# BGF Japan Flexible Equity Fund A2 Hedged U.S. Dollar

### BlackRock Global Funds



April 2024

Unless otherwise stated, Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 30-Apr-2024.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Japan Flexible Equity 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 activity in, Japan. The Fund normally invests in securities that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, exhibit either growth or value investment characteristics, placing an emphasis as the market outlook warrants.

### **CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE**

	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	<b>1</b> y	3у	5у	S.I.
Fund	1.56	14.20	30.76	24.24	51.37	18.14	17.40	11.51
Benchmark	-1.07	8.68	24.33	17.89	37.80	15.75	14.02	10.78
Share Class [Max IC Applied]	-3.52	8.49	24.22	18.03	43.80	16.14	16.20	10.98
Base Share Class	1.18	13.05	27.74	22.42	44.00	15.10	15.24	5.67
Base Share Class [Max IC appplied]	-3.88	7.39	21.35	16.30	36.80	13.15	14.07	5.39

### **CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund	21.85	17.81	10.97	-6.64	36.45
Benchmark	18.48	8.76	13.44	-4.49	28.56

The base share class currency is as indicated in the "Key Facts" section. For hedged currency share classes only, the benchmark reflected is in the base currency.

#### **KEY FACTS**

Asset Class: Equity

**Benchmark :** MSCI Japan (Net) **Fund Inception Date :** 18-Feb-2005

Share Class Inception Date: 19-Jun-2013

Fund Base CCY: JPY

Share Class Currency: USD
Net Assets (mil): 78,551.16 JPY
Morningstar Category: Other Equity

SFDR Classification: Article 8

ISIN: LU0940328577

Bloomberg Ticker: BGJVA2U

### **FEES AND CHARGES\***

Initial Charge: 5.00%

**Annual Management Fee: 1.50%** 

\*For Fee details, please refer to the Fund

Prospectus.

### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

**5 Years Beta:** 0.95

**5 Years Volatility:** 14.46 **3 Years Volatility:** 12.79

3 Years Beta: 0.97

Price to Book Ratio: 1.61x
Price to Earnings Ratio: 18.57x

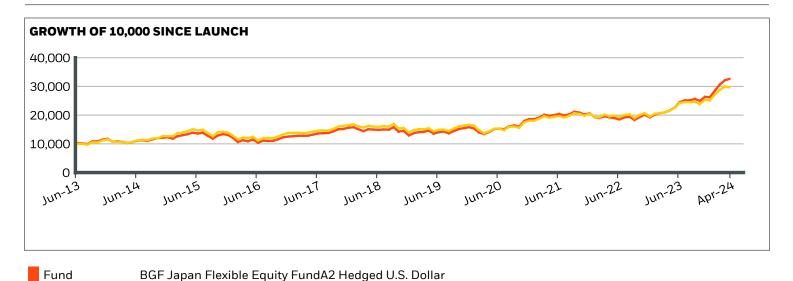
Number of Holdings: 55

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Rie Shigekawa

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#### SUSTAINABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

MSCI Japan (Net)

Benchmark

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)	А	MSCI ESG % Coverage	100.00%
MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.95	MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	32.71%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Japan	Funds in Peer Group	853
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	37.65	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	97.46%

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Apr 2024**, based on holdings as of **30 Nov 2023**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

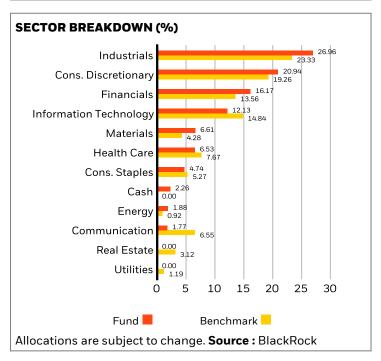
To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds) of the fund's gross weight must come from securities with ESG coverage by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating 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.

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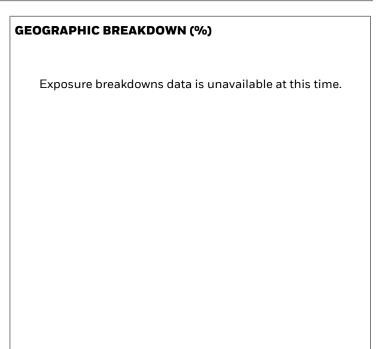
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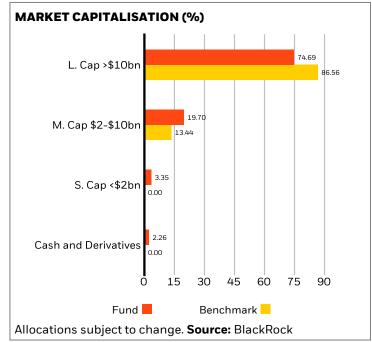
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TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	
TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION	4.20%
HITACHI LTD	3.63%
RECRUIT HOLDINGS CO LTD	3.54%
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	3.48%
SHIN-ETSU CHEMICAL CO LTD	3.46%
SUMITOMO MITSUI FINANCIAL GROUP INC	3.45%
TOKIO MARINE HOLDINGS INC	3.32%
MITSUBISHI CORPORATION	3.05%
MITSUI & CO LTD	2.96%
DENSO CORPORATION	2.90%
Total of Portfolio	33.99%



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**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.

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

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 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.

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

**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.

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.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Prior to 10 November 2022, the Fund was managed by Tad Fukushima and Rie Shigekawa. Prior to 1 April 2021, the Fund was managed by Tad Fukushima. 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. Prior to 1 March 2017 the Fund was managed by Ryoichi Hayashi. Prior to 1 January 2015 the Fund was managed by Marc Desmidt. Prior to 8 January 2014 the Fund was managed by Rob Weatherston. In 2014 the Japan Fund was merged into the Japan Value Fund and the surviving fund was re-named as the Japan Flexible Equity Fund and its investment policy was changed. Prior to this performance of the Fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.

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