

BlackRock Releases Fourth Quarter Survey and Performance Update for Closed-End Funds

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BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK) today announced the release of fourth quarter portfolio information for their family of 21 closed-end funds. Two pieces, the BlackRock Quarterly Survey and the BlackRock Quarterly Performance Update of Closed-end Funds, are available on BlackRock's website, which can be accessed at <http://www.blackrock.com/funds/cefunds.html> .

Certain statements contained in the Quarterly Performance Update of BlackRock Closed-End Funds and the Quarterly Survey of BlackRock Closed-End Funds are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as "likely," "believe," "expect" "anticipate," "intend," "assume," "target," "estimate," "continue," "position," "prospects," "strategy," "outlook," "trend," and variations of such words and similar expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," "may" or similar expressions. BlackRock cautions that these forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, all of which change over time. Forward- looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and BlackRock assumes no duty to update forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from historical performance. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements or historical performance: economic conditions; changes in interest rates and financial and capital markets; the investment performance of BlackRock's Closed-End Funds; competitive conditions; and the impact, extent and timing of technological changes and legislative and regulatory actions and reforms.

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