# **Key Information Document**



#### Purpose

There is no requirement for investors to receive a Key Information Document before purchasing shares in BlackRock American Income Trust plc. However, this document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information was required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products. Other documents are also available to help you understand the potential gains and losses of this product, notably the BlackRock American Income Trust plc (the "Fund")'s annual and interim report and monthly factsheet. These can all be found on the Fund's website at <a href="https://www.blackrock.com/uk/brai.">www.blackrock.com/uk/brai.</a>

#### **Product**

**BlackRock American Income Trust plc** (the "Fund"), **Ordinary Shares** (the "Shares"), ISIN: **GB00B7W0XJ61**, is manufactured by BlackRock Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager"). The Manager is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"). More information is available at **www.blackrock.com** or by calling **020 7743 3000**. This document is dated 20 December 2024.

### What is this product?

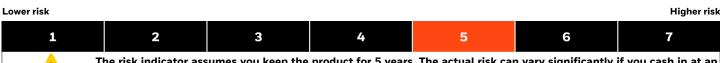
**Type:** The Fund is a closed-ended investment company, incorporated as a public limited company in England and Wales. The Fund's Shares are listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange.

**Term:** The Fund does not have a fixed term of existence, or maturity period, but in certain circumstances it may be wound up by the directors and shareholders of the Fund, subject to compliance with the Fund's articles of association and applicable laws. The Fund may not be unilaterally terminated by the Manager.

### **Objectives**

- The Fund aims to maximise the return on your investment through a combination of long term capital growth and income on the Fund's assets.
- The Fund will seek to achieve its objective by investing primarily in the equity securities (e.g. shares) of large and medium capitalisation companies listed on a stock exchange in North America (meaning Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon and United States of America, as defined by the United Nation's publication "Standard Country or Area Codes for Statistical Use") or otherwise having a certain level of business in or operational connection with North America (as previously defined). Market capitalisation is the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares in issue. The Fund will also have the ability to invest in equity securities of companies listed on other stock exchanges and/or companies located outside of North America.
- The Manager will take into account certain environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics when selecting the securities to be held directly by the Fund. In doing so, it will apply BlackRock EMEA Baseline Screens, whereby the Manager will seek to limit and/or exclude direct investment (as applicable) in issuers which, in the opinion of the Manager, have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors. For further details please refer to the BlackRock website at www.blackrock.com/baselinescreens
- The Manager seeks to deliver a superior ESG outcome versus the Reference Index (the Russell 1000 Value Index or such other index as may be agreed by the Fund and the Manager to be appropriate from time to time) by aiming for the Fund's portfolio to achieve: (i) a better ESG score than the Reference Index; and (ii) a lower carbon emissions intensity score than the Reference Index. However, there can be no guarantee that these aims will be achieved.
- The Fund may also invest in equity-related (ER) securities (such as depositary receipts which are investments issued by financial institutions which give exposure to underlying securities), other funds, fixed income securities (such as bonds), money market instruments (MMIs) (i.e. debt securities with short term maturities), convertible securities (fixed income securities that can be exchanged for shares on or before maturity) and preference shares (shares which give their holders an entitlement to a fixed dividend but which do not usually carry voting rights). The fixed income securities and MMIs may be issued by governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals. The Fund may invest in the full range of fixed income securities which may include investments with a relatively low credit rating or which are unrated.
- The Investment Manager may use derivatives (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets) to help achieve the Fund's investment objective. These may include call options whereby the buyer has the right, but not the obligation, to buy a specified quantity of a security at a specified price within a fixed period of time. The use of derivatives is expected to be limited.
- The Fund may borrow to purchase assets for the Fund. The Fund may, via derivatives and borrowing, generate varying amounts of market leverage (i.e. where the Fund gains market exposure in excess of the value of its assets). This will magnify any gains or losses made by the Fund
- The Fund is actively managed and the Investment Manager has discretion to select the Fund's investments.
- The Fund's full investment objective and policy is set out in the current AIFMD Fund Disclosures document, which can be found at www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/products/investment-trusts/our-range
- The return on your investment in the Fund is directly related to the prevailing market price of the Fund's Shares and may not reflect the value of the underlying assets of the Fund at the point of sale less costs (see "What are the costs?" below). Shares of the Fund are bought and sold on the secondary market. Typically, at any given time on any given day the price you pay for a Share will be higher than the price at which you can sell it.
- The price of equity securities fluctuates daily and may be influenced by factors affecting the performance of the individual companies issuing the equities, as well as market factors (e.g. supply and demand), and broader economic and political developments which in turn may affect the value of your investment.
- The price of a derivative changes on a daily basis depending on the value of the underlying reference asset(s) which in turn may affect the value of your investment. A change in the value of underlying reference assets can have a greater impact on the value of derivatives than if the assets were held directly since derivatives can be more sensitive to changes in the value of underlying reference assets.
- The Shares carry the right to receive dividends declared by the Fund.
- The relationship between the return on your investment, how it is impacted and the period for which you hold your investment is considered below under "How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?"
- The Shares are denominated in Sterling, the Fund's base currency.

Intended retail investor: The Fund is intended for retail investors with the ability to bear losses up to the amount invested in the Fund. Insurance benefits: The Fund does not offer any insurance benefits.





The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

- We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium high risk class. This classification rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium high level, and poor market conditions could affect the value of your investment. This classification is not
- guaranteed and may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- **Be aware of currency risk.** If you receive payments in a currency that is different to the product's base currency, the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above. Please refer to the product's AIFMD Disclosure for details of other materially relevant risks that may apply to this product.
- If the product is not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

# Investment performance information

- The Fund invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of North American equity securities, with a focus on large-capitalisation and medium-
- · capitalisation companies that pay and grow their dividends. Market capitalisation is the share price of the company multiplied by the
- number of shares in issue.
- The Fund's performance is compared with the Russell 1000 Value Index in GBP ("Index"). The Index is comprised of mega, large, mid, and
- small capitalisation companies listed in the US which may cause the overall performance of the Index as well as the Fund to be volatile.

## What could affect my return positively?

A positive return of the Fund may be achieved when equity markets are rising and the outlook for the US equity market is positive.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

## What could affect my return negatively?

A negative return of the Fund may be achieved when equity markets are falling and the outlook for US equity markets is negative.

- Under severe market conditions, it is expected that negative returns will be experienced across most asset classes and the Fund is likely to
  experience losses. An investor seeking to sell their shares under such adverse conditions may experience a financial loss due to negative performance, share price volatility, trading costs, and potential lack of liquidity. The return on your investment in the Fund is directly related
- to the prevailing market price of the Fund's Shares and may not reflect the value of the underlying assets of the Fund at the point of sale.

# What happens if BlackRock Fund Managers Limited is unable to pay out?

The Manager is not obliged to pay out the Shares in the Fund. The Fund is a closed-ended investment company and, as such, shareholders in the Fund have no right to have their shares redeemed or repurchased by the Fund. The Fund is required to pay out any surplus assets to shareholders on a winding up of the Fund, provided the Fund has satisfied all of its liabilities. As a shareholder of the Fund you would not be able to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme about the Fund in the event that the Fund is unable to pay out.

## What are the costs?

This disclosure has been prepared with reference to the FCA's statement on 19 September 2024 that Investment Trusts are no longer required to comply with the cost disclosure requirements under the UK PRIIPs Regulation. The person/company selling you or advising you about this product may charge you costs (which may include broker commission, platform fees, advisory fees and/or stamp duty). If so, this person/company will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time. In purchasing the Fund's ordinary shares, as with shares in listed companies more generally, there should be no additional costs paid by you other than those mentioned above.

The Association of Investment Companies ("AIC") has recommended that Investment Trusts disclose an Ongoing Charges Figure ("OCF"). This is calculated annually as a percentage of the average net assets and provides an indication of the underlying day-to-day operating costs of the Fund. BlackRock American Income Trust plc discloses its operating costs in its annual report and accounts, along with an OCF in line with AIC guidance. The most recently audited OCF for the year ended 31 October 2023 was 1.03%. More information on the calculation of the OCF, as well as costs more generally, are set out in the annual report which can be found at the following link: www.blackrock.com/uk/brai.

The costs within the OCF are expenses incurred by the Fund and for the avoidance of doubt, the OCF is not an additional cost paid by shareholders to the Fund. The Fund's published net asset value is net of all costs/fees included within the OCF calculation. Therefore, in line with the FCA's forbearance statement, the costs set out in the below tables are now marked as zero as there are no additional costs payable by you to the Fund or its Manager associated with purchasing the Fund's shares.

Investment GBP 10,000 Scenarios	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 3 years	If you cash in after 5 years
Total costs	0 GBP	0 GBP	0 GBP
Impact on return (RIY) per year	0%	0%	0%

### **Composition of Costs**

The table below shows:

- the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period.
- the meaning of the different cost categories.

One-off costs	Entry costs	-	We do not charge an entry fee.*
	Exit costs	-	We do not charge an exit fee.*
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0%	You should be aware that operating costs are incurred by the Fund, as set out in the Fund's annual report.
	Other ongoing costs	0%	The Fund's operating costs and OCF are set out in the Company's annual report. The most recently audited OCF for the year ended 31 October 2023 was 1.03%. More information on the calculation of the OCF, as well as costs more generally, are set out in the annual report which can be found at the following link: www.blackrock.com/uk/brai **
Incidental costs	Performance fees	-	There is no performance fee for this product.
	Carried interests	-	There are no carried interests for this product.

- \* Please refer to the person selling you or advising you about this product for the actual charges.
- \*\* 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. BlackRock's securities lending revenue absorbs any associated costs and does not increase the costs paid by the Fund. Any securities lending costs are excluded from the other on-going costs figure.

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early? Recommended Holding Period: 5 years

The recommended holding period (RHP) has been calculated in line with the investment strategy of the Fund and the time frame in which it is expected that it will be possible to achieve the investment objective of the Fund. Any investment should be considered against your specific investment needs and appetite for risk. BlackRock has not considered the suitability or appropriateness of this investment for your personal circumstances. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of the Fund to your needs you should seek appropriate professional advice. Details of dealing frequency can be found under "What is this product?". You may receive less than expected if you cash in earlier than the RHP. The RHP is an estimate and must not be taken as a guarantee or an indication of future performance, return or risk levels. Please see the "What are the costs?" section for details of any exit fees.

# How can I complain?

If you are not entirely satisfied with any aspect of the service you have received and you wish to complain, details of our complaints handling process are available at www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/about-blackrock/contact-us. Additionally, you can also write to the Investor Services Team, at BlackRock's UK Registered Office, 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL or e-mail them at cosec@blackrock.com.

# Other relevant information

The latest version of this document, the latest annual report and half-yearly report and any additional information issued to shareholders can be obtained free of charge, in English, from www.blackrock.com or by calling the Investor Services Team on 020 7743 3000 or from your broker, financial adviser or distributor.

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