

BlackRock Absolute Return Bond Fund

Class D Accumulating GBP

ISIN: GB00B618DS31

Manager: BlackRock Fund Managers Limited

Objectives and Investment Policy

- ▶ The Fund seeks to achieve a positive absolute return on your investment (i.e. an increase in the overall value of the Fund) over a period of 12 months regardless of market conditions. As such, the Fund will not be managed against any fixed income benchmark.
- ▶ The Fund will be managed with the aim of delivering absolute (more than zero) returns on a 12 month basis in any market conditions. However, an absolute return is not guaranteed over a 12 month or any period and the Fund may experience periods of negative return. The Fund's capital is at risk.
- ▶ The Fund aims to gain investment exposure to fixed income (FI) securities, FI-related securities and money-market instruments (MMIs) issued by, or giving exposure to, companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (i.e. the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) worldwide.
- ▶ In order to achieve its objective the Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in derivatives, FI securities, FI-related securities, MMIs, deposits and cash.
- ▶ The FI-related securities include derivatives. Derivatives are investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets. FI securities include bonds and other debt securities. MMIs are debt securities with short-term maturities.
- ▶ The FI securities and MMIs may be investment grade (i.e. meet a specified level of credit worthiness), non-investment grade or unrated.
- ▶ At any one time, a substantial amount, or even all of the Fund's assets may be held as cash. This may be held for the purpose of providing cover for the exposure created by the use of derivatives or to assist in achieving its investment objective.
- ▶ The investment adviser (IA) will use derivatives to achieve the Fund's investment objective. These will include synthetic short positions where the Fund uses a derivative to benefit from the sale of an asset which the Fund does not physically own with the aim of buying it later at a lower price to secure a profit.
- ▶ The Fund may, via derivatives, generate varying amounts of market leverage (i.e. where the Fund gains market exposure in excess of the value of its assets). The IA will utilise strategies including the active management of interest rates and the flexible management of sector and currency exposure.
- ▶ The Fund is actively managed and the IA has discretion to select the Fund's investments and is not constrained by any benchmark in this process. 3 Month Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate (SONIA) compounded in arrears should be used by unitholders to compare the performance of the Fund. Compounding in arrears is a methodology that compounds daily values of the overnight rate throughout the relevant term period (i.e.3 Months).
- ▶ Recommendation: This Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- ▶ Your units will be accumulating units (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- ▶ Your units will be denominated in Sterling, the Fund's base currency.
- ▶ You can buy and sell your units daily. The minimum initial investment for this unit class is £100,000.

For more information on the Fund, share/unit classes, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at www.blackrock.com

Risk and Reward Profile



- ▶ This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- ▶ The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- ▶ The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- ▶ The Fund is rated four due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
 - Credit risk, changes to interest rates and/or issuer defaults will have a significant impact on the performance of fixed income securities. Potential or actual credit rating downgrades may increase the level of risk.
- ▶ Particular risks not adequately captured by the risk indicator include:
 - Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
 - Credit Risk: The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due. If a financial institution is unable to meet its financial obligations, its financial assets may be subject to a write down in value or converted (i.e. "bail-in") by relevant authorities to rescue the institution.
 - Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.
- Due to its investment strategy an 'Absolute Return' fund may not move in line with market trends or fully benefit from a positive market environment.
- Derivatives may be highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund. The impact to the Fund can be greater where derivatives are used in an extensive or complex way.

Charges

The charges are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less. Please refer to your financial advisor or the distributor for the actual entry and exit charges.

*Subject to a charge of up to 2% paid into the Fund where the Manager suspects excessive trading by an investor.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the twelve month period ending 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the custodian and any entry/exit charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

** To the extent the Fund undertakes securities lending to reduce costs, the Fund will receive 62.5% of the associated revenue generated and the remaining 37.5% will be received by BlackRock as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Fund, this has been excluded from the ongoing charges.

| One-off charges taken before or after you invest | |
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| Entry Charge | None |
| Exit Charge | None* |
| This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before proceeds of your investments are paid out. | |
| Charges taken from the Fund over each year | |
| Ongoing Charges | 0.57%** |
| Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions | |
| Performance Fee | None |

Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

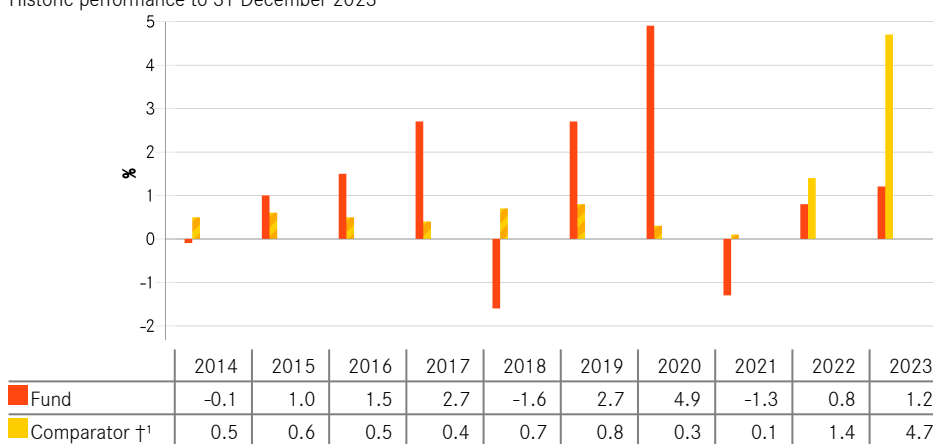
The chart shows the Fund's annual performance in GBP for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 2011. The unit class was launched in 2011.

Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

†3 month SONIA Compounded in Arrears (GBP) (GBP)

Prior to 13.12.2021, the Fund used a different benchmark which is reflected in the benchmark data.

Historic performance to 31 December 2023



During this period performance was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.

Practical Information

- ▶ The trustee and depositary of the Fund is The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited, which also acts as custodian.
- ▶ Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of the Fund. These documents are available free of charge in English. These can be found, along with other information, such as unit prices, on the BlackRock website at www.blackrock.com or by calling Investor Services on 0800 44 55 22.
- ▶ Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund may have an impact on the personal tax position of your investment in the Fund.
- ▶ BlackRock Fund Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Fund's prospectus.
- ▶ The Remuneration Policy of the Management Company, which describes how remuneration and benefits are determined and awarded, and the associated governance arrangements, is available at www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy or on request from the registered office of the Management Company.