# **Key Information Document**



### Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by <a href="Law to hel">Law to hel</a> pyou understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

### **Product**

BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity Fund (the "Fund"), Admin I Acc Accu GBP (the "Share Class"), ISIN: IE00B3KDB409, is authorised in Ireland and manufactured by BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited (the "Manager") which is part of the BlackRock, Inc group.

The Manager is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "CBI") and the CBI is responsible for supervising the Manager in relation to this Key Information Document.

More information is available at www.blackrock.com or by calling +353 1 612 3393. This document is dated 18 April 2024.

## What is this product?

**Type:** The Fund is a sub-fund of Institutional Cash Series plc, an umbrella company incorporated in Ireland, authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland as a Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS").

**Term:** The Fund does not have a fixed term of existence or maturity period but in certain circumstances, as described in the Fund prospectus, the Fund may be unilaterally terminated following written notice to unitholders subject to compliance with the Fund prospectus and applicable regulation.

## **Objectives**

- The Fund aims to maximise income on your investment consistent with maintaining capital and ensuring its underlying assets can easily be bought or sold (in normal market conditions). Money invested in the Fund is not protected or guaranteed.
- The Fund invests in a broad range of high credit quality fixed income securities (such as bonds) and MMIs (i.e. debt securities with short term maturities). It may also invest in deposits with credit institutions (e.g. banks).
- The Fund will take into account environment, social and governance criteria when selecting investments as disclosed in the prospectus. For further details please refer to the prospectus.
- The Fund will limit its investment to assets which have 397 days or less remaining until the full principal must be repaid. The weighted average maturity (i.e. the average length of time to the date when the principal of the asset is to be repaid in full (or, in respect of interest rate notes, the average length of time to the next interest rate reset to a money market rate) of all of the Fund's assets will be up to 60 days. The weighted average life (i.e. the average length of time to the date when the principal of the assets is to be repaid in full) of all of the Fund's assets will be up to 120 days.
- The Fund's assets may be issued or guaranteed by both United Kingdom (UK) and non-UK issuers including governments, government agencies, companies and supranationals and shall always be denominated in Sterling. They will be rated high credit quality (i.e. meet a specified level of credit worthiness) at the time of purchase.
- The Fund is actively managed. The investment manager has discretion to select the Fund's investments. The Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate (SONIA) should be used by investors to compare the performance of the Fund.
- The Fund is a "Short Term Low Volatility Variable Net Asset Value Money Market Fund" (or LVNAV) as defined by the EU Money Market Funds Regulations. Details of the current credit ratings (if any) attributed to the Fund are available from www.blackrock.com/cash.
- The price of fixed income securities may be affected by changing interest rates which in turn may affect the value of your investment. Fixed income securities prices move inversely to interest rates. Therefore, the market value of fixed income securities may decrease as interest rates increase. The credit rating of an issuing entity will generally affect the yield that can be earned on fixed income securities; the better the credit rating the smaller the yield.
- The return on your investment in the Fund is directly related to the value of the underlying assets of the Fund, less costs (see "What are the costs?" below).
- The relationship between the return on your investment, how it is impacted and the period for which you hold your investment is considered below (see "How long should I hold it and can I take my money out early?").
- The depositary of the Fund is J.P. Morgan SE Dublin Branch.
- Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of the Institutional Cash Series plc. These documents are available free of charge in English and certain other languages. These can be found, along with other (practical) information, including prices of units, on the BlackRock website at: www.blackrock.com or by calling the International Investor Servicing team on +353 1612 3393.
- Your shares will be accumulating shares (i.e. dividend income will be included in their value).
- Your shares will be denominated in Sterling, the Fund's base currency.
- You can buy and sell your shares daily. The Fund is valued at multiple valuation points throughout each day in order to offer investors the ability to buy and sell shares at multiple times during the day. The minimum initial investment for this share class is £500,000.

Intended retail investor: The Fund is intended for retail investors with the ability to bear losses up to the amount invested in the Fund (see "How long should I hold it and can I take my money out early?").

**Insurance benefits:** The Fund does not offer any insurance benefits.





The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 1 year. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

- The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.
- We have classified this product as 1 out of 7, which is the lowest risk class. This classification rates the potential losses from future
  performance at a very low level, and poor market conditions could affect the value of your investment. This classification is not guaranteed
  and may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The lowest category does not mean risk
  free.
- Be aware of currency risk. If you receive payments in a currency that is different to the product's base currency, the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.
- Please refer to the product's Prospectus for details of other materially relevant risks that may apply to this product.
- This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.
- If the product is not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back. What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted. The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product, which may include input from benchmark(s) / proxy, over the last ten years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: 1 year Scenarios		Example Investment : GBP 10,000 If you exit after 1 year		
Minimum	There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.			
Stress*	What you might get back after costs	9,970 GBP		
	Average return each year	-0.3%		
Unfavourable**	What you might get back after costs	10,000 GBP		
	Average return each year	0.0%		
Moderate***	What you might get back after costs	10,030 GBP		
	Average return each year	0.3%		
Favourable****	What you might get back after costs	10,450 GBP		
	Average return each year	4.5%		

- The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.
- \*\* This type of scenario occurred for an investment in the product and/or benchmark(s) or proxy between December 2020 December 2021.
- \*\*\* This type of scenario occurred for an investment in the product and/or benchmark(s) or proxy between February 2016 February 2017.
- \*\*\*\* This type of scenario occurred for an investment in the product and/or benchmark(s) or proxy between December 2022 December 2023.

# What happens if BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited is unable to pay out?

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by its depositary, J.P. Morgan SE – Dublin Branch (the "Depositary"). In the event of the insolvency of the Manager, the Fund's assets in the safekeeping of the Depositary will not be affected. However, in the event of the Depositary's insolvency, or someone acting on its behalf, the Fund may suffer a financial loss. However, this risk is mitigated to a certain extent by the fact the Depositary is required by law and regulation to segregate its own assets from the assets of the Fund. The Depositary will also be liable to the Fund and the investors for any loss arising from, among other things, its negligence, fraud or intentional failure properly to fulfil its obligations (subject to certain limitations). As a shareholder of the Fund you would not be able to make a claim to the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme or any other scheme about the Fund in the event that the Fund is unable to pay out.

## What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

**Costs over time:** The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest and how long you hold the product. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

## We have assumed:

- You would get back the amount that you invested (0 % annual return).
- GBP 10,000 is invested.

	If you exit after recommended holding period
Total costs	26 GBP
Cost impact (*)	0.3%

(\*) This illustrates the effect of costs over a holding period of less than one year. This percentage cannot be directly compared to the cost impact figures provided for other PRIIPs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

Composition of Costs  One-off costs upon entry	y or exit	If you exit after recommended holding period
Entry costs	We do not charge an entry fee.	-
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Ongoing costs taken eac	h year	
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.25% of the value of your investment per year. This is based on a combination of estimated and actual costs data over the last year. Any underlying product costs are included here with the exception of transaction costs which would be included below under 'Transaction costs'.	25 GBP
Transaction costs	0.01% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	
Incidental costs taken ui	nder specific conditions	
Performance fees	There is no performance fee for this product	_

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early? Recommended Holding Period: 1 year

The recommended holding period (RHP) has been calculated in line with the investment strategy of the Fund and the time frame in which it is expected that it will be possible to achieve the investment objective of the Fund. Any investment should be considered against your specific investment needs and appetite for risk. BlackRock has not considered the suitability or appropriateness of this investment for your personal circumstances. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of the Fund to your needs you should seek appropriate professional advice. Details of dealing frequency can be found under "What is this product?". You may receive less than expected if you cash in earlier than the RHP. The RHP is an estimate and must not be taken as a guarantee or an indication of future performance, return or risk levels. Please see the "What are the costs?" section for details of any exit fees.

# How can I complain?

If you are not entirely satisfied with any aspect of the service you have received and you wish to complain, details of our complaints handling process are available at www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/about-blackrock/contact-us. Additionally, you can also write to the Investor Services Team, at BlackRock's UK Registered Office, 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL or e-mail them at <a href="mailto:enquiry@ukclientservices.blackrock.com">enquiry@ukclientservices.blackrock.com</a>.

## Other relevant information

The latest version of this document, 9 year(s) of past performance of the Fund, previous performance scenario of the Fund, the latest annual report and half-yearly report and any additional information issued to shareholders can be obtained free of charge, in English, from www.blackrock.com or by calling the Investor Services Team on +353 1 612 3393 or from your broker, financial adviser or distributor.

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