

BTZ

## BlackRock Credit Allocation Income Trust

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December 2017 Factsheet

The BlackRock Credit Allocation Income Trust, BTZ, is a taxable closed-end Trust. BTZ commenced operations in December 2006 with the investment objective of seeking current income, current gains and capital appreciation. On September 4, 2009, BTZ's Board of Trustees announced changes to certain non-fundamental policies of the Trust. Reflecting these changes, the Trust, under normal market conditions, will invest at least 80% its total assets in credit-related securities, including, but not limited to, investment grade corporate bonds, high yield bonds, bank loans, preferred securities or convertible bonds or derivatives with economic characteristics similar to these credit-related securities. The Trust is formerly known as BlackRock Preferred & Equity Advantage Trust.

## KEY FACTS

Size of Fund (Millions)	\$1,582.8M
Managed Assets	\$1,582.8M
Share Class Launch Date	12/27/2006
Asset Class	Fixed Income
Morningstar Category	Corporate Bond
Lipper Classification	Corp Debt BBB Leveraged

NAV Per Share	14.75
Share Price	-
Premium/Discount	-
Number of Holdings	720
Dividend Frequency	None

Managed Assets means the total assets of the Trust (including any assets attributable to leverage) minus the sum of accrued liabilities (other than debt representing financial leverage).

## TOP HOLDINGS (%)

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	2.36
AVIATION CAPITAL GROUP LLC	2.05
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/ THE	1.92
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	1.69
ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS OPERATING LLC	1.66
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	1.51
CITIGROUP INC	1.38
INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO	1.34
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY	1.33
AT&T INC	1.28
<b>Total of Portfolio</b>	<b>16.52</b>

\* Based on Net Assets, cash position not shown.

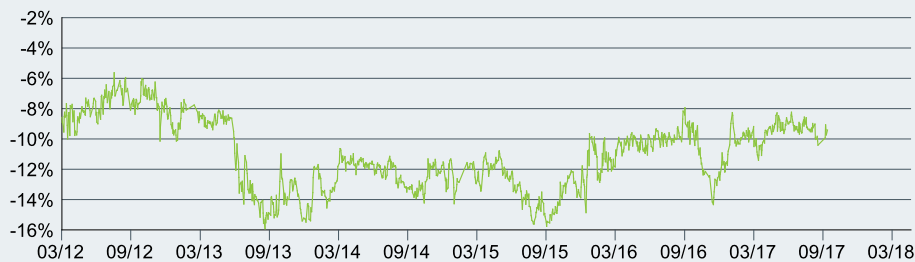
## GROWTH OF A HYPOTHETICAL \$10,000 SINCE INCEPTION



The chart illustrates the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's common shares based on market price beginning on the date noted with all distributions reinvested. Ending value as of the date at the top of this document.

Performance does not reflect sales charges or fees that may be incurred. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

## HISTORICAL PREMIUM/DISCOUNT

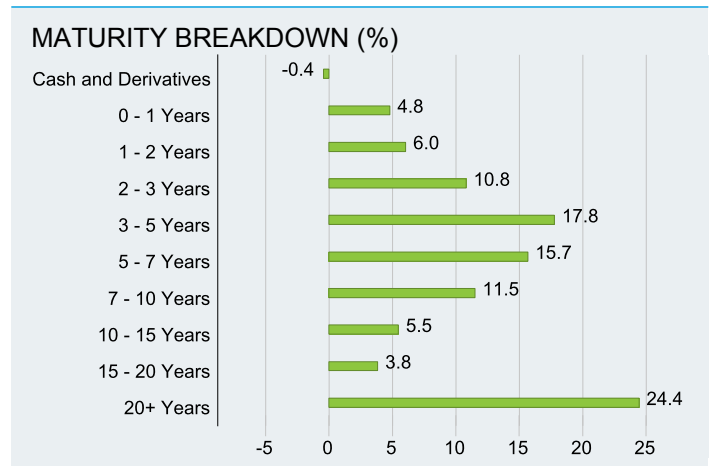
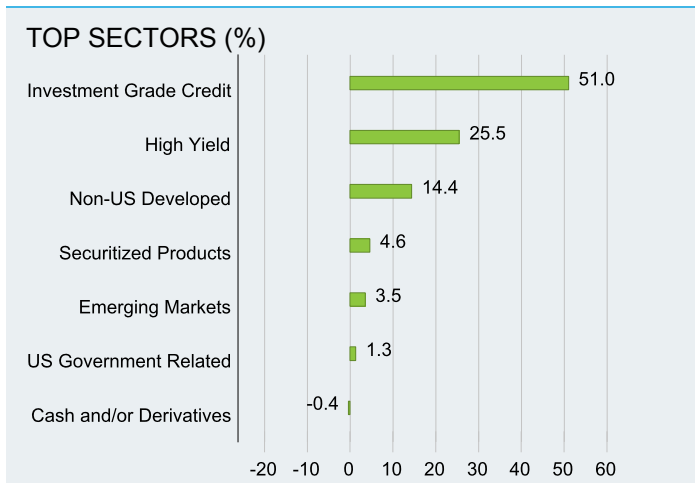


Premium-discount graph illustrates the amount by which the market price trades above or below net asset value.

## PERFORMANCE

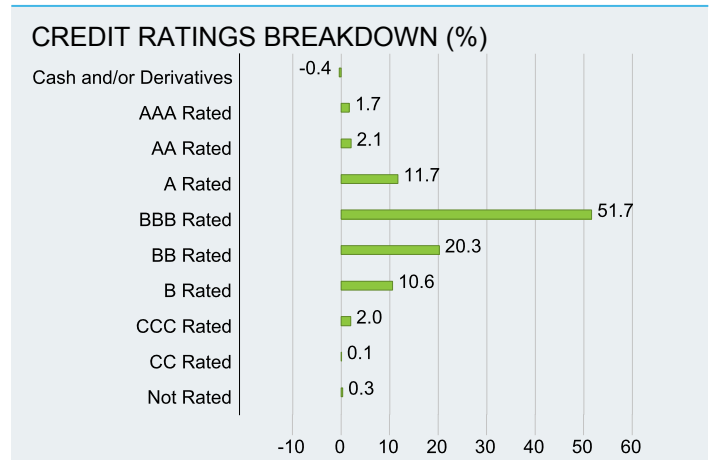
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Fund	10.13%	6.39%	6.52%	6.02%	4.35%
Market Price	9.27%	8.25%	6.61%	6.26%	2.96%

Returns for less than one year are not annualized. **Performance data quoted represents past performance of common shares and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. The fund's market price and net asset value will fluctuate with market conditions. All return data assumes reinvestment of all distributions. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more information, please refer to [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com).** \*\*Returns are shown net of advisory fees paid by the fund and net of the fund's operating fees and expenses. Investors who purchase shares of the fund through an investment adviser or other financial professional may separately pay a fee to that service provider. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.** †If a Fund estimates that it has distributed more than its income and net realized capital gains in the current fiscal year; a portion of its distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of a 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. Although the character of income will not be determined until the end of the fund's fiscal year, please refer to the 'Closed-End Fund Resources' section of the BlackRock website for Section 19 notices that provide estimated amounts and sources of the fund's distributions, which should not be not be relied upon for tax reporting purposes. A Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year will be sent to shareholders to illustrate how the Fund's distributions should be reported for federal income tax purposes.



### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Current Yield	6.04%
Total Leverage	\$549.2M
Percent Leveraged	25.7%
Effective Duration	5.69 yrs
Yield To Maturity	5.24%
Wal To Worst	14.91 yrs
Yield to Worst	4.93%



### ANNUAL EXPENSES

Gross Expense Ratio	1.23%
Management Fee	0.81%



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## GLOSSARY

**Effective Duration:** Measures the sensitivity of the price of a bond with embedded options to changes in interest rates, taking into account the likelihood of the bond being called, put and/or sunk prior to its final maturity date. BlackRock uses a proprietary duration model which employs certain assumptions and may differ from other fund complexes. Effective Duration is measured at the portfolio level and adjusted for leverage, hedging transactions and non-bond holdings, including derivatives.

**Current Yield:** Current yield is calculated by dividing the last distribution per share (annualized) by market price.

**Total Leverage:** The amount of borrowed funds used to purchase assets in order to enhance returns.

**Percent Leveraged:** Percent Leveraged represents the amount of preferred stock or tender option bonds issued in relation to total Managed Assets.

**Yield to Maturity:** The discount rate that equates the present value of a bond's cash flows with its market price (including accrued interest). The Fund average YTM is the weighted average of the fund's individual bond holding YTM's based on NAV. The measure does not include fees and expenses. For callable bonds, YTM is yield-to-worst

**WAL to Worst:** The weighted average time to receipt of principal, adjusting for embedding optionality.

**Yield to Worst:** The average rate of return of the portfolio at current market prices, adjusting for optionality.