

Certain BlackRock Closed-End Funds Announce Estimated Sources of Distributions

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NEW YORK--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Today, BlackRock Real Asset Equity Trust (NYSE:BCF), BlackRock Resources & Commodities Strategy Trust (NYSE:BCX), BlackRock Enhanced Equity Dividend Trust (NYSE:BDJ), BlackRock Energy and Resources Trust (NYSE:BGR), BlackRock International Growth and Income Trust (NYSE:BGY), BlackRock Health Sciences Trust (NYSE:BME), BlackRock EcoSolutions Investment Trust (NYSE:BQR) and BlackRock Enhanced Capital and Income Fund, Inc. (NYSE:CII) (collectively, the “Funds”) paid the following dividends per share:

Fund	Pay Date
BCF	December 15, 2023
BCX	December 15, 2023
BDJ	December 15, 2023
BGR	December 15, 2023
BGY	December 15, 2023
BME	December 15, 2023

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Each of the Funds has adopted a level distribution plan (the “Plan”) and employs either a managed distribution or an option over-write policy to support a level distribution of income, capital gains and/or return of capital. **The fixed amounts distributed per share are subject to change at the discretion of each Fund’s Board.**

Under its Plan, each Fund will distribute all available investment income to its shareholders, consistent with its primary investment objectives and as required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. If sufficient investment income is not available on a quarterly/monthly basis, the Funds will distribute long-term capital gains and/or return capital to their shareholders in order to maintain a level distribution.

The Funds’ estimated sources of the distributions paid this month and for their current fiscal years are as follows:

Estimated Allocations as of December 31, 2013

Fund

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Net InvestmentIncome

Net Realized Short-Term Gains

Net RealizedLong-Term Gains

Return of Capital

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BCF

1

BCX

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BDJ

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BGR

\$2.905

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\$2.528288 (87%)

BGY

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\$0 (0%)

BME

\$2.339

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Estimated Allocations for the fiscal year through December 31, 2013

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Net Investment Income

Net Realized Short-Term Gains

Net Realized Long-Term Gains

Return of Capital

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¹The Fund estimates that it has distributed more than its income and net-realized capital gains in the current fiscal year; therefore, a portion of your distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the shareholder's investment is paid back to the shareholder. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect a Fund's investment performance and should not be confused with 'yield' or 'income'. When distributions exceed total return performance, the difference will reduce the Fund's net asset value per share.

The amounts and sources of distributions reported are only estimates and are not provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the amounts for tax reporting purposes will depend upon each Fund's investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The Fund will send you a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for federal income tax purposes.

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Fund Performance and Distribution Rate Information:

Trust

Average annual total return (in relation to NAV) for the 5-year period ending on 11/30/2013

Annualized current distribution rate expressed as a percentage of NAV as of 11/30/2013

Cumulative total return (in relation to NAV) for the fiscal year through 11/30/2013

Cumulative fiscal year distributions as a percentage of NAV as of 11/30/2013

BCF 13.91%

BCX * (3.97)%

BDJ 11.09%

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BGR

18.29%

BGY

12.64%

BME

19.32%

BQR

10.71%

CII

17.17%

* Portfolio launched within the past 5 years; this represents the average annual total return (in relation to NAV) from inception to 1/30/2013.

Shareholders should not draw any conclusions about a Fund's investment performance from the amount of the Fund's current distributions or from the terms of the Fund's Plan.

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