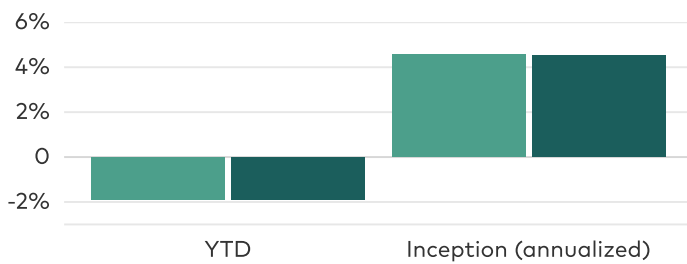


# Blackstone Credit

## Returns

- Net Return
- Index



## Performance Summary

	Gross	Net	Index	Excess Return
MTD	-1.84%	-1.88%	-1.89%	0.01%
3-Month	-1.94%	-2.04%	-1.90%	-0.14%
YTD	-1.84%	-1.88%	-1.89%	0.01%
1-Year	-1.81%	-2.20%	-2.50%	0.30%
3-Year (annualized)	4.72%	4.34%	4.14%	0.20%
5-Year (annualized)	3.78%	3.40%	3.49%	-0.09%
Inception (annualized)	5.03%	4.56%	4.51%	0.05%
Volatility		4.87%	5.23%	

## Fund Details

### Share Class:

Currency	USD
Net Assets	747.96 MM
Inception	September 1, 2005
ISIN	IE00BOGZN096

### Fund:

Base Currency	USD
Net Assets	2.01 B
Launched	August 29, 2005
Liquidity	daily dealing

Strategy Assets	\$3.41 B
BX Credit AUM	\$243.26 B

## Performance Decomposition (Gross)

### YTD

Credit	-0.62%	-0.52%
Default Free	-1.20%	-1.37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1.82%</b>	<b>-1.89%</b>

### INCEPTION (annualized)

Credit	1.05%	0.59%
Default Free	3.83%	3.79%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.03%</b>	<b>4.51%</b>

## Market Commentary

Credit markets turned notably negative to start 2022. High yield spreads widened nearly 50 bps and investment grade spreads rose by 14 bps in January amid soaring market volatility and a worldwide decline in equity values. In response to persistently high inflation and a more hawkish Fed, the market priced in two additional U.S. rate hikes in 2022 as compared to the start of the month, catalyzing a sharp sell-off in equities and fixed rate debt. In addition, geopolitical tensions escalated, with Russia threatening to invade Ukraine and the West providing support to Ukraine in response. On a positive note, many parts of the world including the U.S. appear to have passed the peak in Covid cases caused by the Omicron variant.

Interest rates in the U.S. jumped higher and the yield curve flattened, with the 2-yr climbing by 45 bps and the 30-yr rising by 20 bps on the month. Intraday volatility picked up amid the uncertainty as markets lurched and the VIX climbed 44% to finish the month at 25. Defying the risk repricing, oil continued its rapid ascent, with WTI rising another 18% to \$88.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Investment Grade Corporate Index finished the month with a decline of 3.4% as the impact of rising interest rates was compounded by the rising credit spreads. After a spate of heavy issuance early in the month, the primary market was effectively shut toward the end of the month in response to the volatility. The U.S. High Yield Index (HUCO) also had a rough month, falling 2.7% in January as investors favored the floating rate leveraged loan market.

The heightened uncertainty in the current environment should create renewed opportunities for credit differentiation once the market digests this repricing. Our dynamic focus on the evolving underlying firm-level credit fundamentals should be well positioned to capitalize as this next phase of the virus and recovery continue to play out.

Source: Blackstone, Bloomberg, ICE Data Indices, LLC.

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All report data as of: January 31, 2022

Share Class Ticker DCIUMBA ID | 1

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## Blackstone Investment Grade Systematic Corporate Fund (UCITS)

January 2022

Class A USD Ordinary - Sub-Fund of Blackstone Systematic Credit Umbrella Fund plc

## Blackstone Credit

Portfolio Statistics	Portfolio	Index
Investment Grade	100.0%	100.0%
Non-investment Grade	0.0%	0.0%
Not-rated	0.0%	0.0%
# of Issuers	174	776
Average Default Probability <sup>1</sup>	0.19%	0.18%
Average DP Implied Rating <sup>1</sup>	BBB	BBB
Average Agency Rating	BBB+	A-
Average Maturity	5.23yr	4.91yr
Average Interest Rate Duration	4.46yr	4.48yr
Average Credit Duration	4.61yr	4.48yr
Spread	94bp	73bp
Total DTS Exposure	435bp	388bp
Current Yield	3.5%	3.0%
Yield to Maturity	2.5%	2.3%
Yield to Worst	2.5%	2.3%
Tracking Error	1.0%	

Portfolio Sectors	Portfolio (% NAV)	Index (% NAV)	Active Risk (DTS)
Aerospace	3.0%	2.6%	0.8%
Banks	24.4%	26.3%	5.3%
Consumer Discretionary	8.8%	4.5%	3.9%
Consumer Non-Discretionary	6.5%	8.8%	0.5%
Energy	12.0%	4.7%	8.6%
Equipment	0.6%	1.9%	-0.4%
Financial Companies	3.5%	3.4%	-0.2%
General	2.6%	2.2%	0.6%
High Tech	10.9%	9.8%	4.3%
Insurance	1.9%	2.6%	-0.3%
Investment Vehicles / REIT	4.6%	5.5%	-2.9%
Materials	0.8%	1.7%	-0.6%
Media	1.9%	5.1%	-4.2%
Other Financials	7.9%	5.8%	3.6%
Pharmaceuticals	1.1%	5.5%	-2.4%
Transportation	1.2%	1.6%	-0.2%
Utilities	5.5%	8.0%	-4.2%

Portfolio Profile	Portfolio (% NAV)	Index (% NAV)	Active Risk (DTS)
AAA	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
AA	2.2%	2.7%	1.1%
A	15.2%	20.4%	3.1%
BBB	54.8%	55.5%	7.8%
BB	21.6%	17.0%	3.9%
B	3.2%	4.2%	-3.4%
CCC	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%
CC and below	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
AAA	0.0%	0.8%	-0.3%
AA	5.6%	6.2%	3.3%
A	32.0%	43.1%	5.6%
BBB	59.5%	49.9%	3.6%
BB	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
B	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CCC	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CC and below	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
0-2yr	17.2%	27.2%	0.2%
3-5yr	41.4%	38.1%	13.9%
6-10yr	38.5%	34.5%	-1.6%
11-20yr	0.0%	0.0%	-0.1%
>20yr	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
USD	97.1%	100.0%	12.2%
EUR	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
GBP	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

<sup>1</sup>Calculated by Blackstone, in its sole discretion, on the Blackstone investable universe which is a subset of the Index. Please see full definition in the Definitions section.

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Top 10 Largest Holdings	% NAV
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	2.0%
WELLS FARGO & CO	2.0%
LLOYDS BANKING GROUP PLC	2.0%
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	2.0%
CONOCOPHILLIPS	2.0%
HSBC HLDGS PLC	2.0%
ARES CAPITAL CORP	2.0%
NATWEST GROUP PLC	2.0%
MORGAN STANLEY	2.0%
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	2.0%

## Net Returns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year	Index
2022	-1.88%												-1.88%	-1.89%
2021	-0.29%	-0.93%	-0.81%	0.89%	0.55%	0.52%	0.82%	-0.21%	-0.47%	-0.51%	-0.26%	0.10%	-0.62%	-1.00%
2020	1.67%	0.97%	-7.53%	4.01%	1.93%	2.33%	1.67%	0.30%	-0.05%	0.17%	1.36%	0.72%	7.36%	7.47%
2019	1.37%	0.35%	1.78%	0.50%	1.14%	1.41%	0.42%	1.69%	-0.23%	0.73%	-0.02%	0.45%	9.99%	10.14%
2018	-0.82%	-0.81%	0.00%	-0.44%	0.55%	-0.30%	0.44%	0.63%	-0.29%	-0.43%	-0.02%	1.03%	-0.49%	-0.23%
2017	0.34%	0.67%	0.03%	0.78%	0.74%	-0.08%	0.70%	0.44%	-0.30%	0.24%	-0.40%	0.30%	3.51%	3.92%
2016	0.56%	0.58%	2.16%	0.80%	-0.07%	1.48%	0.75%	0.10%	0.03%	-0.36%	-1.80%	0.36%	4.62%	4.67%
2015	3.00%	-1.23%	0.48%	-0.66%	-0.73%	-1.39%	0.56%	-0.80%	0.78%	0.02%	-0.35%	-0.60%	-0.99%	-0.68%
2014	2.24%	0.78%	0.16%	1.30%	1.41%	0.20%	-0.13%	1.45%	-1.18%	0.81%	0.67%	0.03%	7.97%	7.46%
2013	-0.41%	0.63%	0.17%	1.85%	-2.31%	-2.76%	0.77%	-0.78%	0.65%	1.40%	-0.27%	-0.24%	-1.39%	-1.53%
2012	1.69%	0.44%	-0.62%	2.05%	1.45%	-0.40%	2.31%	0.25%	0.57%	1.37%	0.02%	-0.41%	9.04%	9.82%
2011	0.41%	0.72%	0.25%	1.54%	1.75%	-0.59%	2.36%	1.08%	0.37%	-0.14%	0.60%	1.35%	10.12%	8.15%
2010	2.45%	0.43%	0.36%	1.77%	-0.23%	1.94%	1.93%	2.92%	0.34%	-0.03%	-0.78%	-1.90%	9.48%	9.00%
2009	1.30%	0.05%	0.78%	0.65%	3.06%	2.70%	3.83%	2.65%	2.32%	0.81%	1.82%	-1.05%	20.53%	18.68%
2008	1.38%	-0.66%	-0.26%	-0.70%	-1.04%	0.38%	-0.48%	1.24%	-1.80%	-8.53%	2.74%	0.12%	-7.77%	-4.94%
2007	-0.07%	2.16%	-0.27%	0.62%	-1.10%	-0.67%	0.24%	1.77%	0.59%	0.85%	2.00%	-0.64%	5.55%	4.56%
2006	-0.04%	0.32%	-1.34%	-0.37%	-0.14%	0.01%	1.47%	1.92%	1.00%	0.78%	1.56%	-0.89%	4.31%	4.30%
2005									-1.59%	-1.13%	0.52%	1.03%	-1.19%	-1.19%

## 12 Month Rolling Returns

	Feb 2012- Jan 2013	Feb 2013- Jan 2014	Feb 2014- Jan 2015	Feb 2015- Jan 2016	Feb 2016- Jan 2017	Feb 2017- Jan 2018	Feb 2018- Jan 2019	Feb 2019- Jan 2020	Feb 2020- Jan 2021	Feb 2021- Jan 2022
Gross	7.43%	1.57%	9.13%	-3.01%	4.74%	2.67%	2.07%	10.70%	5.68%	-1.81%
Net	6.79%	1.23%	8.77%	-3.34%	4.40%	2.31%	1.70%	10.32%	5.29%	-2.20%
Index	6.48%	1.15%	8.75%	-3.27%	4.71%	2.70%	2.36%	9.78%	5.52%	-2.50%

# Blackstone Credit

## Fund Description

The Fund aims to deliver higher returns than the Index through individual credit selection, with beta, sector, and other systemic credit risk characteristics similar to the Index. The Fund invests in investment grade corporate bonds and seeks to minimize differences in interest rate risk relative to the Index through portfolio construction and, as appropriate, interest rate risk hedging using interest rate swaps and Treasury futures.

## Fund Advantage

The Fund aims to deliver through active management:

- Higher return and Sharpe ratio than the Index over a Market Cycle
- Less idiosyncratic risk (avoids highest default risk issuers) resulting in:
  - Lower drawdowns and losses from tail events
  - Similar or lower volatility than the Index
- Uncorrelated excess returns to indices and other investment strategies
- A 'pure play' on corporates: index-only bonds, no equities, hybrids or convertible securities
- Aim of delivering protection from exchange rate fluctuations with hedged currency share classes
- Daily dealing UCITS V compliant fund or managed accounts with custom interest rate targets or other characteristics available
- 'Diversification by Approach' by complementing investors' existing fixed income allocations
- Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation Article 8 compliant Funds<sup>1</sup>.

## About Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies

Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies LLC (formerly DCI, LLC) is an asset management firm specializing in investment grade and high yield corporate credit strategies. The firm manages long-only and long/short strategies for some of the world's largest institutional and private wealth investors. Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies deploys a fundamental based, systematic approach seeking to exploit potential inefficiencies in the corporate credit markets. The firm offers daily dealing funds including regulated UCITS V compliant funds, Alternative funds, and custom managed accounts.

The cofounders' achievements include the creation of the world's first equity index fund at Wells Fargo in 1971, cofounding Dimensional Fund Advisors in 1981 and cofounding KMV in 1989. While at KMV between 1989 and 2002, a group of DCI's founders and principals developed the world's first credit default probability model. This model was empirically shown to predict corporate defaults with more precision and accuracy than any previous methods. After Moody's acquired KMV, the team co-founded DCI in 2004 with the singular objective of creating well-diversified portfolios that seek to produce consistent, low-volatility alpha. On December 18, 2020, Blackstone Inc. acquired DCI, LLC which has become a part of Blackstone Credit the credit-focused business of Blackstone. DCI, LLC was subsequently renamed Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies LLC.

The firm is registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)<sup>2</sup>.

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## Share Class Details

Share Class	ISIN	Inception	Net Assets (Local MM)
Class A USD Ordinary Distr.	IE00BGQYH954	3/21/2014	111.30
Class A USD Ordinary	IE00BOGZN096	8/29/2005	747.96
Class B EUR Ordinary	IE00BOGZPH03	2/22/2006	468.56
Class B EUR Ordinary Distr.	IE00B3N6HK40	7/15/2010	73.31

Share Class	ISIN	Inception	Net Assets (Local MM)
Class C CHF Ordinary	IE00BOGZQ883	11/22/2011	145.68
Class C CHF Ordinary Distr.	IE00BGQYHB76	9/7/2015	8.22
Class D GBP Ordinary Distr.	IE00B684PL17	7/6/2010	274.65
Class E SGD Ordinary	IE00BGQYHC83	12/19/2013	8.72

<sup>1</sup>Please see Key Risk Factors - Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR").

<sup>2</sup>Registration with the SEC does not imply any level of skill or training.

## GIPS Report

## Blackstone Investment Grade Systematic Corporate Composite - GIPS Report

Annual Performance Results Composite

Year End	Total Firm Assets USD (MM)	Composite Assets USD (MM)	Number of Accounts	Index <sup>1</sup>	Volatility <sup>2</sup>	Gross	Net	Volatility <sup>2</sup>
2020	\$7,836	\$2,195	1	7.47%	4.77%	7.76%	7.36%	5.76%
2019	\$6,207	\$2,224	1	10.14%	2.26%	10.38%	9.99%	2.22%
2018	\$5,162	\$1,929	1	-0.23%	2.39%	-0.13%	-0.49%	2.40%
2017	\$4,635	\$2,195	1	3.92%	3.18%	3.87%	3.51%	3.13%
2016	\$3,458	\$2,033	1	4.67%	3.60%	4.97%	4.62%	3.57%
2015	\$4,486	\$3,385	1	-0.68%	4.13%	-0.66%	-0.99%	4.06%
2014	\$5,472	\$3,752	1	7.46%	4.01%	8.33%	7.97%	3.91%
2013	\$5,564	\$3,199	1	-1.53%	4.27%	-1.04%	-1.39%	3.91%
2012	\$4,571	\$2,521	1	9.82%	3.74%	9.69%	9.04%	3.74%
2011	\$3,530	\$2,483	1	8.15%	5.04%	10.75%	10.12%	4.37%
2010	\$3,504	\$2,863	1	9.00%	9.04%	10.11%	9.48%	7.29%
2009	\$3,268	\$2,722	1	18.68%	8.92%	21.22%	20.53%	7.04%
2008	\$3,413	\$1,875	1	-4.94%	8.01%	-7.23%	-7.77%	6.26%
2007	\$4,373	\$2,592	1	4.56%		6.09%	5.55%	
2006	\$2,180	\$2,180	1	4.30%		4.91%	4.31%	
2005 <sup>3</sup>	\$700	\$700	1	-1.19%		-1.00%	-1.19%	

The Blackstone Investment Grade Systematic Corporate Composite (the "Composite") is comprised of a fully discretionary representative share class, Blackstone Investment Grade Systematic Corporate Fund (UCITS) - Class A USD Ordinary Accumulating (ISIN: IE00BOGZNO96). The objective of the fund is to produce relative returns, net of fees and expenses above the performance of the Bloomberg Barclays US Intermediate Corporate Bond Index. The portfolio is comprised of corporate bonds and derivatives. Prior to December 31, 2020, this Composite was referred to as the DCI Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund (UCITS) Composite.

Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies LLC is an independent registered investment adviser (formerly known as DCI, LLC). DCI, LLC was acquired by Blackstone on December 18, 2020 and subsequently changed its name on March 10, 2021 to Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies LLC. A list of all composite and pooled fund investment strategies offered by the firm, with a description of each strategy, is available upon request. The type of portfolios in which each strategy is available (segregated account, limited distribution pooled fund, or broad distribution pooled fund) is indicated in the description of each strategy. Dispersion is not presented as the information is not statistically meaningful due to the number of portfolios in the Composite.

Results are based on fully discretionary accounts under management, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Composite performance is presented gross of foreign withholding taxes on dividends, interest income, and capital gains. Withholding taxes may vary according to the investor's domicile. The Composite may use derivatives which includes credit default swaps to obtain corporate credit exposure and interest rate swaps and futures to hedge to a target interest rate profile. Actual performance results may differ from Composite returns, depending on the size of the account, investment guidelines and/or restrictions, inception date and other factors. The volatility and risk profile of the indices presented may be materially different from that of the accounts making up the Composite. In addition, the indices employ different investment guidelines and criteria than the accounts making up the Composite and do not employ leverage; as a result, the holdings in the accounts making up the Composite and the liquidity of such holdings may differ significantly from the securities that comprise the indices. There can be no assurance that any Blackstone fund or investment will achieve its objectives or avoid substantial losses. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

The US Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Gross returns are presented gross of management fees and expenses and include the reinvestment of all income. Net returns are presented net of management fees and expenses and include the reinvestment of all income. Net of fee performance was calculated using actual management fees. The policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request.

The investment management fee schedule for the Composite is 0.25%. Prior to March 1, 2013, the investment management fee was 0.50%. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary.

The Blackstone Investment Grade Systematic Corporate Composite was created September 1, 2005. The inception date of the composite is September 1, 2005. Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies LLC claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies has been independently verified for the periods August 30, 2005 through December 31, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup>Custom Index: Designed and calculated by Blackstone Credit Systematic Strategies, this index is not the performance benchmark of the fund. The Custom Index was constructed to account for the benchmark change that was requested by the client and implemented during the month of March 2016. The new benchmark was effective April 1, 2016. For the period from inception to February 29, 2016 the benchmark used by the Custom Index is the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index (the official performance benchmark of the fund during this period). For the period from March 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016 the benchmark used by the Custom Index is a blended index comprised of three parts: (i) 50% Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index (credit return only), plus (ii) 50% Bloomberg Barclays US Intermediate Corporate Bond Index (credit return only) plus (iii) the default free return of the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index. For the period from April 1, 2016 to current the Custom Index uses the Bloomberg Barclays US Intermediate Corporate Bond Index (the official performance benchmark of the fund during this period).

<sup>2</sup>Standard deviation of the three-year annualized ex-post net of fees monthly returns.

<sup>3</sup>Results shown for the year 2005 represent partial period performance from September 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.



## KEY RISK FACTORS

In considering any investment performance information contained in the Materials, **prospective and current investors should bear in mind that past or estimated performance is not necessarily indicative of future results** and there can be no assurance that a Fund will achieve comparable results, implement its investment strategy, achieve its objectives or avoid substantial losses or that any expected returns will be met.

**Conflicts of Interest.** There may be occasions when a Fund's general partner and/or the investment advisor, and their affiliates will encounter potential conflicts of interest in connection with such Fund's activities including, without limitation, the allocation of investment opportunities, relationships with Blackstone's and its affiliates' investment banking and advisory clients, and the diverse interests of such Fund's limited partner group. There can be no assurance that the Sponsor will identify, mitigate, or resolve all conflicts of interest in a manner that is favorable to the Partnership.

**Diversification; Potential Lack Thereof.** Diversification is not a guarantee of either a return or protection against loss in declining markets. The number of investments which a Fund makes may be limited, which would cause the Fund's investments to be more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse economic or business conditions with respect thereto. There is assurance that any of the Fund's investments will perform well or even return capital; if certain investments perform unfavorably, for the Fund to achieve above-average returns, one or a few of its investments must perform very well. There is no assurance that this will be the case. In addition, certain geographic regions and/or industries in which the Fund is heavily invested may be more adversely affected from economic pressures when compared to other geographic regions and/or industries.

**Epidemics/Pandemics.** Countries have been susceptible to epidemics which may be designated as pandemics by world health authorities, most recently COVID-19. The outbreak of such epidemics, together with any resulting restrictions on travel or quarantines imposed, has had and will continue to have a negative impact on the economy and business activity globally (including in the countries in which the Funds invest), and thereby is expected to adversely affect the performance of the Funds' investments. Furthermore, the rapid development of epidemics could preclude prediction as to their ultimate adverse impact on economic and market conditions, and, as a result, presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to the Funds and the performance of their investments.

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**Highly Competitive Market for Investment Opportunities.** The activity of identifying, completing and realizing attractive investments is highly competitive, and involves a high degree of uncertainty. There can be no assurance that a Fund will be able to locate, consummate and exit investments that satisfy its objectives or realize upon their values. There is no guarantee that investment opportunities will be allocated to a Fund and/or that the activities of Blackstone's other funds will not adversely affect the interests of such Fund.

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**Reliance on Key Management Personnel.** The success of a Fund will depend, in large part, upon the skill and expertise of certain Blackstone professionals. In the event of the death, disability or departure of any key Blackstone professionals, the business and the performance of a Fund may be adversely affected. Some Blackstone professionals may have other responsibilities, including senior management responsibilities, throughout Blackstone and, therefore, conflicts are expected to arise in the allocation of such personnel's time (including as a result of such personnel deriving financial benefit from these other activities, including fees and performance-based compensation).

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Please refer to the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID) before making any final investment decision. The prospectus is available in English and the KIID is available in English, German, French, Swiss English, Spanish, Italian, Danish, Swedish, Portuguese, Dutch, Icelandic at [www.blackstone.com/systematic-strategies/](http://www.blackstone.com/systematic-strategies/). Any decision to invest in a Fund should be made after reviewing the Offering Documents of such Fund, conducting such investigations as the investor deems necessary and consulting the investor's own legal, accounting and tax advisers to make an independent determination of the suitability and consequences of an investment in such Fund. In the event that the descriptions or terms described herein are inconsistent with or contrary to the descriptions in or terms of the Offering Documents, the Offering Documents shall control. None of Blackstone, its funds, nor any of their affiliates makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein and nothing contained herein should be relied upon as a promise or representation as to past or future performance of a Fund or any other entity, transaction, or investment. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined have the meanings set forth in the Offering Documents.

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- the application form, the constitutional document, and other relevant documents of the Fund; and
- Applicable Law and Regulation\*.

Such rights may include, but are not limited to, the right to participate in changes in the net asset value of such investor's shares; the right to a share of any dividends or distributions paid out by the Fund; the right to attend at general meetings of the shareholders of the Fund and to vote on any motion tabled at such meetings; subject to certain conditions, the right to call a general meeting of investors in the Fund; the right to request the redemption of the investor's shares by the Fund and certain rights in respect of how the Fund uses the investor's personal data. The exercise by an investor of these rights is strictly subject to the terms and conditions of the relevant Fund documents and/or legislation from which these rights derive. The foregoing is only a brief summary of examples of the rights of an investor in relation to the Fund. For a more detailed description of their rights vis-à-vis the Fund, investors should consult their own legal advisor.

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A summary, in English, of investors rights and information on access to collective redress mechanism can be obtained at the following website [www.blackstone.com/systematic-strategies/](http://www.blackstone.com/systematic-strategies/)

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**% NAV:** Exposures labeled "% NAV" are calculated as the bond equivalent market values calculated by Blackstone (using third party valuations) divided by the Net Assets of the portfolio (inclusive of cash and cash equivalents).

**Active Risk (DTS):** Net weighted average of credit duration times spread as a percentage of the Index.

**Agency Rating:** Agency Rating is a composite rating using the median of Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch. If only two of the designated agencies rate a security, the composite rating is based on the lower of the two. Likewise, if only one of the designated agencies rates the security, the composite rating is based on that one rating. If there are no credit ratings, the security will be considered unrated.

**Average Default Probability (DP):** The weighted average Default Probability based on market value. Calculated by Blackstone, in its sole discretion, on the Blackstone investable universe which is a subset of the Index. Privately held companies are not part of the Blackstone investable universe and therefore Blackstone does not compute a DP for a private company. In such instances, the privately held company is removed from the denominator when calculating the percentages displayed for the Index.

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**Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index:** The Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Corporate Index is an unmanaged debt issuance weighted index that tracks the performance of U.S. investment grade corporate debt (within certain exclusions) and that reflects reinvestment of all income. All performance data regarding the index are historical and are not indicative of future results, and there can be no assurance that these or comparable results will actually be achieved by the Fund or that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. The volatility and risk profile of the indices presented is likely to be materially different from that of the Fund. In addition, the indices employ different investment guidelines and criteria than the Fund; as a result, the holdings in the Fund and the liquidity of such holdings may differ significantly from the securities that comprise the indices. The indices are not subject to fees or expenses and it may not be possible to invest in the indices.

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**Credit Duration:** A measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to changes in the aggregate level of credit spreads. A portfolio's Credit Duration is calculated as the market value weighted average Interest Rate Duration of the credit sensitive assets in the portfolio.

**Credit Return:** Return achieved over and above the Default Free Return, not including fees or expenses but including any reinvestment effects (which are the result of the cross product of the Default Free Return and the Credit Return). For the Blackstone Fund, the Credit Return is calculated for each period by subtracting the Fees and Expenses and the Default Free Return from the return implied by the published NAV. For the Index, the Credit Returns are defined as the published total Index return less the Index Default Free Return.

**Current Yield:** The return (coupon) of the asset over the next year (excluding FX forwards) divided by the current price. Due to currency hedging the realized yield may be materially different from the current yield because of underlying interest rate differentials that drive currency forwards.

**Default Free Return:** The portfolio return component attributable to returns on the existing LIBOR swap term structure and changes in the swap term structure over the observation period. This component reflects the return an investor would receive on a position without default risk and does not reflect performance experienced by any client of Blackstone.

**Default Probability (DP):** The probability that a firm will default as measured by Blackstone, where default is defined as failure to make timely interest and/or principal payments, over a specified horizon, typically one year. Probabilities range from 0.02% to 20%. Default probabilities are calculated at the issuer level and can be aggregated by weighting the issuer default probabilities by their weight in the portfolio to arrive at a risk measure of a portfolio or index. Default probabilities are based on the Vasicek-Kealhofer model of default which assumes a firm defaults when its market value of assets (determined by viewing the equity value of a firm as a call option on the underlying assets) hits the default point (empirically determined and based on various classes of liabilities). The three main components of default probability are: asset value, asset volatility (determined by calculating the standard deviation of the underlying asset returns), and default point. A distance to default measure is computed by subtracting the asset value from the default point (adjusting for any cash outflows) and scaling this distance by the asset volatility. Finally, this distance to default is converted to a physical default probability via an empirical mapping based on historical defaults. Calculated by Blackstone, in its sole discretion, on the Blackstone investable universe which is a subset of the Index. Privately held companies are not part of the Blackstone investable universe and therefore Blackstone does not compute a DP implied rating for a private company. In such instances, the privately held company is removed from the denominator when calculating the percentages displayed for the Index.

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**Excess Return:** Calculated as the difference between the net return of the account or Fund and the index.

**Fees and Expenses:** Fees and expenses are the combination of management fees and other Fund expenses including but not limited to custodian and administration fees, where applicable.

**Gross:** Returns before fees and expenses, calculated by Blackstone, and unaudited. Gross returns reflect the reinvestment of all distributions, coupons and other earnings. Performance is estimated by Blackstone and is subject to change. The information contained herein is unaudited and preliminary. Final amounts will not be available until a later date. The difference between the preliminary and the final amounts could be material. The performance shown is supplemental to the attached GIPS Report. **Past performance is not indicative of future results and there can be no assurance that any Blackstone fund, account or investment will achieve its objectives and avoid significant losses.** Please see Important Disclosure Information.

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**Inception:** The performance inception date is the date the share class was deemed fully invested in accordance with Blackstone's performance reporting policies. The share class launch date may differ from the performance inception date.

**Index:** Designed and calculated by Blackstone, this index is not the performance benchmark of the fund. The Index was constructed to account for the benchmark change that was implemented during the month of March 2016. The new benchmark was effective April 1, 2016. For the period from Inception to February 29, 2016 the benchmark used by the Index is the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index (the official performance benchmark of the fund during this period). For the period from March 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016 the benchmark used by the Index is a blended index comprised of three parts: (i) 50% Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index (credit return only), plus (ii) 50% Bloomberg Barclays US Intermediate Corporate Bond Index (credit return only) plus (iii) the default free return of the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index. For the period from April 1, 2016 to current the Index uses the Bloomberg Barclays US Intermediate Corporate Bond Index (the official performance benchmark of the fund during this period). All performance data regarding the index are historical and are not indicative of future results, and there can be no assurance that these or comparable results will actually be achieved by the Fund or that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. The volatility and risk profile of the indices presented is likely to be materially different from that of the Fund. In addition, the indices employ different investment guidelines and criteria than the Fund; as a result, the holdings in the Fund and the liquidity of such holdings may differ significantly from the securities that comprise the indices. The indices are not subject to fees or expenses and it may not be possible to invest in the indices.

**Interest Rate Duration:** A measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. The Interest Rate Duration is calculated as the weighted average maturity of the portfolio cashflows expressed in present value terms.

**LIBOR:** London Interbank Offer Rate determined by ICE Benchmark Administration Limited.

**Market Cycle:** Determination of "a Market Cycle" can be subjective and varying in length.

**Maturity:** Rounded down to the nearest year. For example, any bond with a maturity of greater than 6 years but less than 10.99 years will fall in the 6-10yr bucket.

**Net Assets:** The total assets minus the total liabilities of the account as estimated by Blackstone using third party valuations. For this measure the accounting (mark to market) value of all derivative exposures is used. The change in net assets from period to period may differ slightly from the published returns because of valuation or timing differences. Published returns are calculated using net asset values produced by the Fund's administrator or the Account's custodian.

## DEFINITIONS

**Net:** Net returns shown after fees and expenses. Prior to March 1, 2013, the fixed investment management fee for the share class presented (ISIN: IE00BOGZN096) was 0.50%. From March 1, 2013 to date, the fixed management fee for the share class presented (ISIN: IE00BOGZN096) is 0.25%. Performance is estimated by Blackstone and is subject to change. The information contained herein is unaudited and preliminary. Final amounts will not be available until a later date. The difference between the preliminary and the final amounts could be material. The performance shown is supplemental to the attached GIPS Report. **Past performance is not indicative of future results and there can be no assurance that any Blackstone fund, account or investment will achieve its objectives and avoid significant losses.** Please see Important Disclosure Information.

**Performance Decomposition (Gross):** An estimated attribution based on the model characteristics of the underlying assets and is subject to change. The returns and values are based on internal Blackstone pricing sources and analytics, they may deviate materially from the strategy administrator or third party index provider.

**Portfolio Statistics:** Calculated on the credit portfolio only and excludes cash (or cash equivalents). All statistics are calculated by Blackstone.

**S&P 500:** Standard and Poor's 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The index is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. All performance data regarding the index are historical and are not indicative of future results, and there can be no assurance that these or comparable results will actually be achieved by the Fund or that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. The volatility and risk profile of the indices presented is likely to be materially different from that of the Fund. In addition, the indices employ different investment guidelines and criteria than the Fund; as a result, the holdings in the Fund and the liquidity of such holdings may differ significantly from the securities that comprise the indices. The indices are not subject to fees or expenses and it may not be possible to invest in the indices.

**Spread:** The average spread represents the market value weighted average of the spread of positions in the credit portfolio. The spread over LIBOR for corporate bonds is the additional premium needed such that the discounted cashflows of the corporate bond are equal to the market value. For CDS, the par spread is the premium paid/received such that the CDS contract is valued at par.

**Strategy Assets:** Includes all Investment Grade Corporate Bond Systematic strategies managed by Blackstone which may differ materially in implementation but are in the systematic investment grade corporate bond strategy category.

**Total DTS Exposure:** DTS (Duration Times Spread) is a portfolio risk metric which measures the sensitivity to a relative change in spread. Total DTS risk is weighted with respect to the bond equivalent value of the total portfolio.

**Total Return:** The combination of the Default Free Return and Credit Return. The Total Return reflects the reinvestment of all distributions, coupons and other earnings. The Total Return is chain-linked geometrically across periods using the formula  $[(1 + \text{Total Return}_1) * (1 + \text{Total Return}_N)] - 1$ . Total returns are gross of all fees, expenses, currency hedging and any additional class-specific attribution. The Performance Decomposition (Gross) does not include the effect of foreign exchange exposures which may result in a total that is materially different from the Performance section. Performance Decomposition (Gross) is an estimated attribution calculated by Blackstone based on the model characteristics of the underlying assets and is subject to change.

**Tracking Error:** The tracking error or tracking error volatility is the annualized standard deviation of the differential monthly net returns of the fund or account and the Index since inception. Tracking error is shown after the account has been active for one year.

**VIX:** The Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index.

**Volatility:** An estimation of the standard deviation of monthly returns. Volatility is shown after the account has been active for one year.

**Yield to Maturity:** The market value weighted average of the yield to maturity (the total return anticipated on the instrument if it is held until it matures) of the positions held in the portfolio. For interest rate swaps, the yield to maturity is calculated as the differential yield of the floating and fix leg of the swap. For futures, the yield to maturity is the yield to maturity of the underlying cheapest to deliver bond. For FX forwards, the yield to maturity is the differential between the forward rate and the current spot rate.

**Yield to Worst:** Is the lowest yield an investor can expect when investing in a callable bond. For non-callable securities it is calculated in the same manner as yield to maturity.