

IFSL Blackfinch NextGen Property Securities

May 2025 Fund Factsheet



Investment Objective

The aim of the Fund is to increase the value of an investment over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income received by the Fund, which is money paid out of investments, such as dividends and interest.

Portfolio Information

Class A: Accumulation Share ISIN
GB00BQ2MY039

Class A Management Fee	Class A Underlying fund charges
0.75%	0.78%

Class B: Accumulation Share ISIN
GB00BQ2MY252

Class B Management Fee	Class B Underlying fund charges
0.65%	0.68%

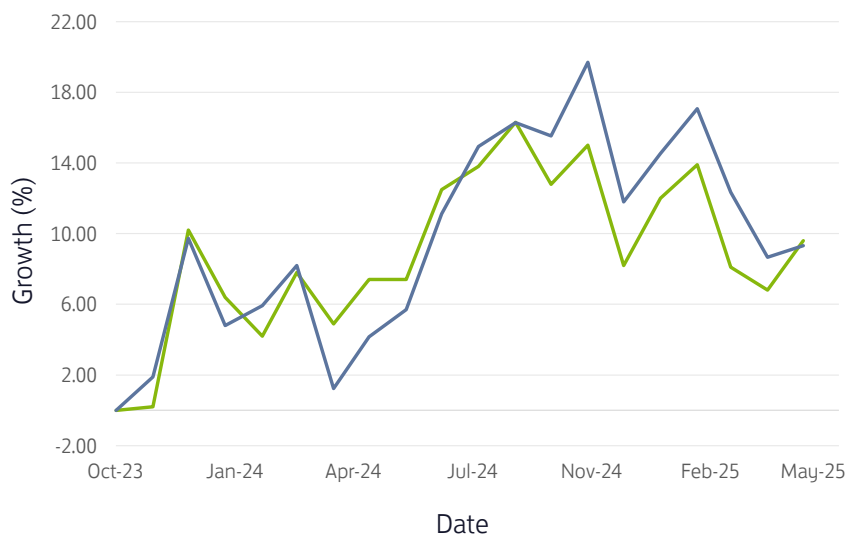
Estimated Annual Income Yield (Class B)	Number of holdings
2.71%	42

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Performance Since Launch

Property Fund Morningstar Global Markets REIT NR GBP

Source: Morningstar Inc

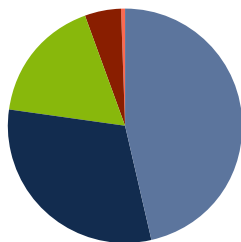


Cumulative Performance (%)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Fund	2.0%	-	-	-
Comparator	5.0%	-	-	-

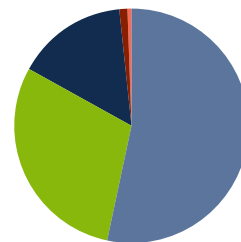
Discrete Performance (%) - to last month end

	May 24/25	May 23/24	May 22/23	May 21/22	May 20/21
Fund	2.0%	-	-	-	-



Thematic Allocation (as at 31/05/2025)

Digitalisation	46.57%
Sustainable Urbanisation	30.80%
Ageing Demographics	17.19%
Emerging Middle Classes	4.88%
Cash & Equivalent	0.55%



Regional Allocation¹ (as at 31/05/2025)

North America	53.48%
Europe	29.80%
Asia Pacific	15.21%
Latin America	0.95%
Cash & Equivalent	0.55%

Date of inception: 24/11/2023.

¹Based on the country of domicile. IFSL Blackfinch OEIC Sub-Funds performance figures are quoted net of AMC and fund OCFs.

Investment Fund Services Limited (IFSL) acts as the Fund's Authorised Corporate Director (ACD). The Key Investor Information Documents and the Prospectuses for all funds are available, in English, free of charge and can be obtained directly using the contact details in the Sales Contact section. They can also be downloaded from www.ifslfunds.com.

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George Nikolaou, Lead Fund Manager and Dr Dan Appleby, CIO and Support Fund Manager are responsible for managing the IFSL Blackfinch NextGen Property Fund. They bring expertise in the research of listed property, infrastructure and equity investment products, managing client portfolios and working closely with financial advisers and other professional clients. Each is a CFA® charterholder.

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In May, the IFSL Blackfinch NextGen Property Securities Fund (B Accumulation share class) returned +2.62% after all fees and expenses. This compares to the Morningstar Global Markets REIT NR GBP Index of +0.60%. Since inception, the Fund has returned +9.60% compared to the Morningstar Global Markets REIT NR GBP Index of +9.32%. Please note that comparisons to peers are only useful over extended periods. As the Fund employs a thematic growth-orientated total return approach that is deliberately different to its peers, results are not expected to align with peer group sector averages.

Global real estate investment trusts (REITS) rose in May, but trailed the broader stock market as the near-term risk of tariff disputes abated, perhaps temporarily. Broader equity indices rallied sharply as tensions between the US and China cooled following an announcement to temporarily reduce tariffs on 12 May. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury rose to 4.39% at the end of May after closing April at 4.15%, which contributed to the underperformance of REITS compared to equity indices.

The Fund outperformed Global REIT indices. Data centres and logistics led at the property sector level. Following a recent period of strong outperformance, healthcare REITs modestly declined. Fund performance was once again significantly impacted by adverse currency moves due to the appreciation of sterling against other major currencies. All regions performed reasonably well, with the UK and Canada notable outperformers.

As at 31 May, the Fund held 42 individual holdings and was well-diversified across underlying themes, sectors and geographies. Ageing Demographics was the only detractor to performance (estimated gross total returns: Digitalisation +3.2%, Sustainable Urbanisation +3.0%, Ageing Demographics -2.0% and Emerging Middle Classes +0.3%). At the stock level, the top three contributors were StorageVault Canada, American Healthcare REIT and LXP Industrial Trust. The top three detractors were Americold Realty Trust, Ventas Inc., and Arealink.

We remain optimistic across certain areas of the REIT market. Property prices in many sectors have stabilised and started increasing, although parts of the office and retail sectors (in which we don't invest) remain challenged, and many REITs across the spectrum are enjoying robust rental growth. We remain focused on real estate sectors which we believe will thrive over the medium- to long-term due to the growth in e-commerce and artificial intelligence, as well as sectors that can capitalise on the changing needs of key demographic cohorts.

We invest with a **core focus** on the UN Global Compact Principles

Extensive due diligence across multiple factors to identify sound business fundamentals, accounting for the 10 UNGC principles, where possible

We take a forward-looking approach to investment selection using positive screening

We encourage 'engagement' with both 'leaders' and 'improvers' for positive outcomes

We're committed to transparency on our multi-factor screening process and reflect this in our investment approach

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The bidding race for UK specialist healthcare property investor Assura intensified, as Assura's board recommended an increased £1.7bn takeover offer from private equity groups KKR and Stonepeak, and rejected a rival proposal from Primary Health Properties (c. 2.1% portfolio weighting). While there are counter-arguments for each proposal, as investors in Primary Health Properties, we would consider any combination between Assura and Primary Health Properties as a high-risk proposition based on the latest terms. The combined entity would be exposed to significantly higher leverage with the prospect of a credit downgrade and a dividend cut, alongside the execution and timing risk to sell Assura's non-core assets. This may also attract scrutiny from the UK's Competition and Markets Authority.

American Healthcare REIT (c. 3.3% portfolio weighting), the specialist US Senior Housing owner and operator, posted another solid earnings report, with quarterly results surpassing consensus and management increasing guidance. This improved outlook is mainly driven by stronger-than-expected performance from its operating portfolio. Additionally, management has been actively deploying capital and has another \$300m of investments in various stages of the transaction process. These potential investments are excluded from the guidance range, potentially providing the scope for further increases in the REIT's financial outlook over the coming quarters.

There was very limited trading activity during the month with no additions or deletions. Changes in weightings primarily reflected the impact of market and currency moves.

Top 10 Portfolio Holdings (as at 31/05/2025)

	First Industrial Realty Trust	5.19%
	Equinix Inc	5.14%
	StorageVault Canada Inc	4.65%
	Digital Realty Trust Inc	4.06%
	Prologis Inc	3.97%
	Ventas Inc	3.69%
	Americold Realty Trust Inc	3.33%
	LXP Industrial Trust	3.33%
	American Healthcare REIT Inc	3.33%
	Arealink Co Ltd	3.33%

KEY INFORMATION

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