

## BlackRock LifePath® Index Retirement Fund N

**Primary Benchmark** 

**Custom Benchmark** Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond BlackRock LifePath® Index Retirement Custom Benchmark

**Morningstar Category** Target-Date Retirement

Overall Morningstar Rating™ \*\*\*\*

See disclosure for details

**Morningstar Return** Morningstar Risk Above Average Above Average

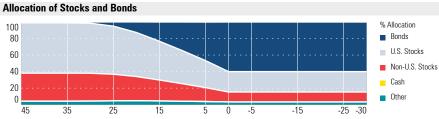
Release Date: 12-31-2023

% Assets

22.47

19.85

15.65



Years Until Retirement

### **Investment Objective and Strategy**

'The Fund is a collective investment trust maintained and managed by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC"). The Fund will be broadly diversified across global asset classes, with asset allocations becoming more conservative over time if the Fund has a year in its name. The Fund's investments may include, but are not limited to: equity securities (including those issued by real estate companies) and equity-related securities; depositary receipts; debt securities and other fixed income obligations (including those issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, and those issued by corporations or other entities); mortgage-backed securities; other asset-backed securities; commodities; and/or cash equivalents.

The Fund may invest in securities and other obligations of U.S. issuers or non-U.S. issuers, and those issuers may be of any market capitalization. The Fund's fixed income investments may be investment-grade or non-investment grade, and may include securities and other obligations of any maturity. The Fund may invest in securities and other assets that are non-U.S. dollardenominated on a hedged or-unhedged basis and may enter into currency transactions.

The Fund may purchase or sell options or futures, and may enter into swaps, forward contracts, and other types of foreign currency transactions, and/or other structured investments (collectively, "derivatives"), some of which may give rise to a form of leverage. The Fund typically uses derivatives as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to risk.

The securities holdings for the Fund vary over time and are based on the factors analyzed by the asset allocation model used by BTC to manage the Fund. The normal asset allocations will gradually change over the investment horizon of the Fund to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities. As time passes, the Fund is managed more conservatively - prior to retirement - in terms of its allocation to equity securities and markets, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches.

The trajectory along which asset allocations are adjusted over time to gradually become more conservative is called the "glidepath". The glidepath illustrates the target allocation among asset classes as the Fund approaches its target date. The target asset allocation of the Fund at its retirement date is expected to be 40% in underlying index funds that invest primarily in equity and equity-like securities and 60% in underlying index funds that invest primarily in fixed income and fixed income-like securities

BTC employs a proprietary investment model that analyzes securities market data, including risk, correlation and expected return statistics, to recommend the portfolio allocation among the asset classes.

Rather than choosing specific securities within each asset class, BTC selects among indices representing segments of the global equity and debt markets and invests in securities that comprise the chosen index. The Fund generally invests in a chosen index through a series of collective investment trusts maintained and managed by BTC, each such fund representing one of the indices (each, an "Underlying Fund").

In the event of a conflict between this summary description of the Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies and the Trust Document under which the Fund was established, the Trust Document will govern. For more information related to the Fund, please see the Fund's Trust Document, Profile and most recent audited financial statements. The Fund may engage in securities lending.

BlackRock MSCI ACWI ex-US IMI Index Fd E	12.08
Intermediate Term Credit Bond Index Fund	10.03
Long Term Gov Bd Index Fd	6.51
U.S. TIPS Fund E	5.57
Russell 2000 Index Fund	2.34
Long Term Credit Bond Index Fund	2.29
Developed Real Estate Index Fund E	1.76
Morningstar Super Sectors as of 12-31-23	% Fund
🗘 Cyclical	36.79
👐 Sensitive	43.67
→ Defensive	19.55

Mor	ningstar F-I Sectors as of 12-31-23	% Fund	% Category
卾	Government	19.76	42.81
Θ	Corporate	29.69	22.84
ŵ	Securitized	41.30	21.01
74	Municipal	0.49	0.19
<b>a</b>	Cash/Cash Equivalents	8.60	10.65
D	Derivative	0.15	2.50

#### Investment Information **Operations and Management**

Product Inception Date	08-15-17
Strategy Inception Date	08-31-05
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	3,270.70
Investment Manager	BlackRock Institutional Trust
	Company NA

Annual Turnover Ratio %	74.92
Fees and Expenses as of 06-30-23	
Total Annual Operating Expense %	0.390%
Total Annual Operating Expense per \$1000	\$3.90

Additional Information for Total Annual Operating Expense The Total Annual Operating Expense ("TAOE") ratio noted above reflects management expenses, custody and recordkeeping costs and MERS operating costs. BlackRock's administrative costs, included in the management expenses, are capped at one (1) basis point (0.01%) per year. Additionally, the management expenses also include BlackRock's investment management fee of five (5) basis points (0.05%) per year. The TAOE may also, if applicable, reflect certain third party acquired fund fees and expenses. There may be other fees and expenses not reflected in the TAOE that bear on the value of the investment. The TAOE was provided by MERS, the Plan Sponsor. BlackRock assumes no liability with regards to the completeness or accuracy of the TAOE information provided by MERS. The Portfolio Turnover Rate is that of the collective investment fund in which the Fund invests exclusively, either directly or indirectly.

# BlackRock

**Portfolio Analysis** Ton 10 Holdings as of 12-31-23

Russell 1000 Index Fund

US Securitized Index Fund E

Intermediate Government Bond Index Fund

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### BlackRock LifePath® Index Retirement Fund N

Retirement Custom Benchmark

## BlackRock

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# of Funds in Category

**Primary Benchmark** 

Index

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Overall Morningstar Rating™ \*\*\*\*

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130

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**Morningstar Return** Above Average

Morningstar Risk Above Average

#### **Benchmark Description**

The BlackRock LifePath® Index Retirement Fund N's Custom Benchmark is a comparison benchmark for the performance of the Fund. The Custom Benchmark is calculated using blended returns of third party indices that proportionally reflect the respective weightings of the Fund's asset classes. The third party index proportions of the Custom Benchmark are adjusted quarterly to reflect the Fund's changing asset allocations over time. As the Fund's asset classes have been re-defined or added over time, the indices used to calculate the Custom Benchmark have changed accordingly. As of December 31 2022 the indices used to calculate the Custom Benchmark are: Russell 1000® Index, Russell 2000® Index, MSCI ACWI ex-US IMI Net Dividend Return Index[sm], Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Long Government Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Government Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Securitized: MBS, ABS and CMBS Index, Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) Index (Series-L), FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index, and the Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return.



In the past, this investment has shown a relatively small range of price fluctuations relative to other investments. Based on this measure, currently more than two-thirds of all investments have shown higher levels of risk. Consequently, this investment may appeal to investors looking for a conservative investment strategy.

Best 3 Month Return	Worst 3 Month Return	
13.47%	-9.03%	
(Mar '09 - May '09)	(Apr '22 - Jun '22)	

#### Performance **Total Return%** 12 as of 12-31-23 g Investment Primary Bmark 6 Custom Bmark 0 -3 -6 Average annual, if greate -9 than 1 year Since Inception 10 Year 5 Year 3 Year 1 Year YTD 4.44 5.59 0.43 10.91 10.91 Investment Return % 4.99 3.07 1.81 1.10 -3.31 5.53 5.53 Primary Bmark Return % 4.41 4.43 5.61 0.54 11.11 11.11 Custom Bmark Return % \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\* Morningstar Rating™

Performance Disclosure: The Fund's returns are net of management expenses, custody and recordkeeping costs and MERS operating costs. BlackRock's administrative costs, included in the management expenses, are capped at one (1) basis point (0.01%) per year. Additionally, the management expenses include BlackRock's investment management fee of five (5) basis points (0.05%) per year. The Fund's returns were provided by MERS, the Plan Sponsor. BlackRock assumes no liability with regards to the completeness or accuracy of the performance information provided by MERS.

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#### **Principal Risks**

Any of the principal risks summarized below may adversely affect the Fund's net asset value, performance, and ability to meet its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit, is not guaranteed by BlackRock, Inc. or any of its affiliates, and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other agency of the U.S. government.

Equity Investment Risk: The price of an equity security fluctuates based on changes in the issuer's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. Equity securities are subject to changes in value that may be more volatile than other asset classes

Fixed Income Investment Risk 2: An increase in interest rates may cause the value of fixed-income securities held by the Fund to decline, and the Fund may incur a loss if required to sell a fixed-income security prior to its scheduled maturity. The Fund's income may decline when interest rates fall. This decline can occur because the Fund must invest in lower-yielding bonds as bonds in its portfolio mature or the Fund needs to purchase additional bonds. Debt issuers may not honor their obligations. Securities that are rated below investment grade may be more volatile and less liquid than higher-rated securities of similar maturity

Target Date Risk 1: A "target date" fund may incur losses close to or after the fund's target retirement date, and there is no guarantee that the Fund will provide adequate income for an investor's retirement.

Asset Allocation Model Risk: The asset allocation model may not effectively maximize returns or minimize risk, or be appropriate for every investor seeking a particular risk profile. The model developed by BTC could result in underperformance as compared to funds with similar investment objectives and strategies.

Commodity-Related Investment Risk 2: The value of commodity-linked derivative investments may be significantly affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

Securities Lending Risk 1: The Fund may engage in securities lending, which involves borrower credit risk, settlement risk, and cash collateral-related risks, such as the risk that the return on the cash collateral is insufficient to cover the fees the Fund is committed to pay and the risk that cash collateral may be invested in securities or other instruments that suffer losses or become illiquid

Derivatives Risk 1: Investments in derivatives (such as futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps and options) may reduce the Fund's returns and/or increase volatility. Fluctuations in the values of derivatives may not correlate perfectly with the overall securities markets. The other party in the transaction may not fulfill its contractual obligation. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives could expose the Fund to losses.

Foreign Investment Risk 2: The Fund may suffer losses due to political, legal, economic and geographic events affecting a non-U.S. issuer or market. Securities of non-U.S. issuers denominated in non-U.S. currencies will expose the Fund to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange prices.

Underlying Fund Risk 2: The investment objective and strategies of an Underlying Fund in which the Fund invests may differ from the Fund, and there is no assurance that an Underlying Fund will achieve its objective.

Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Investment Risk 2: Mortgage- and asset-backed securities represent interests in "pools" of mortgages or other assets. Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are subject to credit, interest rate, prepayment and extension risks, and risk of default on the underlying mortgage or asset, particularly during periods of economic downturn. Small movements in interest rates may quickly and significantly reduce the value of mortgage-backed securities.

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#### **Fund Structure**

The fund described herein is a bank-maintained collective investment fund maintained and managed by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC"). BTC is a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States and operates as a limited purpose trust company.

In reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the federal securities laws, investments in the fund are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or any state securities commission. Likewise, in reliance upon an exclusion from the definition of an investment company in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Company Act"); the fund is not registered with the SEC as an investment company under the Company Act. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is responsible for ensuring that fiduciary powers are exercised in a manner consistent with the best interests of BTC's clients and sound fiduciary principles.

The fund is offered to defined contribution plans ("Plans") that are qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("IRC"), and governmental Plans, such as state and municipal government Plans that are described in IRC Section 818(a)(6), such as governmental IRC Section 457(b) Plans. The fund is established and governed by a trust instrument, the Plan of BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. Investment Funds for Employee Benefit Trusts (the "Plan Document"), which sets forth BTC's powers, authority and responsibilities regarding the administration, investment and operation of the fund. Plans investing in the fund become subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan Document.

### **Best and Worst 3 Month Performance**

Morningstar calculates best and worst 3-month period (in percentage) in-house on a monthly basis.

Best 3-month Period: The highest total return the stock has posted in a consecutive three-month period over the trailing 15 years, or if a fund does not have 15 years of history, it will go back as far as the inception date.

Worst 3-month Period: The lowest total return the stock has posted in a consecutive three-month period over the trailing 15 years, or if a fund does not have 15 years of history, it will go back as far as the inception date.

#### Morningstar Rating™

The Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and

open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. For private funds, the Morningstar Rating presented is hypothetical, because Morningstar does not independently analyze private funds. Rather, the rating is assigned as a means to compare these funds with the universe of mutual funds that Morningstar rates. The evaluation of this investment does not affect the retail mutual fund data published by Morningstar.

#### Morningstar Return

The Morningstar Return rates a fund's performance relative to other managed products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of a product's excess return over a risk-free rate (the return of the 90-day Treasury Bill) in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar category, the top 10% of products earn a High Morningstar Return (High), the next 22.5% Above Average (+Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Below Average (-Avg), and the bottom 10% Low (Low). Morningstar Return is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

#### **Morningstar Risk**

Morningstar Risk evaluates a fund's downside volatility relative to that of other products in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of the variations in monthly returns, with an emphasis on downside variations, in comparison with the products in its Morningstar category. In each Morningstar category, the 10% of products with the lowest measured risk are described as Low Risk (Low), the next 22.5% Below Average (-Avg), the middle 35% Average (Avg), the next 22.5% Above Average (+Avg), and the top 10% High (High). Morningstar Risk is measured for up to three time periods (three, five, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the product. Products with less than three years of performance history are not rated

#### Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style  $\textsc{Box}\,{}^{\rm m}$  reveals a fund's investment strategy as of the date noted on this report.

For equity funds, the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned, and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, blend, or growth.) A darkened cell in the style box matrix indicates the weighted average style of the portfolio.

For portfolios holding fixed-income investments, a Fixed Income Style Box is calculated. The vertical axis shows the credit quality based on credit ratings and the horizontal axis shows interest-rate sensitivity as measured by effective duration. There are three credit categories - "High", "Medium", and "Low"; and there are three interest rate sensitivity categories - "Limited", "Moderate", and "Extensive"; resulting in nine possible combinations. As in the Equity Style Box, the combination of credit and interest rate sensitivity for a portfolio is represented by a darkened square in the matrix. Morningstar uses credit rating information from credit rating agencies (CRAs) that have been designated Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States. For a list of all NRSROs, please visit https:// www.sec.gov/ocr/ocr-current-nrsros.html. Additionally, Morningstar will use credit ratings from CRAs which have been recognized by foreign regulatory institutions that are deemed the equivalent of the NRSRO designation. To determine the rating applicable to a holding and the subsequent holding weighted value of a portfolio two methods may be employed. First is a common methodology approach where if a case exists such that two CRAs have rated a holding, the lower rating of the two should be applied; if three or more CRAs have rated a holding, the median rating should be applied; and in cases where there are more than two ratings and a median rating cannot be determined, the lower of the two middle ratings should be applied.

Alternatively, if there is more than one rating available an average can be calculated from all and applied.

Please Note: Morningstar, Inc. is not an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. Credit ratings for any security held in a portfolio can change over time.

Morningstar uses the credit rating information to calculate a weighted-average credit quality value for the portfolio. This value is based only upon those holdings which are considered to be classified as "fixed income", such a government, corporate, or securitized issues. Other types of holdings such as equities and many, though not all, types of derivatives are excluded. The weighted-average credit quality value is represented by a rating symbol which corresponds to the long-term rating symbol schemas employed by most CRAs. Note that this value is not explicitly published but instead serves as an input in the Style Box calculation. This symbol is then used to map to a Style Box credit quality category of "low," "medium," or "high". Funds with a "low" credit quality category are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be equivalent to the commonly used High Yield classification, meaning a rating below "BBB", portfolios assigned to the "high" credit category have either a "AAA" or "AA+" average credit guality value, while "medium" are those with an average rating of "AA-" inclusive to "BBB-". It is expected and intended that the majority of portfolios will be assigned a credit category of "medium".

For assignment to an interest-rate sensitivity category,

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Morningstar uses the average effective duration of the portfolio. From this value there are three distinct methodologies employed to determine assignment to category. Portfolio which are assigned to Morningstar municipal-bond categories employ static breakpoints between categories. These breakpoints are: "Limited" equal to 4.5 years or less, "Moderate" equal to 4.5 years to less than 7 years; and "Extensive" equal to more than 7 years. For portfolios assigned to Morningstar categories other than U.S. Taxable, including all domiciled outside the United States, static duration breakpoints are also used: "Limited" equals less than or equal to 3.5 years, "Moderate" equals greater than 3.5 years but less than or equal to 6 years, and "Extensive" is assigned to portfolios with effective durations of more than 6 years.

Note: Interest-rate sensitivity for non-U.S. domiciled portfolios (excluding those in Morningstar convertible categories) may be assigned using average modified duration when average effective duration is not available. For portfolios Morningstar classifies as U.S. Taxable Fixed-Income, interest-rate sensitivity category assignment is based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI). The classification assignment is dynamically determined relative to the benchmark index value. A "Limited" category will be assigned to portfolios whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI average effective duration, where the average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI the portfolio will be classified as "Moderate" and those portfolios with an average effective duration value 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as "Extensive".

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