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BlackRock Strategic Funds

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To the shareholders of:

BlackRock Strategic Funds – BlackRock Emerging Markets Absolute Return Fund

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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 Strategic Funds (the “**Company**”) is writing to notify you that it has decided to terminate the BlackRock Emerging Markets Absolute Return Fund (the “**Fund**”) for the reasons set out below.

The assets held in the underlying investment portfolio of the Fund (the “**Assets**”) will be liquidated by the end of the liquidation period (subject to “Important note: Russian securities” below), and it is intended to redeem any outstanding shares on 6 May 2022 (the “**Liquidation Effective Date**”).

Terms not defined in this letter have the same meaning given to them in the Company’s prospectus (available at www.Blackrock.com) (the “**Prospectus**”).

1. Background and decision

The Fund was launched in 2012 and its Net Asset Value (the “**NAV**”) stands at approximately USD \$4.5 million (as at the date of this letter). A lack of new investor interest means the Directors do not expect to raise significant further subscriptions in the near future, and continuing to manage the Fund at this size will result in a higher cost of investing (relative to running the Fund at its intended greater size).

In accordance with the Prospectus and Article 28 of the Articles of the Company, the Directors may determine to terminate a sub-fund of the Company in circumstances where they deem it in the interest of the shareholders. The Directors have therefore determined, in accordance with the Prospectus and the Articles, to liquidate the assets and distribute the redemption proceeds to shareholders.

2. Costs

The Company has made a provision for the Fund closure costs (estimated to be approx. USD\$860 of custody transaction costs) which were accrued in the Fund’s NAV on 14 March 2022.

All (non-custody) portfolio transaction costs, legal and mailing costs incurred as part of the liquidation of the Fund will be paid by BlackRock.

3. **Your options**

Further subscriptions to the Fund are not permitted from the date of this letter. However, up until 20 April 2022 we intend to continue to accept outstanding subscriptions from existing regular saver shareholders where such outstanding subscriptions have been agreed with the relevant saver prior to the date of this letter. This extended period has been determined necessary in order to allow sufficient time for such existing regular savers to effect an orderly exit from the Fund.

Shareholders have 3 options available to them. If option 1 or 2 is chosen, an instruction must be received no later than 4 May 2022. If option 3 is chosen shareholders do not need to take any action.

Option 1: Switch

Up until the Liquidation Effective Date and in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus, shareholders may request a switch of their shareholding, free of any charges (other than costs of dilution to either Fund as disclosed in the Prospectus), into the same or another share class of any other sub-fund of the Company, provided that the shareholder satisfies the conditions applicable to an investment in the applicable share class. Shareholders should refer to the Prospectus for details of the fees and expenses associated with each share class. Shareholders are reminded that they should seek their own advice as to the suitability of any alternative investment option. Shareholders wanting to switch should do so in accordance with the Prospectus and in advance of the Liquidation Effective Date. If you require further assistance, please contact your local Investor Servicing Team.

Option 2: Redeem in advance of the Liquidation Effective Date

Alternatively, as of the date of this letter and up until the Liquidation Effective Date, shareholders may request the redemption of their shares free of any redemption charges levied by BlackRock.

Option 3: Automatic redemption

If you do not request a redemption or switch of your shares before the Liquidation Effective Date, on the Liquidation Effective Date, your shares will be automatically redeemed in accordance with the Articles (copies of which are available from your local Investor Servicing team).

4. **Redemption Proceeds**

A contract note and confirmation of any redemption of shares will be sent following the redemption. Redemption proceeds will normally be paid to shareholders within three Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day, provided that all necessary payment instructions have been received in writing and that all necessary identification documentation has been provided. Details of these requirements are available from your local Investor Servicing Team.

Proceeds not claimed by shareholders at the close of the liquidation of the Fund will be deposited at the Caisse de Consignation de Luxembourg and shall be forfeited after thirty years.

Important note: Russian securities

The Fund currently has exposure to a variety of highly illiquid securities relating to either sanctioned Russian entities, Russian Rouble denominated assets or Russian linked ADRs/GDRs (together the "Russian Securities"). As per policies applied by BlackRock's Pricing Committee, these securities have been written down to a nominal amount representing approximately 0.01% of the NAV of the Fund (based on valuation of 25 March 2022). However, when such Russian Securities were liquid the value for these securities represented approximately 8% of the NAV of the Fund.

If you redeem your shares prior to the Liquidation Effective Date, you will not receive a payment relating to the sale proceeds of the Russian Securities.

If you do not redeem or convert your shares, should any of these Russian Securities be sold, all shareholders on the register at the Liquidation Effective Date will receive a payment relating to the sale proceeds based on their number of shares held in the Fund on the Liquidation Effective Date. The proceeds, if applicable, will be paid out prior to, or post, the Liquidation Effective Date.

The Russian Securities will be sold in line with BlackRock's policy relating to Russian assets (please contact your local Investor Servicing Team for information).

5. **Preparing the Fund for closure**

From the date of this letter up to and including the Liquidation Effective Date (the "**Liquidation Period**"), BlackRock will seek to continue to manage the Fund in accordance with its investment objective and policy and in accordance with the UCITS rules as they apply in Luxembourg. However, in seeking to terminate the Fund in shareholders' best interests the Fund may not always be

compliant with its investment objective and policy or with the UCITS rules during the Liquidation Period (notably in the days immediately preceding the Liquidation Effective Date) as it may be necessary to begin selling down Assets.

Please also note that if your shareholding in the Fund constitutes a significant holding of the Fund's Assets, we may be required to structure the redemption of your shares in a manner which ensures the fair treatment of remaining shareholders. For example, the Company will not be bound to redeem on any one Dealing Day more than 10% of the value of shares of all share classes of the Fund then in issue or deemed to be in issue, and any redemption orders may be deferred by the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus.

6. Tax Consequences

Shareholders should note that the redemption or switching of their shareholding into another sub-fund of the Company may represent a disposal of shares for tax purposes in certain jurisdictions. Shareholders may be subject to taxation in their tax domicile and/or in any other jurisdictions in which they are subject to taxation. As tax laws differ widely from country to country, shareholders may wish to consult their personal tax advisers as to the tax implications of the redemption or conversion of their shareholding.

7. General Information

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.

If you would like any further information or have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your local Investor Servicing Team.

Yours faithfully,



Denise Voss
Chairwoman