

MONTHLY  
UPDATE

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## BlackRock Managed Index Portfolios

SUB-FUNDS OF BLACKROCK STRATEGIC FUNDS

### Market Update

June saw a rally in both risk assets such as equities and credit and traditional safe-haven assets, such as developed market government bonds, gold and yen. The rally was primarily driven by a dovish stance by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and European Central Bank (ECB) owing to weaker economic data, risks to the global trade outlook because of trade wars and still low inflation.

Global equities rose over the month while both short-term and long-term sovereign bond yields fell for almost all of the major developed markets around the world. In her concluding address to the G20 meeting in Osaka, IMF managing director Christine Lagarde said that the global economy has hit a rough patch: investment has weakened and trade has slowed significantly, with export and import growth rates at their lowest level since the great financial crisis. Further, she noted that while the IMF expects growth to strengthen somewhat going forward, the risks to the economic outlook remain serious.

Crude oil prices rebounded strongly over the month on fears the United States could attack Iran and disrupt flows from the Middle East, which provides more than a fifth of world's oil output.

Sources: BlackRock, as of 30/06/2019.

Funds	Defensive	Conservative	Moderate	Growth
Volatility Bands corresponding to SRRI*	2-5% p.a.	5-8% p.a.	5-10% p.a.	10-15% p.a.
Standard Deviation**	3.78%	5.63%	7.24%	9.62%
OCF*** (D Share Class)	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Fixed Income	75.1%	53.1%	36.7%	13.8%
Equities	20.8%	42.9%	59.2%	81.2%
Non-Traditional	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	5.0%

Source: BlackRock, 30/06/2019, allocations as of 20/06/2019.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: \*Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator as per the Committee of European Securities Regulators guidelines. SRRI risk profiles and asset allocation as at 20/06/2019.  
\*\*Please see the footnotes for standard deviation description and further information on the SRRI.  
\*\*\*Ongoing charges figure. Portfolio asset allocation does not include any residual cash or currency forward positions used for FX hedging purposes.

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## Portfolio Commentary

### **Defensive / Conservative:**

All asset classes boasted significant returns in the month under review - bonds, equities and non-traditional investments. Particularly, bonds with a long maturity on both sides of the Atlantic benefited from strong demand. Corporate bonds and high-yield bonds also posted good returns. In addition, the investment in local currency emerging market debt, which we added to the portfolio in April of this year, has gained significantly in value. Likewise, the equity side saw gains across all regions - with US stocks at the top and stocks from Japan at the bottom. Gold has also gained significantly in value given the prospect of falling interest rates and associated lower opportunity costs.

### **Moderate:**

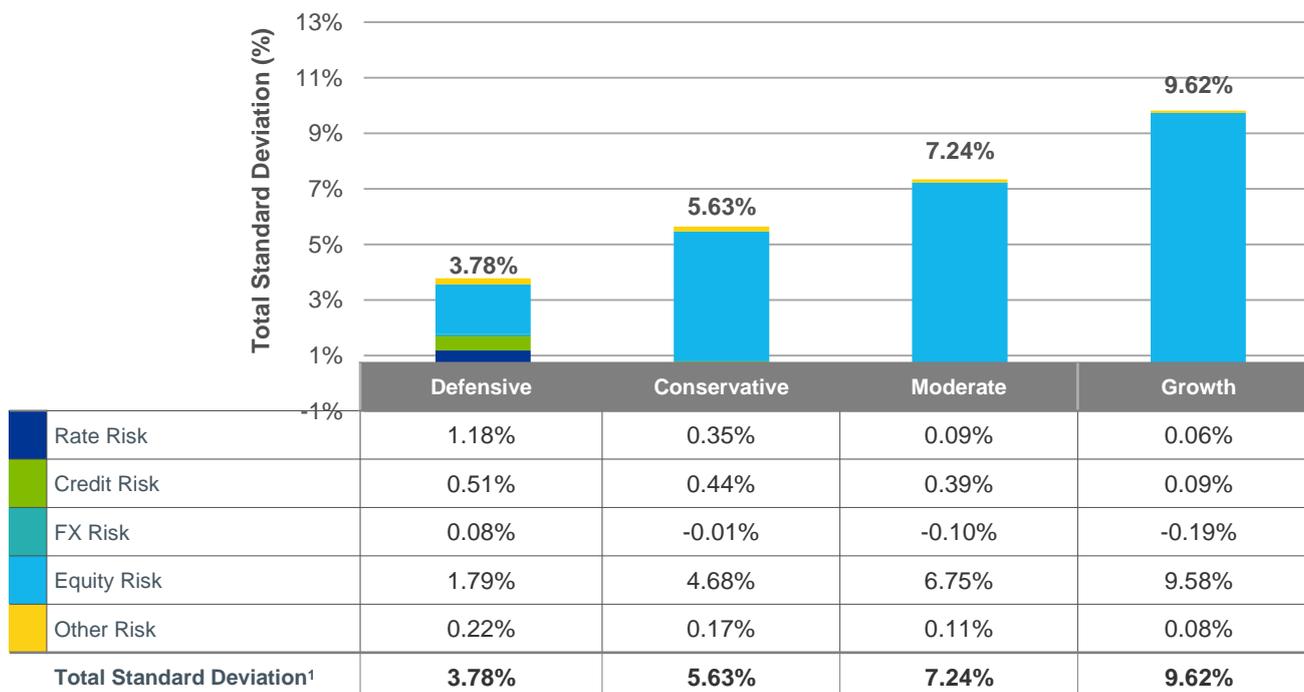
All asset classes boasted significant returns in the month under review - bonds, equities and non-traditional investments. The equity side also posted gains across all regions - with US stocks at the top and stocks from Japan at the bottom. Government and corporate bonds on both sides of the Atlantic, especially with a long residual maturity, benefited from strong demand. The investment in local currency emerging market debt, which we added to the portfolio in April of this year, increased significantly in value. In addition, the investment in gold, which we first added to the portfolio in December 2018, once again paid off with a significant increase in value. The prospect of falling interest rates and associated lower opportunity costs has increased demand.

### **Growth:**

All asset classes boasted significant returns in the month under review - bonds, equities and non-traditional investments. The equity side also posted gains across all regions - with US stocks at the top and stocks from Japan at the bottom. On the other hand, global factors gave a mixed picture: while all factors have risen in value, they have grown slightly less strongly overall than the global equity market. Government and corporate bonds on both sides of the Atlantic, especially those with a long residual maturity, also benefited from strong demand. In addition, the investment in gold, which we first added to the portfolio in December 2018, once again paid off with a significant increase in value. The prospect of falling interest rates and associated lower opportunity costs has increased demand.

## Risk Contribution

These portfolios seek to provide a range of risk and return levels by diversifying across a wide variety of risks that can impact investments, such as interest rates, credit spreads, foreign exchange, equities and non-traditional exposures. The chart below leverages BlackRock's proprietary risk management system – Aladdin® – to show the contribution of individual risks. Please refer to the disclaimer for definitions.



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## Portfolio Allocations as of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Portfolios	Defensive	Conservative	Moderate	Growth
<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS</b>	<b>49.0%</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
iShares eb.rexx® Money Market UCITS ETF (DE)	-	-	-	-
iShares € Govt Bond 0-1yr UCITS ETF	5.8%	-	2.2%	-
iShares € Govt Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF	-	-	-	-
iShares € Govt Bond 5-7yr UCITS ETF	-	-	-	-
iShares € Govt Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF	3.4%	0.6%	-	-
iShares € Govt Bond 10-15yr UCITS ETF	2.0%	-	-	1.0%
iShares € Govt Bond 15-30yr UCITS ETF	1.1%	1.6%	1.4%	-
iShares € Govt Bond 20yr Target Duration UCITS ETF	3.0%	2.0%	1.5%	4.2%
iShares Euro Government Bond Index Fund (LU)	2.5%	2.7%	1.0%	-
iShares France Govt Bond UCITS ETF	3.5%	6.0%	5.6%	2.7%
iShares Italy Govt Bond UCITS ETF	-	-	-	-
iShares Spain Govt Bond UCITS ETF	-	-	-	-
iShares € Inflation Linked Govt Bond UCITS ETF	0.5%	-	-	0.5%
iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF	2.2%	1.8%	-	-
iShares £ Index-Linked Gilts UCITS ETF	-	-	-	-
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF	2.6%	1.0%	-	0.7%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF	4.9%	2.7%	-	-
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF USD (Acc)	6.2%	5.4%	0.5%	-
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	2.4%	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%
iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF	3.1%	3.5%	1.5%	-
iShares US Mortgage Backed Securities UCITS ETF USD	5.8%	5.3%	6.3%	-
<b>INVESTMENT GRADE</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
iShares € Corp Bond Interest Rate Hedged UCITS ETF	5.5%	4.0%	3.8%	0.5%
iShares € Covered Bond UCITS ETF	-	0.9%	1.0%	-
iShares Core £ Corp Bond UCITS ETF	1.6%	0.6%	1.0%	0.7%
iShares \$ Corp Bond Interest Rate Hedged UCITS ETF	8.9%	6.6%	2.9%	-
iShares \$ Corp Bond UCITS ETF	3.5%	1.8%	3.7%	2.2%
<b>HIGH YIELD</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
iShares € High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF	2.1%	1.0%	-	-
iShares \$ High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF	1.4%	1.2%	-	-
<b>EMERGING MARKET DEBT</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
iShares Emerging Markets Government Bond Index Fund (LU)	1.4%	1.5%	2.2%	-
iShares J.P. Morgan EM Local Govt Bond UCITS ETF	1.7%	1.8%	1.1%	0.5%
<b>DEVELOPED EQUITIES</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>56.2%</b>	<b>75.5%</b>
iShares MSCI UK UCITS ETF GBP	-	-	-	-
iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP (Acc)	-	-	-	-
iShares SLI UCITS ETF (DE)	1.0%	2.5%	2.5%	3.0%
iShares MSCI EMU UCITS ETF EUR	2.1%	4.2%	6.8%	9.7%
iShares Edge MSCI Europe Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF EUR	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI USA UCITS ETF USD	-	-	4.4%	16.7%
iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	-	-	4.4%	-
iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD	8.5%	17.3%	17.0%	18.5%
iShares Edge MSCI USA Value Factor UCITS ETF	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Canada UCITS ETF USD	-	1.2%	1.2%	1.5%
iShares Japan Equity Index Fund (LU)	0.8%	2.1%	1.6%	4.3%
iShares Pacific ex Japan Equity Index Fund (LU)	0.8%	-	1.0%	-
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF	2.6%	4.6%	6.2%	7.6%
iShares Edge MSCI World Momentum Factor UCITS ETF	0.7%	2.3%	3.2%	3.9%
iShares Edge MSCI World Size Factor UCITS ETF	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	1.2%
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF	2.1%	3.2%	4.0%	5.1%
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor UCITS ETF	1.0%	2.3%	3.0%	4.0%
<b>EMERGING EQUITIES</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
iShares Core MSCI EM IMI UCITS ETF	0.7%	2.5%	1.0%	5.7%
iShares MSCI Russia ADR/GDR UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI South Africa UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares China Large Cap UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Korea UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Mexico Capped UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI India ETF	-	-	-	-
iShares Edge MSCI EM Minimum Volatility	-	-	2.0%	-
<b>NON-TRADITIONAL</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
iShares Developed Markets Property Yield UCITS ETF USD	-	-	-	-
iShares Physical Gold ETC	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	5.0%

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BSF Managed Index Portfolios	ISIN	Inception date	June 2019	YTD 2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	Since Inception <sup>1</sup>
<b>Defensive – EUR D5 (dist)</b>	LU1191062576	10/04/2015	2.47%	7.31%	-3.86%	3.56%	3.67%	-3.87%	1.50%
<b>Defensive – GBP hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1191062733	10/04/2015	2.59%	7.88%	-2.83%	4.31%	4.62%	-3.53%	2.36%
<b>Defensive – CHF hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1191062816	10/04/2015	2.39%	7.06%	-4.28%	3.05%	3.10%	-4.47%	0.94%
<b>Defensive – USD hedged D5 (dist)</b>	LU1241524963	17/06/2015	2.71%	8.91%	-1.18%	5.53%	4.92%	0.73%	4.63%
<b>Conservative – EUR D5 (dist)</b>	LU1733247313	26/01/2018	3.30%	9.60%	-6.49%	-	-	-	1.74%
<b>Conservative – GBP hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1733247586	26/01/2018	3.44%	10.17%	-5.55%	-	-	-	2.83%
<b>Conservative – USD hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1733247669	26/01/2018	3.53%	11.22%	-3.96%	-	-	-	4.73%
<b>Moderate – EUR D5 (dist)</b>	LU1191063038	10/04/2015	3.91%	11.52%	-6.75%	8.52%	5.33%	-5.70%	2.74%
<b>Moderate – GBP hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1191063202	10/04/2015	4.08%	12.02%	-5.73%	9.29%	5.82%	-5.70%	3.40%
<b>Moderate – CHF hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1191063384	10/04/2015	3.83%	11.29%	-7.07%	7.93%	4.76%	-6.40%	2.16%
<b>Moderate – USD hedged D5 (dist)</b>	LU1241525002	17/06/2015	4.15%	13.20%	-4.11%	10.56%	6.34%	-0.26%	6.16%
<b>Growth – EUR D5 (dist)</b>	LU1191063541	10/04/2015	4.80%	13.92%	-8.40%	11.75%	5.87%	-6.44%	3.47%
<b>Growth – GBP hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1191063897	10/04/2015	4.98%	14.43%	-7.42%	12.52%	6.07%	-6.71%	3.99%
<b>Growth – CHF hedged D2 (acc)</b>	LU1191063970	10/04/2015	4.67%	13.65%	-8.68%	11.20%	5.21%	-7.21%	2.86%
<b>Growth – USD hedged D5 (dist)</b>	LU1241525184	17/06/2015	5.03%	15.63%	-5.92%	13.82%	6.79%	-0.59%	7.01%
<b>Performance Benchmarks:</b>									
MSCI ACWI Index Net TR EUR Index	-	-	4.26%	16.67%	-4.85%	8.89%	11.09%	-9.09%	4.84%
MSCI ACWI USD, GBP, JPY only 100% Hedged to EUR Net TR	-	-	5.49%	15.12%	-9.55%	16.55%	8.86%	-7.87%	4.76%
BBG Barclays Global Aggregate TR Index (EUR hedged)	-	-	1.11%	4.39%	-1.04%	1.06%	2.44%	-1.26%	1.30%

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Source: BlackRock, Bloomberg, as of 30/06/2019. <sup>1</sup>Since inception figures are annualized. Since inception return for the benchmarks is calculated since 10/04/2015. Fund performance is shown on an NAV basis, net of fees. Index returns are for illustrative purposes only, they do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. Index data is sourced from Bloomberg.

BSF Managed Index Portfolios	Morningstar Category Quartile <sup>2</sup>				AUM (EURm) <sup>3</sup>
	YTD	1YR	3YR	ITD	30/06/2019
<b>Defensive</b>	1	1	2	1	137
<b>Conservative</b>	2	1		1	141
<b>Moderate</b>	1	1	1	1	576
<b>Growth</b>	1	1	1	1	224

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