

#### KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# iShares MSCI EM SRI UCITS ETF

#### USD (Acc) Share Class

ISIN: IE00BYVJRP78 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)

Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

## A sub-fund of iShares IV plc

### **Objectives and Investment Policy**

- The Share Class is a share class of a Fund which aims to achieve a return on your investment, through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's investments, which reflect the return of the MSCI EM SRI Select Reduced Fossil Fuel Index, the Fund's benchmark index (Index).
- ▶ The Share Class, via the Fund, is passively managed and aims to invest so far as possible and practicable in equity securities (e.g. shares) that make up the Index.
- The Index measures the performance of equity securities (e.g. shares) within three regional MSCI indices: the MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Europe, Middle East & Africa Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Index (the "Regional Indices") which are issued by companies with higher environmental, social and governance ("ESG") ratings than other sector peers within the Regional Indices, based on a series of exclusionary and ratings based criteria. Companies may be excluded from the Index if they are involved with controversial/conventional weapons, nuclear weapons/power, civilian firearms, tobacco, alcohol, gambling, adult entertainment, genetically modified organisms, thermal coal, oil sands, and unconventional/conventional oil and gas extraction / power generation, as further detailed in the "Benchmark Index" section of the Prospectus.
- The remaining companies are rated by the index provider based on their ability to manage their ESG risks and opportunities and are given a MSCI ESG rating. Companies that are involved in very severe controversies are also excluded based on an MSCI ESG controversy score.
- ▶ The Fund may obtain limited exposure to securities considered not to satisfy these ESG criteria.
- The Fund will adopt a best-in-class approach to sustainable investing, this means that it is expected that the Fund will invest in the best issuers from an ESG / socially responsible investment ("SRI") perspective (based on the ESG or SRI criteria of the Index) within each relevant sector of activities covered by the Index. The portfolio of the Fund is reduced by at least 20% compared to the Regional Indices. More than 90% of the issuers of securities the Fund invests in, excluding cash and money market funds, are ESG rated or have been analysed for ESG purposes.
- Eligible constituents within each Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS") sector are ranked by the index provider and are weighted based on their free float adjusted market capitalisation. Free float-adjusted means that only shares available to international investors, rather than all of a company's issued shares, are used in calculating the Index. Free float-adjusted market capitalisation is the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares available to international investors.
- ► The Index targets 5% issuer exposure capping. In order to reduce the risk of non-compliance with the 5% threshold due to market movements, the weight of each issuer is capped at 4.5% at the point of Index construction and at each rebalancing.
- ▶ The Fund intends to replicate the Index by holding the equity securities which make up the Index, in similar proportions to it.
- The investment manager may use financial derivative instruments (FDIs) to help achieve the Fund's investment objective. FDIs may be used for direct investment purposes. The use of FDIs is expected to be limited for this Share Class.
- Recommendation: This Fund is suitable for medium to long term investment, though the Fund may also be suitable for shorter term exposure to the Index.
- ▶ Your shares will be accumulating shares (i.e. income will be included in their value).
- ▶ Your shares will be denominated in US Dollar, the Fund's base currency.
- The shares are listed on one or more stock exchanges and may be traded in currencies other than their base currency. The performance of your shares may be affected by this currency difference. In normal circumstances, only authorised participants (e.g. select financial institutions) may deal in shares (or interests in shares) directly with the Fund. Other investors can deal in shares (or interests in shares) daily through an intermediary on stock exchange (s) on which the shares are traded. For more information on the Fund, Share Class, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at www.blackrock.com

## Risk and Reward Profile

Lower risk				Higher risk		
Typically low	ver rewards			Typically higher rewards		
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Share Class.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- The Share Class is rated six due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Share Class or expose the Share Class to losses.
  - Emerging markets are generally more sensitive to economic and political conditions than developed markets. Other factors include greater 'Liquidity Risk', restrictions on investment or transfer of assets, failed/delayed delivery of securities or payments to the Fund and sustainability-related risks.

- Currency Risk: The Fund invests in other currencies. Changes in exchange rates will therefore affect the value of the investment.
- The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
- The benchmark index only excludes companies engaging in certain activities inconsistent with ESG criteria if such activities exceed the thresholds determined by the index provider. Investors should therefore make a personal ethical assessment of the benchmark index's ESG screening prior to investing in the Fund. Such ESG screening may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.
- Particular risks not adequately captured by the risk indicator include:
- Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Share Class to financial loss.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

Charges

The charges are used to pay the costs of running the Share Class, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

\*Not applicable to secondary market investors. Investors dealing on a stock exchange will pay fees charged by their stock brokers. Such charges are publicly available on exchanges on which the shares are listed and traded, or can be obtained from stock brokers.

\*Authorised participants dealing directly with the Fund will pay related transaction costs including, on redemptions, any applicable capital gains tax (CGT) and other taxes on underlying securities.

The ongoing charges figure is based on the fixed annualised fee charged to the Share Class in accordance with the Fund's prospectus. This figure excludes portfolio trade related costs, except costs paid to the depositary and any entry/exit charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

\*\* To the extent the Fund undertakes securities lending to reduce costs, the Fund will receive 62.5% of the associated revenue generated and the remaining 37.5% will be received by BlackRock as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Fund, this has been excluded from the ongoing charges.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest				
Entry Charge	None*			
Exit Charge	None*			
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or				

before proceeds of your investments are paid out.				
Charges taken from the Share Class over each year				
Ongoing Charges	0.25%**			
Charges taken from the Share Class under certain conditions				
Performance Fee	None			

## Past Performance



 $m{z}$ During this period performance was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.

Prior to Nov 27th 2019, the Fund used a different benchmark which is reflected in the benchmark data.

## **Practical Information**

- ▶ The depositary of the Fund is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.
- Further information about the Fund and the Share Class can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of iShares IV plc. These documents are available free of charge in English and certain other languages. These can be found, along with other information, such as details of the key underlying investments of the Share Class and share prices, on the iShares website at www.ishares.com or by calling +44 (0)845 357 7000 or from your broker or financial adviser.
- ▶ Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund and Share Class may have an impact on the personal tax position of your investment.
- The Fund is a sub-fund of iShares IV plc, an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. The Fund has one or more share classes. This document is specific to the Fund and Share Class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the umbrella.
- ▶ iShares IV plc may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Fund's prospectus.
- ▶ The indicative intra-day net asset value of the Share Class is available at http://deutsche-boerse.com and/or http://www.reuters.com.
- ► Under Irish law, iShares IV plc has segregated liability between its sub-funds (i.e. the Fund's assets will not be used to discharge the liabilities of other sub-funds within iShares IV plc). In addition, the Fund's assets are held separately from the assets of other sub-funds. Assets and liabilities specific to a share class would be attributable to only that share class, however there is no segregation of liabilities between share classes under Irish law.
- Switching of shares between the Fund and other sub-funds within iShares IV plc is not available to investors. Only Authorised Participants dealing directly with the Fund may switch shares between share classes of the Fund subject to meeting certain conditions in the Fund's prospectus.
- ▶ The Remuneration Policy of the Management Company, which describes how remuneration and benefits are determined and awarded, and the associated governance arrangements, is available at www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy or on request from the registered office of the Management Company.

