

# BGF European Special Situations Fund Class E2 EUR

## JUNE 2023 FACTSHEET

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 30-Jun-2023. All other data as at: 13-Jul-2023.

Investors should read the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus prior to investing.

### FUND OVERVIEW

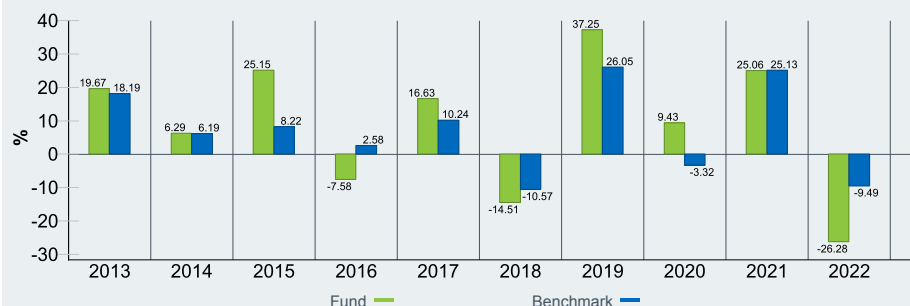
The Fund aims to maximise the return on your investment through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's assets and invest in a manner consistent with the principles of environmental, social and governance (ESG) investing. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities (e.g. shares) of companies domiciled in, or the main business of which is in, Europe. In particular, the Fund will invest in the equity securities of "special situations" companies, which, in the investment adviser's (IA) opinion, are companies with potential for improvement that the market has failed to appreciate. In normal market conditions the Fund invests at least 50% of its total assets in small and mid-capitalisation companies. Small and mid-capitalisation companies are considered companies which, at the time of purchase, form the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of European stock markets. Market capitalisation is the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued. The term Europe refers to all European countries including the United Kingdom, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union countries

### GROWTH OF HYPOTHETICAL 10,000 EUR SINCE INCEPTION



Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in EUR. Source: BlackRock. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested. **Past performance is not a guide to future performance.**

### % CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS



Share Class performance is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, net of fees in the dealing currency specified and do not include sales charge or taxes. Returns assume reinvestment of any distributions. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.

**KEY RISKS:** Shares in smaller companies typically trade in less volume and experience greater price variations than larger companies.

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**CAPITAL AT RISK:** The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

### KEY FACTS

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Asset Class                | Equity                         |
| Morningstar Category       | Europe Large-Cap Growth Equity |
| Fund Launch Date           | 20-Mar-2003                    |
| Share Class Launch Date    | 14-Oct-2002                    |
| Fund Base Currency         | EUR                            |
| Share Class Currency       | EUR                            |
| Fund Size (AUM)            | 1,248.38 EUR                   |
| Benchmark                  | MSCI Europe Index              |
| Domicile                   | Luxembourg                     |
| Fund Type                  | UCITS                          |
| ISIN                       | LU0154235443                   |
| Bloomberg Ticker           | MLEUGRE                        |
| Distribution Type          | Accumulating                   |
| Minimum Initial Investment | 5,000 USD*                     |
| Management Company         | BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.    |

\* or currency equivalent

### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

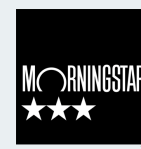
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### TOP HOLDINGS (%)

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUITTON SE | 6.81         |
| NOVO NORDISK A/S                    | 6.48         |
| ASML HOLDING NV                     | 5.07         |
| STMICROELECTRONICS NV               | 4.07         |
| LINDE PLC                           | 3.91         |
| LONZA GROUP AG                      | 3.86         |
| DSV A/S                             | 3.80         |
| RELX PLC                            | 3.48         |
| ASTRAZENECA PLC                     | 3.25         |
| FERRARI NV                          | 3.02         |
| <b>Total of Portfolio</b>           | <b>43.75</b> |

Holdings subject to change

### RATINGS



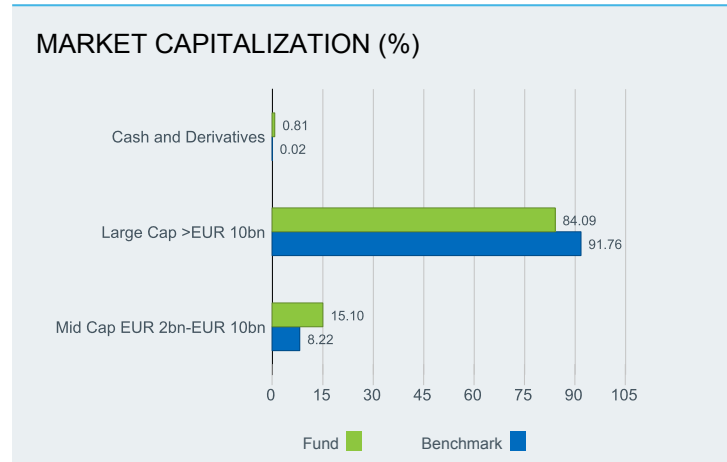
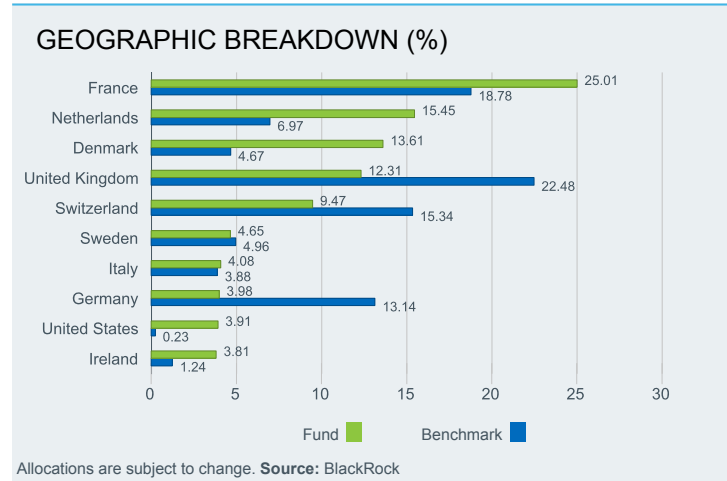
**Key Risks Continued:** The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events. The Fund seeks to exclude companies engaging in certain activities inconsistent with ESG criteria. Investors should therefore make a personal ethical assessment of the Fund's ESG screening prior to investing in the Fund. Such ESG screening may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.

| SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)    |       |           |       |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
|                         | Fund  | Benchmark | +/-   |
| Industrials             | 26.96 | 15.16     | 11.79 |
| Health Care             | 16.54 | 15.62     | 0.92  |
| Information Technology  | 14.53 | 6.98      | 7.55  |
| Consumer Discretionary  | 13.97 | 11.92     | 2.05  |
| Financials              | 11.73 | 17.20     | -5.47 |
| Consumer Staples        | 7.42  | 12.49     | -5.07 |
| Materials               | 6.72  | 6.87      | -0.14 |
| Communication           | 1.32  | 3.12      | -1.80 |
| Cash and/or Derivatives | 0.81  | 0.02      | 0.79  |
| Energy                  | 0.00  | 5.55      | -5.55 |
| Utilities               | 0.00  | 4.37      | -4.37 |
| Real Estate             | 0.00  | 0.72      | -0.72 |

<sup>1</sup>Allocations are subject to change. **Source:** BlackRock

| FEES AND EXPENSES  |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Max Initial Charge | 3.00% |
| Max Exit Fee       | 0.00% |
| Ongoing Charge     | 2.32% |
| Performance Fee    | 0.00% |

| DEALING INFORMATION |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Settlement          | Trade Date + 3 days          |
| Dealing Frequency   | Daily, forward pricing basis |



## SUSTAINABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Sustainability Characteristics can help investors integrate non-financial, sustainability considerations into their investment process. These metrics enable investors to evaluate funds based on their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. This analysis can provide insight into the effective management and long-term financial prospects of a fund.

The metrics below have been provided for transparency and informational purposes only. The existence of an ESG rating is not indicative of how or whether ESG factors will be integrated into a fund. The metrics are based on MSCI ESG Fund Ratings and, unless otherwise stated in fund documentation and included within a fund's investment objective, do not change a fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe, and there is no indication that an ESG or Impact focused investment strategy or exclusionary screens will be adopted by a fund. For more information regarding a fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

|   |               |   |        |
|---|---------------|---|--------|
| <b>MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)</b>           | AA            | <b>MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)</b>                                | 7.86   |
| <b>MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile</b> | 40.60%        | <b>MSCI ESG % Coverage</b>  | 99.82% |
| <b>Fund Lipper Global Classification</b>        | Equity Europe | <b>MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)</b> | 61.75  |
| <b>Funds in Peer Group</b>                      | 1,069         |   |        |

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21-Jun-2023**, based on holdings as of **31-Jan-2023**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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## ESG GLOSSARY:

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC):** The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

**MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10):** The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

**MSCI ESG % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score and MSCI ESG Quality Score – Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds).

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES):** Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

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GLOSSARY

**Market Capitalization:** is the total value of the shares issued by a company which trades on the stock exchange.

**Ongoing Charge:** is a figure representing all annual charges and other payments taken from the fund.

**Price to Book Ratio:** represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share.

**Price to Earnings (TTM) Ratio:** represents the ratio of the market price per share of a company to the company's earnings per share for a twelve-month period (usually the last 12 months or trailing twelve months (TTM)).



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