

BlackRock Strategic Funds

SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED) (continued)

BlackRock Sustainable Fixed Income Strategies Fund

Periodic disclosure for the 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

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an 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 Sustainable Fixed Income Strategies Fund

Legal entity identifier:
549300NET6YB688UCO80

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

Yes

No

It made **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: ___%

- in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

It made **sustainable investments with a social objective**: ___%

It **promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 26.89% of sustainable investments

- with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
- with a social objective

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.

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Environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund

Investment in Sustainable Investments

Investment in use-of-proceeds bonds

Investments in issuers deemed to have positive externalities, at a minimum 20%

Limiting investments in issuers deemed to have negative externalities

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)

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● 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
Investment in use-of-proceeds bonds	% use-of-proceeds bonds held by the Fund	13.83%
Investments in issuers deemed to have positive externalities, at a minimum 20%	% investments deemed to have positive externalities held by the Fund	49.41%
Limiting investments in issuers deemed to have negative externalities	# of active breaches	No active breaches
Exclusion of issuers based on exclusionary criteria as defined in table above "Environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund"	# of active breaches	No active breaches
Investment in Sustainable Investments	% of Sustainable Investments held by the Fund	26.89% ¹

¹Effective 29 December 2022, the Fund committed to holding Sustainable Investments, therefore this percentage has been presented using data from 29 December 2022 to 31 May 2023.

● ...and compared to previous periods?

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

During the reference period, the Fund invested 26.89% of its holdings in Sustainable Investments in pursuit of its investment objective.

Environmental and social objectives

The Fund invested in Sustainable Investments which contributed to a range of environmental and/or social objectives which may include but are not limited to, alternative and renewable energy, energy efficiency, pollution prevention or mitigation, reuse and recycling, health, nutrition, sanitation and education and the UN Sustainable Development Goals and other sustainability-related frameworks ("Environmental and Social Objectives").

Economic activity assessment

An investment was assessed as contributing to an environmental and/or social objective where:
 (i) a minimum proportion of the issuer's business activity contributed to an environmental and/or social objective; or the issuer's business practices contributed to an environmental and/or social objective; or
 (ii) the use of proceeds was assessed as contributing to an environmental and/or social objective such as green bonds, social bonds, and sustainability bonds; or
 (iii) the fixed income securities were aligned with an environmental and/or social objective.

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

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

The Sustainable Investments held by the Fund during the reference period met the do no significant harm ("DNSH") requirements, as defined by applicable law and regulation. BlackRock has developed a set of criteria across all Sustainable Investments to assess whether an issuer or investment does significant harm. Investments considered to be causing significant harm do not qualify as Sustainable Investments.

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

The indicators for principal adverse impacts ("PAI"s) on sustainability factors for each type of investment were assessed using BlackRock's Sustainable Investments proprietary methodology. All relevant mandatory PAI indicators included in Annex 1 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 22 / 1288 were considered. BlackRock makes use of fundamental analysis and/or third-party data sources to identify investments which negatively impact sustainability factors and cause significant harm. 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.

Use-of-proceeds bonds, such as green bonds, social bonds and sustainability bonds, held in the Fund complied with the ICMA Green Bond Principles, ICMA Social Bond Principles or ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines where applicable. Most PAIs are considered at the issuance level for use-of-proceeds bonds, except for involvement in controversial weapons and violation of UN Global Compact or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, which are assessed at the issuer level.

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

Sustainable Investments held during the reference period were assessed to consider any detrimental impacts and ensure compliance with international standards of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights. Issuers deemed to have violated these conventions are not considered as Sustainable Investments.

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

The "do no significant 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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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 Advisor 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 indicator				
	Investments in issuers deemed to have positive externalities	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 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 Advisor from time to time
Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions					P
GHG intensity of investee companies					P
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector			P	P	
Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector	P				
Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and					P

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Development
(OECD)
Guidelines for
Multinational
Enterprises
Exposure to
controversial
weapons
(antipersonnel
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 June 2022 to 31 May 2023.

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
Cyprus (Republic Of) Mtn Regs	Treasuries	1.01%	Cyprus
European Investment Bank Mtn Regs	Supranational	0.98%	Supranational
Cash Collateral Eur Xmle	Financial Institutions	0.91%	European Union
Finland (Republic Of)	Treasuries	0.89%	Finland
Montenegro (Republic Of) Regs	Sovereign	0.86%	Montenegro, Republic of
New Zealand (Government Of) Regs	Treasuries	0.81%	New Zealand
European Financial Stability Facil Regs	Supranational	0.81%	Supranational
Belgium (Kingdom Of)	Treasuries	0.69%	Belgium
European Investment Bank Regs	Government Related	0.65%	Supranational
Banco Santander Sa Regs	Covered	0.65%	Spain
Danske Bank A/S Mtn Regs	Financial Institutions	0.64%	Denmark
Kfw Mtn Regs	Agency	0.62%	Germany
Deriv Eur Balance With R67675 Luk	Financial Institutions	0.61%	European Union
Cash Collateral Eur Xbaml	Financial Institutions	0.58%	European Union
Nextera Energy Operating Partners 144A	Utilities	0.56%	United States

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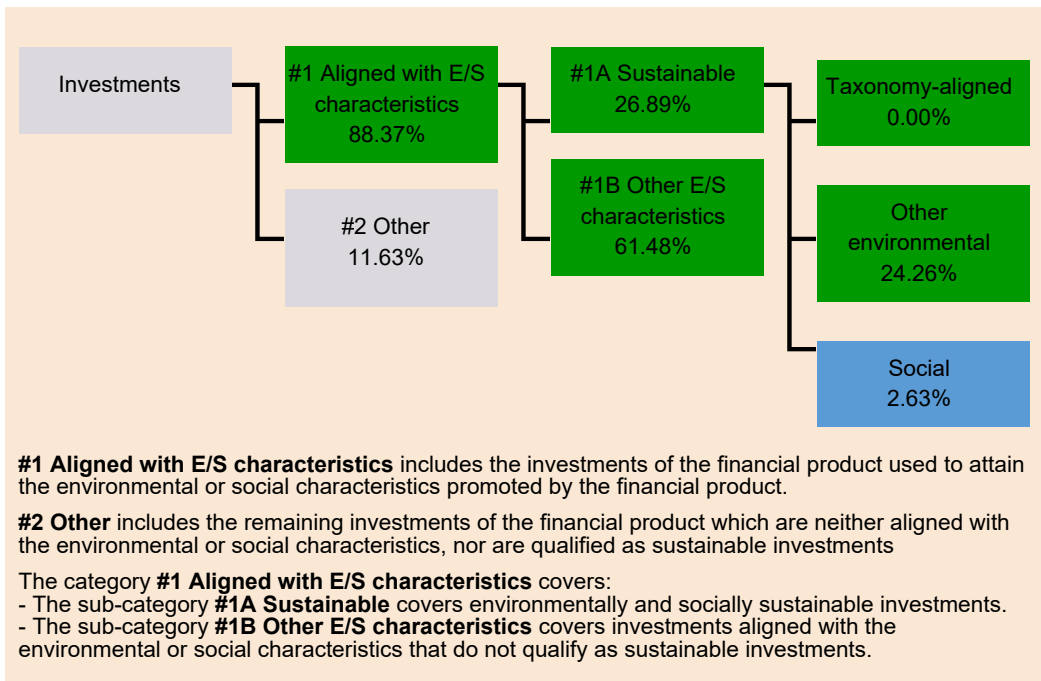
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What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

● 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	24.04%
Industrial	Treasuries	8.99%
ABS	Other	8.26%
Covered	Mortgage Collateralized	5.39%
Government Related	Government Related	5.19%
Financial Institutions	Finance Companies	4.03%
Agency	Government Guaranteed	4.01%
Other	Other	3.85%
Utility	Electric	3.61%
Sovereign	Sovereign	3.52%
Agency	Owned No Guarantee	3.09%
Industrial	Communications	3.06%
Financial Institutions	Brokerage/Asset Managers/Exchanges	3.00%
Industrial	Consumer Cyclical	2.52%
CMBS	Non-Agency CMBS	2.49%
Local Authority	Local Authority	1.98%
ABS	Auto Backed	1.58%
Industrial	Transportation	1.52%
Industrial	Consumer Non-Cyclical	1.51%
Industrial	Capital Goods	1.07%
Financial Institutions	Insurance	1.03%
Industrial	Integrated	0.49%
Industrial	Metals and Mining	0.22%
Industrial	Midstream	0.21%
Industrial	Independent	0.05%
Industrial	Refining	0.02%

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): oil field services

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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.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting 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?

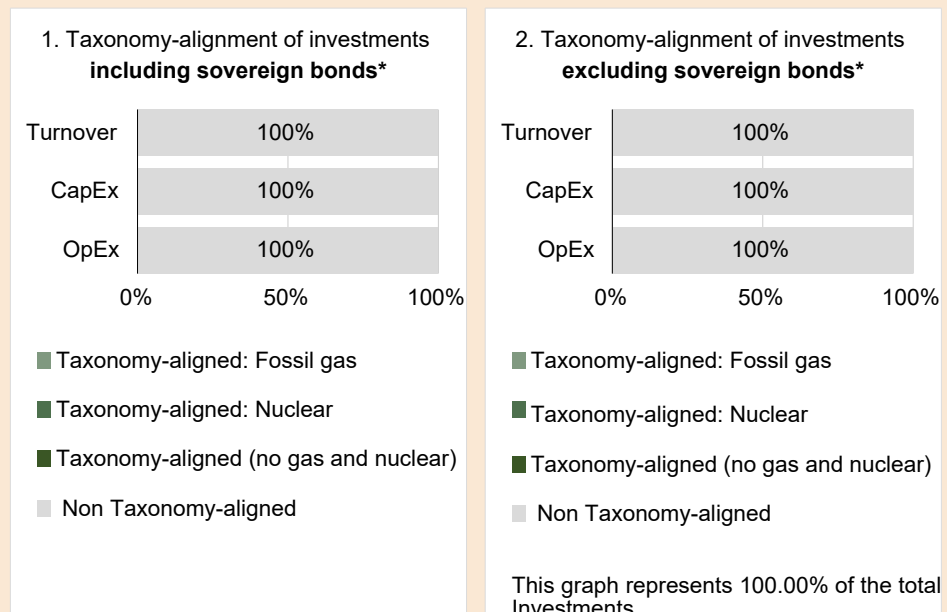
Yes:

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.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy alignment of sovereign bonds*, the first graph shows the taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



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

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

For the reference period, 0% of the Fund's investments were in transitional and enabling activities.

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

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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?

For the reference period, 24.26% of the Fund's investments were classified as Sustainable Investments with an environmental objective not aligned with EU Taxonomy.

The Fund invested in Sustainable Investments that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy for the following reasons: (i) it is part of the investment strategy of the Fund; (ii) data to determine EU Taxonomy-alignment was unavailable; and/or (iii) underlying economic activities were not eligible under the EU Taxonomy's available technical screening criteria or did not comply with all requirements set out in such technical screening criteria.



● What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

For the reference period, 2.63% of the Fund's investments were classified as socially Sustainable Investments.



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

Investments included under "#2 Other" can include cash, derivatives or fixed income transferable securities (also known as debt securities) issued by governments and agencies worldwide, however such holdings did not exceed 20%. 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.



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

The Investment Advisor 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 Advisor 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 Advisor agrees with this external assessment, the Investment Advisor is satisfied that the issuer has either taken remediation actions or will take remedial actions within a reasonable time frame based on the Investment Advisor's direct engagement with the issuer. The Investment Advisor may also decide to reduce exposure to such issuers.

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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 product attains 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.