

# Blackrock Strategic Funds

## SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED) (continued)

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

BlackRock Sustainable Euro Short Duration Bond Fund

**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.

**Product name:**  
BlackRock Sustainable Euro Short Duration Bond Fund

**Legal entity identifier:**  
549300UYLRDUZDE2XW97

## 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 25.82% 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**

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

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

#### Environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund

- Investment in Sustainable Investments
- Investment in use-of-proceeds bonds
- Enhanced exposure to investments that are deemed to have associated positive externalities compared to the ESG Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Index (1-3 Years) (80%) and Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (1-3 Years) (20%) (the "ESG Reporting Index")
- Limiting investments in issuers deemed to have negative externalities
- Maintain the weighted average ESG rating of the corporate portion of the Fund to the corporate portion of the ESG Reporting Index after eliminating bottom 20% of least well rated securities from the ESG Reporting Index
- Ensure that more than 90% of the issuers of securities in which the Fund invests (excluding money market funds) shall be ESG rated or have been analysed for ESG purposes
- 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 corporate issuers with an MSCI ESG Controversy score of one or above

#### EU Taxonomy environmental objectives contributed to by the Fund

Climate Change Mitigation

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#### ● How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Sustainability Indicator	Metric	2024	2023
Enhanced exposure to investments that are deemed to have associated positive externalities compared to the ESG Reporting Index	Investments deemed to have positive externalities held by the Fund as compared to the ESG Reporting Index	89.01% higher than benchmark	77.44% higher than the benchmark
Investment in Sustainable Investments	% of Sustainable Investments held by the Fund	25.82%	25.70%
Investment in use-of-proceeds bonds	% use-of-proceeds bonds held by the Fund	16.34%	16.93%
Limiting investments in issuers deemed to have negative externalities	# of active breaches	No active breaches	No active breaches
Maintain the weighted average ESG rating of the corporate portion of the Fund to the corporate portion of the ESG Reporting Index after eliminating bottom 20% of least well rated securities from the ESG Reporting Index	ESG rating relative to the adjusted ESG Reporting Index	Rating improvement target met	Rating improvement target met
Ensure that more than 90% of the issuers of securities in which the Fund invests (excluding money market funds) shall be ESG rated or have been analysed for ESG purposes	% of issuers with a ESG rating	Greater than 90% of issuers	Greater than 90% of issuers
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	No active breaches

<sup>1</sup>During the reference period, the Fund had one active breach due to Fund's weighted average ESG rating failing to exceed the index relative threshold outlined above. The breach was identified, reported, and rectified as part of Blackrock's standard breach resolution process.

#### ● ...and compared to previous periods?

The above table provides information about the performance of the sustainability indicators for the previous reference period (see section "How did the sustainability indicators perform?").

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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 25.82% 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  
(ii) the issuer's business practices contributed to an environmental and/or social objective; or  
(iii) the use of proceeds was assessed as contributing to an environmental and/or social objective such as green bonds, social bonds, and sustainability bonds

● **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 used 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.

- **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 or companies 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.*

**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.

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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 promotion of environmental and social characteristics ("E&S criteria") set out above (see To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?). The Investment Manager has determined that these PAIs have been considered as part of the investment selection criteria. The Fund's specific sustainability indicator may not align with the full scope of the regulatory definition of the corresponding PAI outlined in Annex 1 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 Regulatory Technical Standards ("RTS").

Adverse Sustainability Indicator	Sustainability Indicators
Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions	Investment in use-of-proceeds bonds
GHG intensity of investee companies	Investment in use-of-proceeds bonds
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	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
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Exclusion of issuers deriving more than 5% of their revenue from the production and generation of tar sands (also known as oil sands)
Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector	Enhanced exposure to investments that are deemed to have associated positive externalities compared to the ESG Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Index (1-3 Years) (80%) and Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (1-3 Years) (20%) (the "ESG Reporting Index")
Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	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)
Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	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)

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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 2023 to 31 May 2024.

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
BLK Leaf Fund Agency Acc T0 Eur	Finance Companies	5.11%	Ireland
France (Republic Of) Regs 2024-11-25	Treasuries	4.30%	France
France (Republic Of) Regs 2026-02-25	Treasuries	3.97%	France
France (Republic Of) Regs 2026-09-24	Treasuries	2.62%	France
Spain (Kingdom Of) 2026-05-31	Treasuries	2.53%	Spain
Spain (Kingdom Of) 2025-05-31	Treasuries	2.51%	Spain
Belgium (Kingdom Of) 2024-10-22	Treasuries	2.37%	Belgium
Spain (Kingdom Of) 2026-01-31	Treasuries	2.11%	Spain
France (Republic Of) Regs 2025-11-25	Treasuries	1.52%	France
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Italy (Republic Of) 2025-03-28	Treasuries	1.29%	Italy
Italy (Republic Of) Regs 2026-04-15	Treasuries	1.28%	Italy
Austria (Republic Of) 2024-07-15	Treasuries	1.22%	Austria
Netherlands (Kingdom Of) 2026-01-15	Treasuries	1.20%	Netherlands
Netherlands (Kingdom Of) 2024-01-15	Treasuries	1.17%	Netherlands

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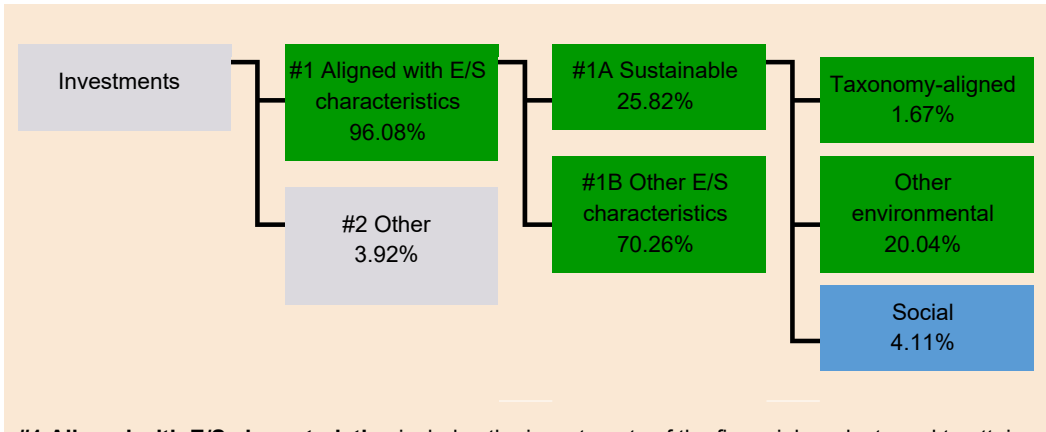
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What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

What was the asset allocation?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

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The following table details the asset allocation of the Fund for the current and the previous reference period.

Asset allocation	% Investments	
	2024	2023
#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics	96.08%	97.65%
#2 Other	3.92%	2.35%
#1A Sustainable	25.82%	25.70%
#1B Other E/S characteristics	70.26%	71.95%
Taxonomy-aligned	1.67%	0.00%
Other environmental	20.04%	20.71%
Social	4.11%	4.99%

#### 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
Treasuries	Treasuries	41.66%
Banking	Banking	14.33%
Securitized	Covered	13.09%
Government Related	Agency	6.09%
Securitized	ABS	5.61%
Finance Companies	Finance Companies	5.11%
Electric	Electric	2.65%
Securitized	CMBS	1.45%
Consumer Cyclical	Automotive	1.44%
Government Related	Supranational	1.37%
Energy	Integrated	0.69%

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, oil field services, refining, or metals and mining



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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.

For the reference period, 1.67% of the Fund's investments were classified as both Sustainable Investments with an environmental objective and aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

### Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

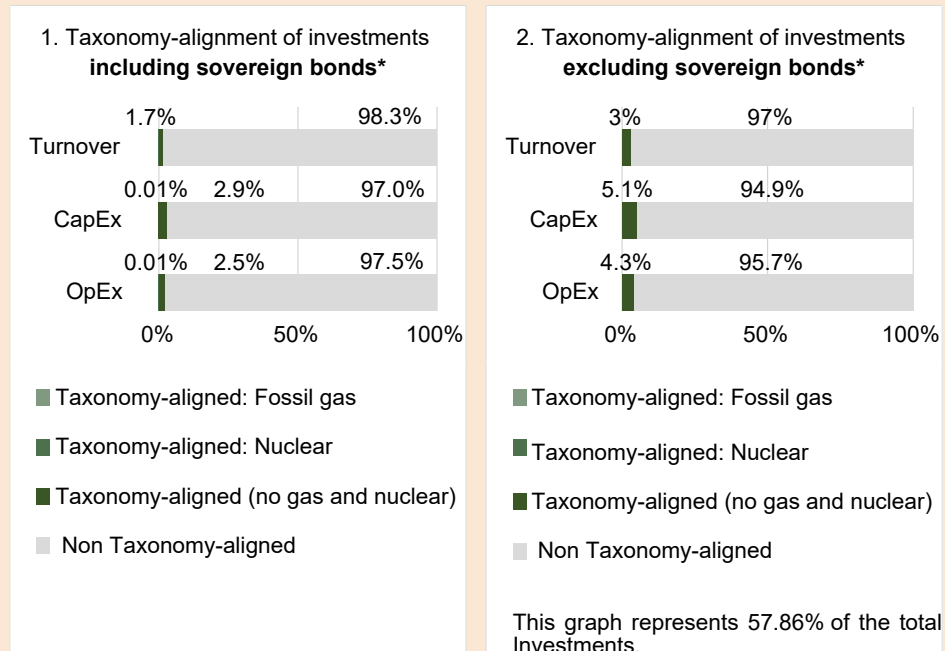
Yes:

In fossil gas       In nuclear energy

No

<sup>1</sup> 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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For the reference period, 42.14% of the Fund's total investments were held in sovereign exposures. Taxonomy alignment of these exposures could not be determined due to limited data availability.

The investments held by the Fund during the reference period contributed to the following EU Taxonomy environmental objectives:

Environmental objectives	% of Investments
Climate Change Mitigation	1.73%
<b>Total Alignment %</b>	<b>1.73%</b>

The data presented in the table above was not subject to an assurance provided by the Fund's auditor or a review by a third party. The assessment of EU Taxonomy alignment is based on data from a third-party vendor. The source of this data is a combination of equivalent and reported data. Equivalent data that matches the technical criteria under EU Taxonomy generates an eligibility or alignment result for those companies for which we do not have reported data.

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

For the reference period, the Fund's investments in transitional and enabling activities were as follows:

	% of Investments
Own Performance Activity	0.68%
Transition Activity	0.05%
Enabling Activity	1.01%
<b>Total Alignment %</b>	<b>1.74%</b>

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

For the previous reference period, 0% of the Fund's investments were aligned with EU Taxonomy.



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, 20.04% 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, 4.11% 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.

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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 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.