

### Fund Fact Sheet

29/06/2018

#### Asset Class

Global Equities - High Dividend Yield

#### Fund Characteristics

AUM	€ 496,6 mn
Launch date	30/10/2007
Oldest share class (B)	LU0309191657
Turnover (2017) *	14%
Reference currency	EUR
Hedged share classes available in	USD / CHF
Legal structure	SICAV, UCITS
Domicile	Luxembourg
European passport	Yes
Countries of registration	AT, BE, DK, FI, FR, DE, ES, IT, LU, NL, NO, SG, SE, CH, GB

#### Fund Managers



Jérémie Fastnacht joined BLI in 2016. He has been the lead manager of the fund since October 2017.



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Dealing frequency	daily**
Cut-off time	12:00 CET
Front-load fee	max. 5%
Redemption fee	none
NAV calculation	daily**
NAV publication	<a href="http://www.fundinfo.com">www.fundinfo.com</a>

\* min (purchases, sales) / average of net assets

\*\* Luxembourg banking business day

\*\*\* 30/10/2007

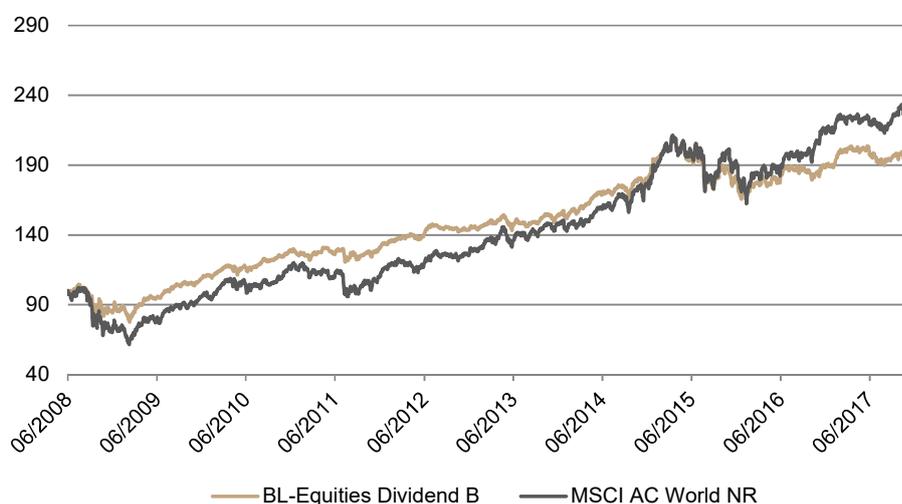
#### Investment Objective

BL-Equities Dividend aims to offer better risk-adjusted returns than the global equity markets over complete cycles, through investments in high quality companies which offer attractive and sustainable dividend yields. The fund invests with no geographic, monetary or sector limitation.

We look for companies with strong business models protected by sustainable barriers to entry / competitive advantages that allow them to grow while compounding their high cash flows at superior rates of return on capital employed. We then apply our strict dividend filters to pick those which offer attractive and sustainable yields.

#### Key Facts

- High quality companies that offer attractive and sustainable dividends.
- Pure bottom-up approach, no index hugging, no geographic, monetary or sector limitation.
- Long-term investment horizon.
- Conviction portfolio.
- Low turnover.



Performance	YTD	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund (B shares)	0,5%	6,5%	3,9%	0,3%	16,8%	7,4%
MSCI World AC NR	2,4%	8,9%	11,1%	8,8%	18,6%	17,5%

Performance	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	since launch***
Fund (B shares)	0,4%	4,3%	0,5%	2,1%	4,3%	36,3%	68,2%
MSCI World AC NR	-0,6%	5,9%	2,4%	8,2%	20,8%	74,6%	83,7%

Volatility	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	since launch***
Fund (B shares)	7,3%	11,7%	9,4%	11,2%	10,3%	10,8%
MSCI World AC NR	7,3%	14,5%	11,4%	14,5%	13,8%	17,5%

The index (MSCI World AC) is shown in the performance chart as well as in the performance tables above for performance measurement purposes only and it should under no circumstances be considered as an indication of a specific investment style or strategy.

Investors are also invited to consult the performance chart disclosed in the key investor information document of the sub-fund.

**Current Portfolio**

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**Top Holdings**

Unilever	6,0%
PepsiCo	4,4%
Philip Morris International	4,0%
Givaudan	3,8%
Nestle	3,6%
Colgate Palmolive	3,4%
National Grid	3,3%
Guangdong Investment	3,2%
Kimberly-Clark	3,2%
United Utilities Group	3,0%
<b>Weight of Top 10</b>	<b>37,8%</b>
<b>Number of holdings</b>	<b>41</b>

**New investments in June**

No transactions

**Investments sold in June**

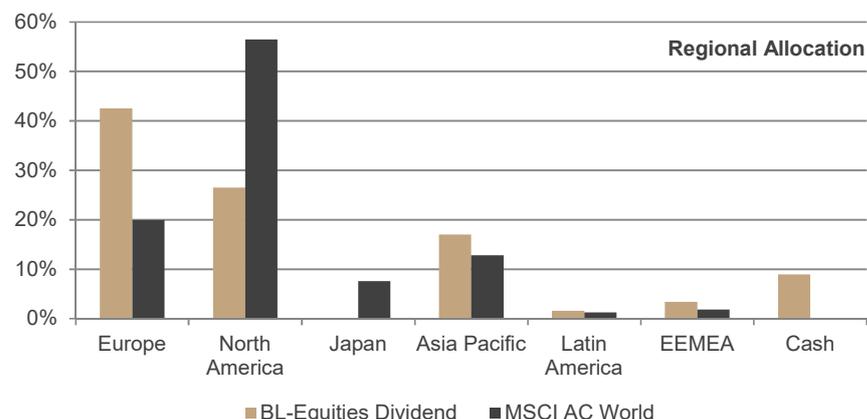
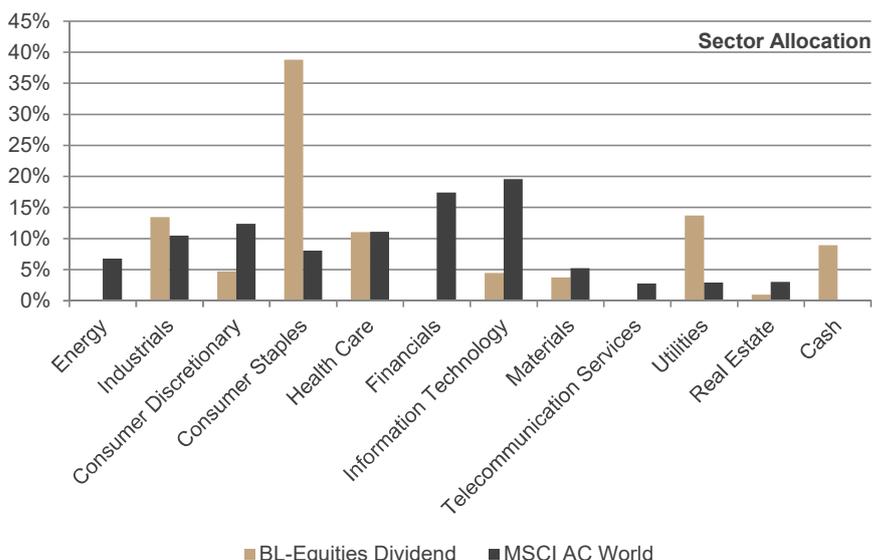
No transactions

**Currency Allocation**

USD	25,0%
EUR	16,1%
CHF	15,7%
GBp	14,9%
HKD	7,4%
SGD	4,2%
ZAR	3,4%
CAD	2,8%
AUD	2,5%
DKK	2,2%
VND	1,8%
CLP	1,6%
SEK	1,3%
TWD	1,1%

**Company Types**

Dividend Payers	26,0%
Dividend Growers	65,1%
Cash	8,9%



Investor type	Clean Share	Eligibility Restrictions	Share Class	Curr.	Income	Hedging	Mgmt fees	On-going Charges	SRRI	ISIN	Bloomberg Ticker
Retail	No	No	<b>A</b>	EUR	Dis	No	1,25%	1,44%	5	LU0309191491	BLEQDIA LX
Retail	No	No	<b>B</b>	EUR	Cap	No	1,25%	1,44%	5	LU0309191657	BLEQDIB LX
Retail	No	No	<b>B CHF Hedged</b>	CHF	Cap	Yes	1,25%	1,44%	5	LU1305477611	BLEDBCH LX
Retail	No	No	<b>B USD Hedged</b>	USD	Cap	Yes	1,25%	1,44%	5	LU0751781666	BLEQDH1 LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	<b>AM</b>	EUR	Dis	No	0,85%	1,05%	5	LU1484142978	BLEQDAM LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	<b>BM</b>	EUR	Cap	No	0,85%	1,03%	5	LU1484143190	BLEQDBM LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	<b>BM CHF Hedged</b>	CHF	Cap	Yes	0,85%	1,04%	5	LU1484143356	BLEDBMC LX
Retail	Yes	Yes	<b>BM USD Hedged</b>	USD	Cap	Yes	0,85%	1,03%	5	LU1484143430	BLEDBMU LX
Institutional	No	Yes	<b>AI</b>	EUR	Dis	No	0,60%	0,75%	5	LU0495663105	BLEQDAI LX
Institutional	No	Yes	<b>BI</b>	EUR	Cap	No	0,60%	0,75%	5	LU0439765594	BLEQDVI LX
Institutional	No	Yes	<b>BI USD Hedged</b>	USD	Cap	Yes	0,60%	0,75%	5	LU1191324448	BLEBIUH LX

## Management Report

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In June 2018, BL-Equities Dividend gained 0.35% (retail accumulation unit in euros, net of fees).

More specifically, PepsiCo (snacks, soft drinks), Kimberly-Clark (personal hygiene products) and Gilead Sciences (biotechnology) were the major contributors to the fund's performance. At the other end of the spectrum, Jiangsu Expressway (road tolls), Life Healthcare Group (private hospital operator) and Guangdong Investment (water supply concession) were the poorest performers.

During the period, we reduced the following lines for valuation reasons: Guangdong Investment, Canadian National Railway (rail freight), Domino's Pizza Group, Hengan (personal hygiene products), Wesfarmers (supermarkets, DIY and office equipment stores) and GlaxoSmithKline (pharmaceutical products).

None of our 41 positions were strengthened and no new lines were introduced.

The most recent entry to the fund was Coloplast (in November 2017), that we met again this month. The company was founded in Denmark in 1957 and is the world leader in solutions for ostomy and incontinence, its two main divisions, as well as wound care and urology. Following our meeting, we remain optimistic about:

- its strengths: critical and intimate products consumed at regular intervals over many years in chronic care cases, where quality (reliability and comfort) are much more important than price (incidentally quite low in absolute terms); strong capacity for innovation; close relations with patients and interested parties; limited investment requirement and efficient production tool; high profitability and cash flow generation, sound financial situation and generous dividends;

- its challenges: reforms creating price pressures on certain products in France and Greece; class action in the United States on transvaginal mesh products manufactured by Coloplast and other manufacturers; expiration of the patent on SpeediCath standard catheter; strategic decisions on the Urology and Wound and Skin Care divisions; Amazon's potential entry in distribution;

- opportunities to exploit: recent introduction of reimbursement by the healthcare authorities in Japan, Australia, South Korea and Portugal; competitor Convatec's difficulties; growing access to healthcare in emerging markets and an ageing population in developed countries.

At the end of the period, BL-Equities Dividend offered a gross weighted average yield of 3.4% (cash included).

## Investment Approach

### Investment Principles

#### **Limit losses**

The value of an investment that has lost 50% must double to recover incurred losses.

> *Avoiding losses is more important than generating extraordinary gains.*

#### **Master investment risks**

Risks arise when the parameters of an investment are not properly understood.

> *We avoid investing in assets we do not fully understand.*

#### **Valuation / margin of safety**

The price paid for an investment determines its potential return.

> *The objective is to invest with a safety margin to increase the potential return and limit the risk of loss.*

#### **Consideration of an entire business cycle**

Our circumspect approach may lead us to forego part of potential performance in soaring markets, but will pay off in falling markets.

> *Our objective is to outperform the relevant markets indices over an entire business cycle, with lower volatility and by limiting the drawdown in challenging markets.*

#### **Active Management**

The market reference is solely used for performance measurement principles.

> *Owing to the active investment approach of our portfolio management, the portfolio structure may deviate strongly from that of market indices.*

### Equity selection: “Business-Like Investing” approach

We consider an equity investment as a long-term participation in a quality business. As a consequence, we need to make sure that the businesses we invest in are able to compete successfully within their lines of business and remain profitable for the years to come.

#### **Quality**

In the first step of our investment process, we perform an in-depth review of the targeted company's business model in order to identify its sustainable competitive advantages. A competitive advantage differentiates the company from its competitors and creates barriers to entry, adding value for its investors.

Secondly, we analyse whether the competitive advantage translates into high return on capital employed and recurrent free cash flows. We put a special emphasis on the analysis of the maintenance capex requirements of the targeted companies to make sure that the cash flow generated is not absorbed by investment needs to sustain the company's current business operations.

Thirdly, we analyse if the targeted company uses its capital wisely. The company's management faces the following options: investment in current business, development of new activities, takeovers, dividend payments, stock buybacks or debt repayments.

Only companies that comply with our bottom-up quality criteria are considered for inclusion into our portfolios, which may lead to significant deviations from the relevant market indices.

#### **Valuation**

Even investments in quality companies may result in significant capital losses if the price that was paid for the investment proves too high. To avoid this pitfall, we determine a fair value for each targeted company prior to investing. This fair value is based on the company's normalised free cash flow and serves as reference point for our buy and sell discipline.

### Dividends

In the long term, a significant proportion of the total return from equities comes from dividends. Moreover, empirical studies show that over the long term, the shares of companies with an efficient dividend policy have outperformed the equity markets, with lower volatility. This is even more significant when dividends are reinvested. Also, unlike declared profits dividends represent actual expenses for a company and cannot be manipulated. Dividends can also be an indicator of a company's future performance, and tend to offer protection against inflation.

In the current environment (historically low interest rates, unconventional monetary policies, generally quite high valuations) the dividend strategy is more attractive than ever.

Furthermore, in the future, shares of companies that pay generous dividends will be more sought after, buoyed by the demand of an ageing global population (as they offer income without the need to sell off capital, and tend to be less volatile).

#### **BLI specifics**

First, we select high-quality value-creating companies, then we apply our strict dividend filter to pick those which offer attractive and sustainable yields.

In our view, a portfolio with a shrewd combination of “dividend growers” and “dividend payers” can offer a higher risk-adjusted return than the equity markets.

The term “dividend growers” relates to companies offering a moderate dividend yield but strong potential to increase their dividend. Historically, shares of companies in a position to “grow” their dividend have outperformed those of companies content with a high payout.

“Dividend payers” are companies offering less potential to increase their dividend but a high (and sustainable) yield that could constitute a cushion in hard times.

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