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## BlackRock Global Funds

14 May 2021

Dear Shareholder

We continually review our fund range to ensure that the investment characteristics and positioning of our funds remain both relevant and consistent with the current investment environment and expectations of our clients. After careful consideration, the board of directors (the "Directors") of BlackRock Global Funds (the "Company") is writing to notify you of changes that will be made to the Global Conservative Income Fund (ISINs as listed in the Appendix to this letter) (the "Fund").

The changes set out in this letter will take effect from 30 June 2021 (the "Effective Date") and this letter forms notice to Shareholders of the facts set out below.

Terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as set out in the Prospectus currently in force (available at [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com)).

### **Changes to the statement of investment objectives and policy of the Fund**

From the Effective Date, the investment strategy of the Fund will change to adopt Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles. The Fund will continue to follow a flexible asset allocation policy in pursuit of a conservative level of income (with a focus on capital stability) but going forward will do so in a manner that is consistent with the principles of ESG focused investing.

As part of the change of strategy, the Fund will apply the BlackRock EMEA Baseline Screens. The Investment Adviser also intends to limit direct investment in securities of issuers involved in the production, distribution or licensing of alcoholic products; the ownership or operation of gambling-related activities or facilities; production, supply and mining activities related to nuclear power and production of adult entertainment materials. To undertake this analysis, the Investment Adviser may use data provided by external ESG Providers, proprietary models and local intelligence and may undertake site visits.

The changes are not expected to materially impact income generation opportunities for the Fund. It is intended that the changes to this Fund will be beneficial to Shareholders (and attractive to new investors) by providing a more ESG focused investment strategy with no material change to the risk and return profile of the Fund. The Fund will however be subject to ESG Investment Policy Risk, which again is not expected to affect the overall risk profile of the Fund.

The exact changes to the Fund's investment objective and policy are shown in the Appendix to this letter.

Please note that the changes may be made on a phased basis over a course of ten Dealing Days. This process will be completed by the Effective Date.

The amendments described in this letter will not result in any change in the fees and expenses borne by the Fund and/or its Shareholders. The associated fees and expenses will be paid by the Management Company out of the Annual Service Charge charged to the Fund. The changes will not materially prejudice the rights or interests of the Shareholders of the Fund.

### **Change to the name of the Fund**

From the Effective Date the Fund will be renamed the "ESG Global Conservative Income Fund".

**Action to be taken by you**

Shareholders are not required to take any action in relation to the changes described in this letter. If, however, you do not agree with them you may redeem your Shares free of any redemption charges at any time prior to the Effective Date, in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus.

If you have any questions regarding the redemption process, please contact your local representative or the Investor Services Team (see details below). Any redemption of your shares may affect your tax position and you should consult your own professional advisers as to the implications of disposing of shares under the laws of the jurisdictions in which you may be subject to tax.

Redemption proceeds will be paid to Shareholders within three Business Days of the relevant Dealing Day, provided that the relevant documents (as described in the Prospectus) have been received.

**General Information**

Updated versions of the Prospectus will be available to download from our website ([www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com)) and in hard copy format free of charge from the Effective Date. Copies of the Company's articles of incorporation, annual and semi-annual reports are also available from our website and free of charge upon request from your local representative or the Investor Services Team at: [Investor.services@blackrock.com](mailto:Investor.services@blackrock.com), telephone: 00 44 (0)207 743 3300.

The Directors accept responsibility for the contents of this letter. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that this is the case) the information contained in this letter is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the impact of such information.

Yours faithfully



**Denise Voss**  
**Chairwoman**

APPENDIX

Fund	ISINs	Changes to investment objective and policy of the Fund
Global Conservative Income Fund	LU1845136925 LU1845137063 LU1845137147 LU1845137220 LU1845137493 LU1845137576 LU1857917774 LU1858900407 LU1883300615 LU1883300706 LU1883300888 LU1883300961 LU1960222872 LU1960222799	<p>The <u>ESG</u> Global Conservative Income Fund follows a flexible asset allocation policy that seeks to provide a conservative level of income with a focus on capital stability in a manner consistent with the principles of environmental, social and governance “ESG” focused investing.</p> <p>In order to generate income, the Fund will take a conservative level of risk commensurate with its risk benchmark, referred to below. The Fund invests globally in the full spectrum of permitted investments denominated in various currencies, including equities, equity-related securities, fixed income transferable securities, units of undertakings for collective investment, cash, deposits and money market instruments. The fixed income transferable securities in which the fund invests may be issued by governments, agencies, companies and supranationals worldwide, including in emerging markets, and may be investment grade, non-investment grade or unrated. Currency exposure is flexibly managed.</p> <p><u>The Fund’s total assets will be invested in accordance with the ESG Policy described below.</u></p> <p>The Fund is a Stock Connect Fund and may invest directly up to 20% of its total assets in the PRC by investing via the Stock Connects.</p> <p>The Fund is a CIBM Fund and may gain direct exposure for no more than 20% of its total assets to onshore bonds distributed in Mainland China in the CIBM via the Foreign Access Regime and/or Bond Connect and/or other means as may be permitted by the relevant regulations from time to time. The Fund may invest up to 20% in aggregate of its total assets in the PRC via the Stock Connects, the Foreign Access Regime and/or Bond Connect.</p> <p>The Fund may invest more than 10% (but not more than 20%) of its Net Asset Value in debt securities issued by and/or guaranteed by governments in each of Brazil, Hungary, Indonesia, Russia, Republic of South Africa, and Turkey, countries which are, at the date of this Prospectus, rated non-investment grade. Such investments are based on the professional judgment of the Investment Adviser, whose reasons for investment may include a favourable/positive outlook on the relevant sovereign/foreign issuer, potential for ratings upgrade and the expected changes in the value of such investments due to ratings changes. Due to market movements, as well as credit/investment rating changes, the exposures may change over time. The aforementioned countries are for reference only and may change without prior notice to investors.</p> <p>As part of its investment objective the Fund may invest up to 50% of its total assets in ABS and MBS which will typically be investment grade but may also include non-investment grade. These may include asset-backed commercial paper, collateralised debt obligations, collateralised mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage-backed securities, credit-linked notes, real estate mortgage investment conduits, residential mortgage-backed securities and synthetic collateralised debt obligations. The underlying assets of the ABS and MBS may include loans, leases or receivables (such as credit card debt, automobile loans and student loans in the case of ABS and commercial and residential mortgages originating from a regulated and authorised financial institution in the case of MBS). The ABS and MBS in which the Fund invests may use leverage to increase return to investors. Certain ABS may be structured by using a derivative such as a credit default swap or a basket of such derivatives to gain exposure to the performance of securities of various issuers without having to invest in the securities directly.</p> <p>The Fund’s exposure to Distressed Securities is limited to 10% of its total assets and its exposure to contingent convertible bonds is limited to 20% of total assets.</p> <p>The Fund may use derivatives for investment purposes and for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.</p> <p>This Fund may have significant exposure to ABS and MBS, and investors are encouraged to read the relevant risk disclosures contained in the section “Specific Risk Considerations”.</p>

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		<p>Risk management measure used: Relative VaR using 30% MSCI World Index EUR Hedged/ 70% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index EUR Hedged as the appropriate benchmark.</p> <p>Expected level of leverage of the Fund: 200% of Net Asset Value.</p> <p><u>ESG Policy</u>  <u>The Fund will apply the BlackRock EMEA Baseline Screens.</u></p> <p><u>The Investment Adviser also intends to limit direct investment in securities of issuers involved in the production, distribution or licensing of alcoholic products; the ownership or operation of gambling-related activities or facilities; production, supply and mining activities related to nuclear power and production of adult entertainment materials. The assessment of the level of involvement in each activity may be based on percentage of revenue, a defined total revenue threshold, or any connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received.</u></p> <p><u>The Investment Adviser will seek to minimise exposure to issuers with lower ESG ratings within each applicable asset class universe.</u></p> <p><u>The remaining companies (i.e. those companies which have not yet been excluded from investment by the Fund) are then evaluated by the Investment Adviser based on their ability to manage the ESG related risks and opportunities associated with their business practices and their ESG risk and opportunity credentials, such as their leadership and governance framework, which is considered essential for sustainable growth, their ability to strategically manage longer-term issues surrounding ESG and the potential impact this may have on a company's financials.</u></p> <p><u>To undertake this analysis, the Investment Adviser may use data provided by external ESG Providers, proprietary models and local intelligence and may undertake site visits. The Fund may gain limited exposure (through, including but not limited to, derivatives, cash and near cash instruments and shares or units of CIS and fixed income transferable securities (also known as debt securities) issued by governments and agencies worldwide) to issuers with exposures that do not meet the ESG criteria described above.</u></p> <p><u>The Fund will aim to include investments across companies that have a positive contribution to people and the planet across themes including, but not limited to, affordable housing, education and skilling, financial and digital inclusion, public health, safety and security, efficiency, electrification and digitalisation, green energy, pollution remediation and prevention, sustainable food, water and waste.</u></p> <p><u>Benchmark use</u>  The Fund is actively managed and the Investment Adviser has discretion to select the Fund's investments. In doing so, the Investment Adviser may refer to a composite benchmark comprising 30% MSCI World Index EUR Hedged and 70% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index EUR Hedged (the "Index") for risk management purposes to ensure that the active risk (i.e. degree of deviation from the Index) taken by the Fund remains appropriate given the Fund's investment objective and policy. The Investment Adviser is not bound by the components and weighting of the Index when selecting investments. The Investment Adviser may also use its discretion to invest in securities not included in the Index in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities. The Fund's portfolio is expected to deviate materially from the Index. The components of the Index (i.e. MSCI World Index and Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index US Hedged) may be quoted separately in marketing material related to the Fund. The Fund's ESG score will be calculated as the total of each security's ESG score (where applicable), weighted by its market value. The ESG score of the investable universe will be calculated using the ESG scores of the relevant asset class indices weighted to reflect the asset class exposure in the Fund. These scores may be quoted for individual asset classes or allocation weighted in marketing material.</p>