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# BlackRock European Special Situations Fund A2 EUR DECEMBER 2020 FACTSHEET



Performance, Top Holdings, Portfolio Breakdowns and Characteristics, and Net Assets as at 31-Dec-2020. All other data as at 17-Jan-2021.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- The Fund's investments in equities could incur significant losses due to higher fluctuation of equity values. The Fund may invest in assets denominated in various currencies. Changes in exchange rates and currency controls may affect the value of the Fund's assets. The Fund's investments are concentrated in Europe. This may result in greater volatility than more broad-based investments.
- The Fund is subject to emerging market risk, foreign investments restrictions risk, smaller companies' volatility and liquidity risks, contingent convertible bonds risk and currency conversion risk including Renminbi denominated Classes.
- The Fund may use derivatives for hedging and for investment purposes. However, usage for investment purposes will not be extensive. The Fund may suffer losses from its derivatives usage
- The value of the Fund can be volatile and can go down substantially within a short period of time. It is possible that a certain amount of your investment could be lost.
- Investors should not make investment decisions based on this document alone. Investors should refer to the Prospectus and Key Facts Statement for details including risk factors.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The European Special Situations Fund seeks to maximise total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its total assets in the equity securities of companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activities in, Europe.

The Fund places particular emphasis on "special situations" companies that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, are companies with potential for improvement that the market has failed to appreciate. Such companies generally take the form of small, mid or large capitalisation companies that are undervalued and exhibit growth investment characteristics, such as above-average growth rates in earnings or sales and high or improving returns on capital. In some cases such companies can also benefit from changes in corporate strategy and business restructuring.

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.



These figures show as a NAV change of the Fund based on a hypothetical 10,000 investment in the share class

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

	3 mths	6 mths	YTD	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Share Class	9.24	16.25	9.98	9.98	51.70	30.36	41.92	452.20
Benchmark	10.80	10.91	-3.32	-3.32	21.86	8.98	23.24	222.21

### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Share Class	9.98	37.94	-14.07	17.21	-7.12
Benchmark	-3.32	26.05	-10.57	10.24	2.58

Share class performance is calculated on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with income reinvested, net of fees. Performance is calculated in the relevant share class currency, including ongoing charges and taxes and excluding subscription and redemption fees, if applicable. Benchmark performance displayed in denominated currency and for comparative purpose only. Source: BlackRock. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.

#### **RATINGS**



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#### **KEY FACTS**

**Asset Class** Equity Morningstar Category Europe Large-Cap Growth Equity Inception Date 20-Mar-2003 **Share Class Launch Date** 14-Oct-2002 **Fund Base Currency** FUR **Share Class Currency EUR** Fund Size (mil) 1,264.58 EUR Benchmark MSCI Europe Index **Domicile** Luxembourg **Fund Type UCITS** 1110154234636 ISIN **Bloomberg Index Ticker MLEUGRA Distribution Frequency** Non-Distributing

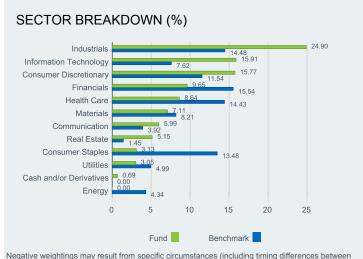
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#### TOP HOLDINGS (%) ASML HOLDING NV 5.01 LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUITTON 3.47 SE ORSTED A/S 3.05 AUTO TRADER GROUP PLC 2.90 FERRARI NV 2.83 LONZA GROUP AG 2.69 WORLDLINE SA 2.65 **DEUTSCHE WOHNEN SE** 2.64 NOVO NORDISK A/S 2.53 LEG IMMOBILIEN AG 2.51

30.28

Holdings subject to change

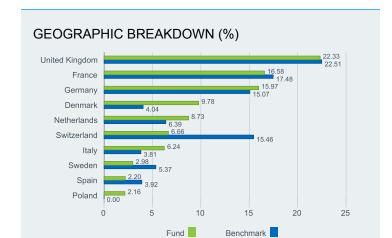


Negative weightings may result from specific circumstances (including timing differences between trade and settlement dates of securities purchased by the funds) and/or the use of certain financial instruments, including derivatives, which may be used to gain or reduce market exposure and/or risk management. Allocations are subject to change. Due to rounding, the total may not be equal to 100 %.

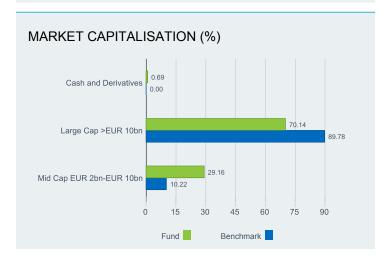
#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Average Market Capitalisation (millions)44,212.78 EURPrice to Earnings Ratio27.83xPrice to Book Ratio3.31x

#### FEES AND CHARGES



Geographic exposure relates principally to the domicile of the issuers of the securities held in the product, added together and then expressed as a percentage of the product's total holdings. However, in some instances it can reflect the geography where the issuer of the securities carries out much of their business. "Others" excluded from the chart above.



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The Fund changed its investment policy and objective in 2017. Prior to this performance of the Fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. Effective 14 February

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2014, the Benchmark changed from MSCI Europe Growth Index to MSCI Europe Index. The performance of the benchmark prior to 14 February 2014 is that of MSCI Europe Growth. In 2014 the European Small & MidCap Opportunities Fund was merged into the European Growth Fund and the surviving fund was re-named as the European Special Situations Fund and its investment policy and benchmark were changed. Prior to this performance of the Fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. Sources: BlackRock and Morningstar. Performance is shown as of the month end in share class currency on a NAV to NAV price basis with income reinvested, net of fees. The above Fund data is for information only and does not constitute an offer or invitation to anyone to invest in any BlackRock Global Funds (BGF) and has not been prepared in connection with any such offer. The Funds mentioned in this document are Funds of BlackRock Global Funds. BGF is an open-ended investment company established in Luxembourg which is available for sale in certain jurisdictions only. BGF is not available for sale in the U.S. or to U.S. persons. Product information concerning BGF should not be published in the U.S. Investment involves risk. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance or returns. The value of investments and the income from them can fluctuate and is not guaranteed. Rates of exchange may cause the value of investments to go up or down. Investors may not get back the amount they invest. Individual stock price/figure does not represent the return of the Fund. The investment returns are denominated in share class dealing currency, which may be a foreign currency. If so, US/HK dollar/foreign currency exchange rate. For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the BGF Prospectus for details, including risk factors. Issued by BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited. This material and the BlackRock website (www.blackrock.com/hk) have not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong. BlackRock is

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#### 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.

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	AA	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	7.95
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer	66.70%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	99.52%
Percentile		MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	66.47
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Europe	Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	
Funds in Peer Group	1		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **07-Jan-2021**, based on holdings as of **31-Jul-2020**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% of the fund's gross weight must come from securities covered by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating a fund's gross weight; the absolute values of short positions are included but treated as uncovered), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old, and the fund must have at least ten securities. For newly launched funds, sustainability characteristics are typically available 6 months after launch.

#### **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. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. 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 a fund's holdings that have MSCI ESG ratings data.

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.

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