# **BlackRock Equity Index Fund M**

Benchmark S&P 500 TR USD

## **Investment Objective & Strategy**

The Fund is a collective investment trust maintained and managed by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. (BTC). The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in a portfolio of equity securities with the objective of approximating as closely as practicable the capitalization weighted total rate of return of that segment of the U.S. market for publicly traded equity securities represented by the larger capitalized companies. The criterion for selection of investments shall be the S&P 500 Index (the "Underlying Index"). BTC uses a "passive" or indexing approach to try to achieve the Fund's investment objective. Unlike many funds, the Fund does not try to outperform the index it seeks to track and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued. BTC uses a replication indexing strategy to manage the Fund.

#### **Operations and Management**

Fund Inception Date	03-15-12
Expense Ratio	0.04%
Portfolio Manager(s)	Management Team
Name of Issuer	BlackRock Institutional Trust
	Company NA
Management Company	BlackRock Institutional Trust
	Company NA

#### Benchmark Description: S&P 500 TR USD

The index measures the performance of 500 widely held stocks in US equity market. Standard and Poor's chooses member companies for the index based on market size, liquidity and industry group representation. Included are the stocks of industrial, financial, utility, and transportation companies. Since mid 1989, this composition has been more flexible and the number of issues in each sector has varied. It is market capitalization-weighted.

#### Category Description: Large Blend

Large-blend portfolios are fairly representative of the overall US stock market in size, growth rates and price. Stocks in the top 70% of the capitalization of the US equity market are defined as large cap. The blend style is assigned to portfolios where neither growth nor value characteristics predominate. These portfolios tend to invest across the spectrum of US industries, and owing to their broad exposure, the portfolios' returns are often similar to those of the S&P 500 Index



In the past, this investment has shown a relatively moderate range of price fluctuations relative to other investments. This investment may experience larger or smaller price declines or price increases depending on market conditions. Some of this risk may be offset by owning other investments with different portfolio makeups or investment strategies.

Overall Morningstar Rating" **Morningstar Return Morningstar Risk** Above Average \*\*\*\* Average

Out of 1225 Large Blend investments, An investment's overall Morningstar Rating, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings. See disclosure page for details.

Performance										
		QTD	YTD	1 \	/ear	3 Year	5 Year	1	0 Year Si	nce Inception
Fund Return %		6.18	6.18	56.	.41	16.83	16.33		_	14.54
Benchmark Return %		6.18	6.18	56.	.35	16.78	16.29		—	14.51
Category Average %		6.74	6.74	56.	.80	14.87	14.80		_	12.38
# of Funds in Category		,485	1,485	1,351		1,225	1,068			—
Calendar Year Total Returns	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Return %	6.18	18.46	31.53	-4.36	21.86	11.97	1.43	13.72	32.42	. —
Benchmark Return %	6.18	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.38	13.69	32.39	—
Category Average %	6.74	15.83	28.78	-6.27	20.44	10.37	-1.07	10.96	31.50	—
# of Funds in Category	1485	1363	1387	1402	1396	1409	1606	1568	1559	

Performance Disclosure: The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; thus an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Current Month performance may be higher or lower than return data quoted herein. For more current information including month-end performance, please call 1-844-5HEARST (1-844-543-2778) or visit HearstRetirementSavings.com. Please refer to the performance section of the disclosure page for more information.

% Assets

## Portfolio Analysis as of 03-31-21



Top 10 Holdings as of 03-31-21	% Assets
Apple Inc	5.70
Microsoft Corp	5.26
Amazon.com Inc	3.92
Facebook Inc A	2.10
Alphabet Inc A	1.84
Alphabet Inc Class C	1.76
Tesla Inc	1.52
Berkshire Hathaway Inc Class B	1.44
JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.37
Johnson & Johnson	1.28
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Total Number of Stock Holdings	505
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Annual Turnover Ratio %	9.09
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	3,939.90

Assets Morningstar Equity Style Box <sup>™</sup> as of 03-31-21			
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<ul> <li>5.70 Cyclical</li> <li>5.26 Basic Materials</li> <li>3.92 Consumer Cyclical</li> <li>2.10 Financial Services</li> <li>1.84 Real Estate</li> <li>1.76 Sensitive</li> <li>1.52</li> <li>1.44 Communication Services</li> <li>1.37 Energy</li> <li>1.28 Industrials</li> <li>Technology</li> </ul>	% Fund 31.21 2.35 12.20 14.20 2.46 46.42 10.93 2.80 9.21 23.48 22.37 6.58 13.12 2.67	S&P 500 % 31.21 2.35 12.20 14.20 2.46 46.42 10.93 2.80 9.21 23.48 22.37 6.58 13.12 2.67	

#### Principal Risks as of 03-31-21

Underlying Fund Risk 1, Equity Investment Risk, Securities Lending Risk 1, Derivatives Risk 1

## **Important Disclosures**

When used as supplemental sales literature, the Investment Profile must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current prospectus as well as this disclosure statement. The performance data given represents past performance and should not be considered indicative of future results. Principal value and investment return will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than the original investment. Fund portfolio statistics change over time. The fund is not FDIC-insured, may lose value and is not guaranteed by a bank or other financial institution.

#### Performance

Total return reflects performance without adjusting for sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all actual ongoing fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted, sales charges would reduce the performance quoted.

Standardized Total Return is total return adjusted for sales charges. The sales charge adjusted for may not necessarily be consistent with the prospectus.

The fund's performance is compared with that of an index. The index is an unmanaged portfolio of specified securities and the index does not reflect any initial or ongoing expenses. A fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the securities in the index.

### **Expense Ratio**

This is the percentage of fund assets paid for operating expenses and management fees. The expense ratio typically includes the following types of fees: accounting, administrator, advisor, auditor, board of directors, custodial, distribution (12b-1), legal, organizational, professional, registration, shareholder reporting, sub-advisor, and transfer agency. The expense ratio does not reflect the fund's brokerage costs or any investor sales charges. In contrast to the net expense ratio, the gross expense ratio does not reflect any fee waivers in effect during the time period.

## Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box reveals a fund's investment style 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 investment style (value, blend, or growth).

For fixed-income funds, the vertical axis shows the credit quality of the long bonds owned and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by a bond's effective duration.

Morningstar seeks credit rating information from fund companies on a periodic basis (e.g., guarterly). In compiling credit rating information Morningstar accepts credit ratings reported by fund companies that have been issued by all Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs). For a list of all NRSROs, please visit http:// www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/ratingagency.htm. Additionally, Morningstar accepts foreign credit ratings from widely recognized or registered rating agencies. If two rating organizations/agencies have rated a security, fund companies are to report the lower rating; if three or more organizations/ agencies have rated a security, fund companies are to report the median rating, and in cases where there are more than two organization/agency ratings and a median rating does not exist, fund companies are to use the lower of the two middle ratings. PLEASE NOTE: Morningstar, Inc. is not itself an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. An NRSRO or rating agency ratings can change from time-totime and do not remove market risk.

For credit quality, Morningstar combines the credit rating information provided by the fund companies with an average default rate calculation to come up with a weighted-average credit quality. The weighted-average credit quality is currently a letter that roughly corresponds to the scale used by a leading NRSRO. Bond funds are assigned a style box placement of "low", "medium", or "high" based on their average credit quality. Funds with a low credit quality are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be less than "BBB-"; medium are those less than "AA-", but greater or equal to "BBB-"; and high are those with a weighted-average credit quality of "AA-" or higher. When classifying a bond portfolio, Morningstar first maps the NRSRO credit ratings of the underlying holdings to their respective default rates (as determined by Morningstar's analysis of actual historical default rates). Morningstar then averages these default rates to determine the average default rate for the entire bond fund. Finally, Morningstar maps this average default rate to its corresponding credit rating along a convex curve.

For interest-rate sensitivity, Morningstar obtains from fund companies the average effective duration. Generally, Morningstar classifies a fixed-income fund's interest-rate sensitivity based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI), which is currently three years. The classification of Limited will be assigned to those funds whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI's average effective duration; funds whose average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI will be classified as Moderate; and those that are at 125% or greater of the average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as Extensive.

For municipal bond funds, Morningstar also obtains from fund companies the average effective duration. In these cases static breakpoints are utilized. These breakpoints are as follows: (i) Limited: 4.5 years or less; (ii) Moderate: more than 4.5 years but less than 7 years; and (iii) Extensive: more than 7 years. In addition, for non-US taxable and non-US domiciled fixed income funds static duration breakpoints are used: (i) Limited: less than or equal to 3.5 years; (ii) Moderate: greater than 3.5 and less than equal to 6 years; (iii) Extensive: greater than 6 years.

## **Additional Fund Information**

#### **Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts**

Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts are professionally managed investment options designed to offer cost effective investments to large investors. The collective Trusts referred to above are overseen by banking regulators and the Separate Accounts referred to above are overseen by the SEC. These vehicles are subject to oversight by the US Department of Labor in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts are not required to have a prospectus.

#### Investment Risk:

#### **Underlying Fund Risk 1**

The investment objective and strategies of a collective investment trust in which the Fund invests ("Underlying Fund") may differ from the Fund, and there is no assurance that an Underlying Fund will achieve its objective.

**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.

#### **Securities Lending Risk 1**

The Fund may engage in securities lending, which involves borrower credit risk, settlement risk, and cash collateralrelated 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.