

# **Global Allocation Fund**



As of 03/31/2024 | Class K: MKLOX | Class R: MRLOX | Institutional: MALOX | Investor A: MDLOX | Investor C: MCLOX

### Unconstrained in search of opportunity

A well-diversified, flexible investment solution that typically invests across more than 40 countries in 30 currencies across traditional and non-traditional asset classes, sectors and capital structures.

# A highly experienced and well-resourced investment team

Seasoned portfolio managers combined with a dedicated investment team seek to generate alpha through macro analysis, fundamental research and systematic strategies.

# Seeks returns competitive with global stocks with less volatility\*

Over its 30- year history, the Fund has delivered returns in excess of global stocks and bonds with a third less volatility than global stocks, providing investors a long history of protecting on the downside and rewarding on the upside over a full market cycle.



Morningstar has awarded the Fund a SILVER medal (Effective 05/01/2023).† Rated against 356 Global Allocation Funds, as of 03/31/2024 based on risk adjusted total return. Overall Ratings are determined monthly and subject to change. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.††

#### ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

With Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Investor A	7.97	-0.51	5.71	4.43	8.72
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Investor A	13.95	1.30	6.85	5.00	8.89
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	14.12	3.36	6.95	6.04	7.34
Morningstar Category Average	11.51	2.78	5.31	4.27	N/A

#### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	1Q2024
Investor A	17.21	20.79	6.45	-16.05	12.35	5.25	5.25
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	18.79	13.34	10.13	-15.59	15.69	4.27	4.27
Morningstar Category Average	16.10	6.18	11.31	-12.34	10.72	4.38	4.38

Performance data shown represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal values may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. All returns assume reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions. Refer to blackrock.com for current month-end performance. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 5.25%. The performance information for periods prior to the inception date of the share class is based on the Fund's Institutional Shares, adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses applicable to such share class. See the fund prospectus for more details. The calendar year performance shown does not reflect the deduction of the sales load. If reflected, the performance would have been lower. Please see the fund prospectus for more details.

### MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	108/370	276/356	62/338	76/244
Quartile Rank	2	4	1	2

Rankings based on total return excluding sales charges, independently calculated and not combined to create an overall ranking. For periods not shown, Morningstar does not provide rankings based on synthetic performance.

KEY RISKS: The fund is actively managed and its characteristics will vary. Stock and bond values fluctuate in price so the value of your investment can go down depending on market conditions. International investing involves risks, including risks related to foreign currency, limited liquidity, less government regulation and the possibility of substantial volatility due to adverse political, economic or other developments. These risks may be heightened for investments in emerging markets. Fixed income risks include interest-rate and credit risk. Typically, when interest rates rise, there is a corresponding decline in bond values. Credit risk refers to the possibility that the bond issuer will not be able to make principal and interest payments. Non-investment-grade debt securities (high-yield/junk bonds) may be subject to greater market fluctuations, risk of default or loss of income and principal than higher rated securities. Asset allocation strategies do not assure profit and do not protect against loss. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility. Short-selling entails special risks. If the fund makes short sales in securities that increase in value, the fund will lose value. Any loss on short positions may or may not be offset by investing short-sale proceeds in other investments. \*Volatility is measured by standard deviation. From first full month post inception (February 28, 1989), annualized standard deviation based on monthly returns is 10.00% for the fund (Investor A) and 15.41% for global stocks (represented by the FTSE World Index).(Source: Morningstar)

#### **KEY FACTS**

Size of Fund (Millions)	\$17,788.9M
Fund Launch Date	02/03/1989
Share Class Launch Date	10/21/1994
Morningstar Category	Global Allocation
Number of Issuers	1,950
Benchmark <sup>1</sup> 36% S&P	500, 24% FTSE World
(ex.US), 24%	ICE BofA/ML Cur 5-yr
US Treasury	, 16% FTSE Non-USD
	WGBI

#### **ANNUAL EXPENSES**

Gross Expense Ratio 1.13%
Net Expense Ratio 1.09%

The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment Related Expenses is 1.08% Investment Related Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.01%, and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.00%, and certain other expenses, if applicable. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 06/30/2025 terminable upon 90 days' notice. BlackRock may agree to voluntarily waive certain fees and expenses, which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER(S)

Rick Rieder (Since 2019) Russ Koesterich, CFA, JD (Since: 2017) David Clayton, CFA, JD (Since: 2017)

# TOP EQUITY HOLDINGS (%)

MICROSOFT CORP	2.9
NVIDIA CORP	2.2
AMAZON COM INC	1.8
APPLE INC	1.4
ALPHABET INC CLASS C	1.3
Total of Portfolio	9.6

# ASSET ALLOCATION (%)2

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Active
Equity (EQ)	72.3	60.0	12.3
Fixed Income (FI)	26.8	40.0	-13.3
Cash Equivalents	0.7	0.0	0.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Implied Cash (Lookthrough)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities	0.2	0.0	0.2

Allocations subject to change.

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Equity Price/Earnings (FY1)
Equity Wtd. Avg. Market Capitalization

# REGIONAL ALLOCATION (%)2

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Active
North America EQ	49.3	37.3	12.0
North America FI	14.0	24.5	-10.5
Europe EQ	12.2	12.0	0.3
Europe FI	7.0	9.2	-2.2
Japanese EQ	6.5	4.8	1.7
Emerging Market FI	5.2	2.8	2.4
Emerging Market EQ	4.2	4.0	0.2
Cash	0.7	0.0	0.7
APAC (ex Japan) FI	0.5	0.5	0.0
APAC (ex. Japan) EQ	0.1	1.9	-1.8
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Japan FI	0.0	3.0	-3.0

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17.93x \$525,398.2M

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#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Portfolio Effective Duration	1.80 yrs
Assumes 0 duration for equities and commodity-related securities	
Fixed Income Effective Duration	6.67 yrs
Fixed Income + Cash Effective Duration	5.08 yrs

#### **RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)**

	Fund
Standard Deviation	12.04%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.05

# REGIONAL ALLOCATION (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Active
Commodity Related	0.2	0.0	0.2

# CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	Active
US Dollar	60.3	60.0	0.2
Euro	11.9	13.8	-1.9
Japanese Yen	8.2	7.8	0.4
Other Asia	5.9	7.5	-1.5
British Pound Sterling	4.6	3.9	0.7
Other Europe	3.7	3.4	0.3
Rest of the World	3.5	2.7	0.8

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# CURRENCY ALLOCATION (%)2

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Latin America	1.9	0.9	1.0

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Sustainability Characteristics provide investors with specific non-traditional metrics. Alongside other metrics and information, these enable investors to evaluate funds on certain environmental, social and governance characteristics. Sustainability Characteristics do not provide an indication of current or future performance nor do they represent the potential risk and reward profile of a fund. They are provided for transparency and for information purposes only. Sustainability Characteristics should not be considered solely or in isolation, but instead are one type of information that investors may wish to consider when assessing a fund.

This fund does not seek to follow a sustainable, impact or ESG investment strategy. The metrics do not change the fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investment of the fund's investment

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	А	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.66
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	68.35%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	74.25%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Mixed Asset USD Flex - Global	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	122.60
Funds in Peer Group	297	Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	
		MSCI Weighted Average Carbon	65.35%
		Intensity % Coverage	

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Apr 2024**, based on holdings as of **30 Sep 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.

#### **ESG GLOSSARY:**

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.

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

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

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. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

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 (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds).

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.

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