# **BlackRock MSCI EAFE Equity Index Fund M**

MSCI EAFE NR USD

#### Overall Morningstar Rating™ Morningstar Return Morningstar Risk Ahove Average Average Out of 679 Foreign Large Blend investments. An investment's overall Morningstar Rating, based on its risk-

adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings. See disclosure page for

# **Investment Objective & Strategy**

The Fund is an "index fund" that seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of its Underlying Index (defined below)

The Fund is a collective investment trust maintained and managed by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC").

The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in a portfolio of international equity securities whose total rates of return will approximate as closely as practicable the capitalization weighted total rates of return of the markets in certain countries for equity securities traded outside the United States. The primary criterion for selection of investments in the Fund shall be the MSCI EAFE Net Dividend Return Index (the "Underlying Index"). BTC uses a "passive" or indexing approach to try to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

#### Operations and Management

Fund Inception Date 03-20-12 Expense Ratio 0.05%

Portfolio Manager(s) Management Team BlackRock Institutional Trust Name of Issuer

Company NA

BlackRock Institutional Trust Management Company

Company NA

# Benchmark Description: MSCI EAFE NR USD

The index measures the performance of the large and mid cap segments of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada equity securities. It is free float-adjusted marketcapitalization weighted.

# Category Description: Foreign Large Blend

Foreign large-blend portfolios invest in a variety of big international stocks. Most of these portfolios divide their assets among a dozen or more developed markets, including Japan, Britain, France, and Germany. These portfolios primarily invest in stocks that have market caps in the top 70% of each economically integrated market (such as Europe or Asia ex-Japan). The blend style is assigned to portfolios where neither growth nor value characteristics predominate. These portfolios typically will have less than 20% of assets invested in U.S. stocks.



In the past, this investment has shown a wide range of price fluctuations relative to other investments. This investment may experience significant price increases in favorable markets or undergo large price declines in adverse markets. Some of this risk may be offset by owning other investments that follow different investment strategies.

Performance										
		QTD	YTD	1 \	/ear	3 Year	5 Year	10 Y	ear S	Since Inception
Fund Return %		-4.72	6.80	26.	.43	5.98	3.50	4.	.11	3.46
Benchmark Return %		-4.11	7.08	25.	.65	5.75	3.24	3.	.82	5.11
Category Average %		-4.48	5.95	22	.92	4.33	2.81	3.	.60	4.40
# of Funds in Category		753	737	7	'30	679	622	4	09	_
Calendar Year Total Returns	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	201	5 2014
Total Return %	6.80	-13.92	11.49	8.25	22.43	-13.49	25.35	2.06	-0.5	9 -5.37
Benchmark Return %	7.08	-14.45	11.26	7.82	22.01	-13.79	25.03	1.00	-0.8	1 -4.90
Category Average %	5.95	-15.84	9.72	9.30	21.59	-14.59	25.12	0.79	-1.5	9 -4.98
# of Funds in Category	737	744	767	785	732	741	756	762	78	8 750

Performance Disclosure: The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; thus an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Current Month performance may be higher or lower than return data quoted herein. For more current information including month-end performance, please call 1-844-5HEARST (1-844-543-2778) or visit HearstRetirementSavings.com. Please refer to the performance section of the disclosure page for more information.

Portfolio Analysis as of 09-30-23							
	U.S. Stocks Non-U.S. Stocks	% Assets 0.8 98.7	Morning	star Equi	ty Style Box	™ as of 09-30-23 Giant	% Mkt Cap 49.34
	Bonds Cash Other	0.0 0.3 0.2	Value Pl	lead Co	Mid Small	Large Medium Small Micro	39.45 11.16 0.05 0.00

<b>Top 10 Holdings</b> as of 09-30-23	% Assets	Morningstar World Regions as of 09-30-23	% Fund
Nestle SA	2.05	Americas	0.81
Novo Nordisk A/S Class B	2.02	North America	0.81
ASML Holding NV	1.61	Latin America	0.00
Shell PLC	1.44	Creater France	
AstraZeneca PLC	1.42	Greater Europe	64.83
Novartis AG Registered Shares	1.42	United Kingdom	14.91
9		Europe Developed	49.27
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	1.41	Europe Emerging	0.00
Roche Holding AG	1.30	Africa/Middle East	0.65
Toyota Motor Corp	1.29	,	
HSBC Holdings PLC	1.05	Greater Asia	34.36
		Japan	22.96
Total Number of Stock Holdings	796	Australasia	7.50
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0 16.53	Asia Developed	3.81
Annual Turnover Ratio %		Asia Emerging	0.09
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	422.41		

# Principal Risks as of 09-30-23

Underlying Fund Risk 1, Equity Investment Risk, Foreign Investment Risk 1, Securities Lending Risk 1, Derivatives Risk 1, Mid-Capitalization Companies Risk, Large-Capitalization Companies Risk



# **Important Disclosures**

When used as supplemental sales literature, the Investment Profile must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current prospectus as well as this disclosure statement. The performance data given represents past performance and should not be considered indicative of future results. Principal value and investment return will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than the original investment. Fund portfolio statistics change over time. The fund is not FDIC-insured, may lose value and is not guaranteed by a bank or other financial institution.

#### Performance

Total return reflects performance without adjusting for sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all actual ongoing fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted, sales charges would reduce the performance quoted.

Standardized Total Return is total return adjusted for sales charges. The sales charge adjusted for may not necessarily be consistent with the prospectus.

The fund's performance is compared with that of an index. The index is an unmanaged portfolio of specified securities and the index does not reflect any initial or ongoing expenses. A fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the securities in the index.

#### **Expense Ratio**

This is the percentage of fund assets paid for operating expenses and management fees. The expense ratio typically includes the following types of fees: accounting, administrator, advisor, auditor, board of directors, custodial, distribution (12b-1), legal, organizational, professional, registration, shareholder reporting, sub-advisor, and transfer agency. The expense ratio does not reflect the fund's brokerage costs or any investor sales charges. In contrast to the net expense ratio, the gross expense ratio does not reflect any fee waivers in effect during the time period.

# Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box  $^{\text{TM}}$  reveals a fund's investment strategy as of the date noted on this report.

For equity funds, the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned, and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, blend, or growth.) A darkened cell in the style box matrix indicates the weighted average style of the portfolio.

For portfolios holding fixed-income investments, a Fixed Income Style Box is calculated. The vertical axis shows the credit quality based on credit ratings and the horizontal axis shows interest-rate sensitivity as measured by effective duration. There are three credit categories - "High", "Medium", and "Low"; and there are three interest rate sensitivity categories - "Limited", "Moderate", and "Extensive"; resulting in nine possible combinations. As in the Equity Style Box, the combination of credit and interest rate sensitivity for a portfolio is represented by a darkened square in the matrix. Morningstar uses credit rating information from credit rating agencies (CRAs) that have been designated Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States. For a list of all NRSROs, please visit https:// www.sec.gov/ocr/ocr-current-nrsros.html. Additionally, Morningstar will use credit ratings from CRAs which have been recognized by foreign regulatory institutions that are deemed the equivalent of the NRSRO designation. To determine the rating applicable to a holding and the

subsequent holding weighted value of a portfolio two methods may be employed. First is a common methodology approach where if a case exists such that two CRAs have rated a holding, the lower rating of the two should be applied; if three or more CRAs have rated a holding, the median rating should be applied; and in cases where there are more than two ratings and a median rating cannot be determined, the lower of the two middle ratings should be applied.

Alternatively, if there is more than one rating available an average can be calculated from all and applied.

Please Note: Morningstar, Inc. is not an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. Credit ratings for any security held in a portfolio can change over time.

Morningstar uses the credit rating information to calculate a weighted-average credit quality value for the portfolio. This value is based only upon those holdings which are considered to be classified as "fixed income", such a government, corporate, or securitized issues. Other types of holdings such as equities and many, though not all, types of derivatives are excluded. The weighted-average credit quality value is represented by a rating symbol which corresponds to the long-term rating symbol schemas employed by most CRAs. Note that this value is not explicitly published but instead serves as an input in the Style Box calculation. This symbol is then used to map to a Style Box credit quality category of "low," "medium," or "high". Funds with a "low" credit quality category are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be equivalent to the commonly used High Yield classification, meaning a rating below "BBB", portfolios assigned to the "high" credit category have either a "AAA" or "AA+" average credit quality value, while "medium" are those with an average rating of "AA-" inclusive to "BBB-". It is expected and intended that the majority of portfolios will be assigned a credit category of "medium".

For assignment to an interest-rate sensitivity category, Morningstar uses the average effective duration of the portfolio. From this value there are three distinct methodologies employed to determine assignment to category. Portfolio which are assigned to Morningstar municipal-bond categories employ static breakpoints between categories. These breakpoints are: "Limited" equal to 4.5 years or less, "Moderate" equal to 4.5 years to less than 7 years; and "Extensive" equal to more than 7 years. For portfolios assigned to Morningstar categories other than U.S. Taxable, including all domiciled outside the United States, static duration breakpoints are also used: "Limited" equals less than or equal to 3.5 years, "Moderate" equals greater than 3.5 years but less than or equal to 6 years, and "Extensive" is assigned to portfolios with effective durations of more than 6 years.

Note: Interest-rate sensitivity for non-U.S. domiciled portfolios (excluding those in Morningstar convertible categories) may be assigned using average modified duration when average effective duration is not available.

For portfolios Morningstar classifies as U.S. Taxable Fixed-Income, interest-rate sensitivity category assignment is based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI). The classification assignment is dynamically determined relative to the benchmark index value. A "Limited" category will be assigned to portfolios whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI average effective duration, where the average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI the portfolio will be classified as "Moderate", and those portfolios with an average effective duration value 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as

"Extensive".

#### **Additional Fund Information**

#### **Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts**

Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts are professionally managed investment options designed to offer cost effective investments to large investors. The collective Trusts referred to above are overseen by banking regulators and the Separate Accounts referred to above are overseen by the SEC. These vehicles are subject to oversight by the US Department of Labor in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts are not required to have a prospectus.

#### **Investment Risk:**

# **Underlying Fund Risk 1**

The investment objective and strategies of a collective investment trust in which the Fund invests ("Underlying Fund") may differ from the Fund, and there is no assurance that an Underlying Fund will achieve its objective.

## **Equity Investment Risk**

The price of an equity security fluctuates based on changes in the issuer's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. Equity securities are subject to changes in value that may be more volatile than other asset classes.

#### Foreign Investment Risk 1

The Fund may suffer losses due to political, legal, economic and geographic events affecting a non-U.S. issuer or market. The prices of non-U.S. securities may be more volatile than those of securities issued by U.S. corporations or other U.S. entities. Securities of non-U.S. issuers denominated in non-U.S. currencies will expose the Fund to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange prices.

#### Securities Lending Risk 1

The Fund may engage in securities lending, which involves borrower credit risk, settlement risk, and cash collateral-related risks, such as the risk that the return on the cash collateral is insufficient to cover the fees the Fund is committed to pay and the risk that cash collateral may be invested in securities or other instruments that suffer losses or become illiquid.

## **Derivatives Risk 1**

Investments in derivatives (such as futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps and options) may reduce the Fund's returns and/or increase volatility. Fluctuations in the values of derivatives may not correlate perfectly with the overall securities markets. The other party in the transaction may not fulfill its contractual obligation. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives could expose the Fund to losses.

# Mid-Capitalization Companies Risk

Compared to large-capitalization companies, midcapitalization companies may be less stable and more susceptible to adverse developments, and their securities may be more volatile and less liquid.



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# **Large-Capitalization Companies Risk**

Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller capitalization companies. Over certain periods, the performance of large capitalization companies has trailed the performance of overall markets.

