

International Dividend Fund



Inst: **BISIX** A: **BREAX** C: **BRECX** K: **BREKX**

Commentary as of 03/31/24

- The fund posted returns of 4.07% (Institutional shares) and 4.01% (Investor A shares, without sales charge) for the first quarter of 2024.
- Security selection and underweight positions in the financials and consumer discretionary sectors detracted from performance, as did investment decisions and an overweight holding in the consumer staples sector. Security selection and an underweight position in the materials sector contributed to relative returns, while investment decisions in information technology (IT) and health care sectors were also beneficial.
- The fund had overweight holdings in the industrials, consumer staples, and health care sectors, and underweight positions in the consumer discretionary, financials, and utilities sectors.

Contributors	Detractors
Security selection and an underweight position in the materials sector contributed, as did investment decisions in the IT and health care sectors. From an industry perspective, an overweight position in semiconductors & semiconductor equipment was beneficial. Security selection and an overweight exposure to European markets was also additive.	Security selection and underweight exposures to the financials and consumer discretionary sectors detracted, as did investment decisions and an overweight position in the consumer staples sector. An underweight allocation to, and security selection in, the banks industry hampered relative returns. Security selection and an underweight position in Asian markets detracted.

Further insight

During the quarter, the fund added to its allocations to the consumer staples, IT, and materials sectors, and reduced its exposures to the communication, health care, and financials sectors.

★★★★ Morningstar Overall™

Institutional shares rated against 696 Foreign Large Blend Funds, as of 3/31/24, based on risk-adjusted total return. 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.[†]

Portfolio management

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Top 10 holdings (%)

TSMC	4.97
Novo Nordisk	4.53
ASML Holding	3.97
Baker Hughes Co	3.83
Lvmh Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton Se	3.60
Relx Plc	3.55
L Air Liquide Sa Pour L Etude Et L Explo Des Procedes Georges Claude Sa	3.18
Keyence	3.14
Fincobank Banca Fineco Spa	3.10
AstraZeneca	3.09

Investment approach

Invests in the equity securities of international companies that pay attractive, sustainable and growing dividends with the aim of providing international equity returns with less volatility.

Average annual total returns (%) as of 3/31/24

	1Q24 (not annualized)	YTD (not annualized)	1 Year	3 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Institutional	4.07	4.07	9.05	5.98	8.04	4.24
Investor A (Without Sales Charge)	4.01	4.01	8.81	5.72	7.78	3.96
Investor A (With Sales Charge)	-1.45	-1.45	3.10	3.83	6.63	3.40
MSCI All Country World ex-U.S.¹	4.69	4.69	13.26	1.94	5.97	4.25

The fund's annual total returns prior to June 12, 2017 reflect a different investment strategy.

Expenses for Institutional shares: Total **0.91%**; Net, Including Investment Related Expenses (dividend expense, interest expense, acquired fund fees and expenses and certain other fund expenses) **0.68%**. For Investor A shares: Total **1.23%**; Net, Including Investment Related Expenses **0.93%**. Institutional and Investor A shares have contractual waivers with an end date of 06/30/2025 terminable upon 90 days' notice. For certain share classes, BlackRock may voluntarily agree to waive certain fees and expenses in which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. Data represents past performance and 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. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. Refer to blackrock.com for most recent month-end performance. Investment returns reflect total fund operating expenses, net of all fees, waivers and/or expense reimbursements. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Share classes have different sales charges, fees and other features. Returns with sales charge reflect deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 5.25% for Investor A shares. Institutional shares have no front- or back-end load. Institutional shares have limited availability and may be purchased at various minimums. See prospectus for details. Net Expenses Excluding Investment Related Expenses for Institutional shares: **0.67%**; for Investor A shares: **0.92%**.

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