit to holding sustainable investments during the reference period, however, certain sustainable investments may form part of the Fund's investment portfolio.



- **What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

Investments included under "#2 Other" included derivatives, cash and near cash instruments and shares or units of CIS and fixed income transferable securities (also known as debt securities) issued by governments and agencies worldwide, however such holdings did not exceed 30%. Such investments were used only for investment purposes in pursuit of the Fund's (non-ESG) investment objective, for the purposes of liquidity management and/or hedging.

No other investments held by the Fund were assessed against minimum environmental or social safeguards.

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What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager has implemented internal quality controls such as compliance rule coding to ensure compliance with the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The Investment Manager regularly reviews the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund to ensure they are still appropriate relative to the Fund's investment universe.

Where issuers are identified as potentially having issues with regards to good governance, the issuers are reviewed to ensure that, where the Investment Manager agrees with this external assessment, the Investment Manager is satisfied that the issuer has either taken remediation actions or will take remedial actions within a reasonable time frame based on the Investment Manager's direct engagement with the issuer. The Investment Manager may also decide to reduce exposure to such issuers.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

For the reference period, an index has not been designated as a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, therefore this section is not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial products attain the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

- **How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?**
Not applicable.
- **How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?**
Not applicable.
- **How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?**
Not applicable.
- **How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?**
Not applicable.

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