

#### 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 Japan SRI EUR Hedged UCITS ETF (Acc)

A sub-fund of iShares IV plc

# **Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)**

ISIN: IE00BYVJRQ85

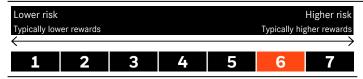
Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

### Objectives and Investment Policy

- ► The Fund aims to achieve a return on your investment, through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's investments, which reflects the return of the MSCI Japan SRI 100% Hedged to EUR Index, the Fund's benchmark index (Index).
- ▶ 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 and FX contracts that track the hedging methodology of the Index, which comprise rolling one-month forward contracts reset at month end. No adjustment is made to the hedge during the month to account for any changes to the Index.
- ► The Index measures the performance of equity securities issued by Japanese companies with higher environmental, social and governance (ESG) ratings than other sector peers within the MSCI Japan Index, based on a series of exclusionary and ratings based criteria. The Index also uses FX forward contracts to hedge each non-Euro (EUR) currency in the Index back to EUR. Hedging aims to reduce the effect of fluctuations in the exchange rates between the currencies of the equity securities that make up the Index and EUR.
- ► Companies may be excluded from the Index if they are involved with military weapons, civilian firearms, nuclear power, alcohol, gambling, adult entertainment, genetically modified organisms, thermal coal or tobacco, 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 MSCI Japan SRI Index targets 25% cumulative coverage of the free float adjusted market capitalisation for each Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) sector within the MSCI Japan Index, subject to each sector having sufficient eligible companies for inclusion. 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 Fund intends to replicate the Index by holding the equity securities which make up the Index, in similar proportions to it, as well as FX forward contracts that, so far as possible and practicable, track the hedging methodology of the Index. The investment manager may use financial derivative instruments (FDIs) to help achieve the Fund's investment objective.
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ The Fund's base currency is Euro.
- ▶ 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. Indicative net asset value is published on relevant stock exchanges websites.

For more information on the Fund, share/unit classes, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at www.blackrock.com

### Risk and Reward Profile



- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- ▶ The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- ► The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- ► The Fund is rated six due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
  - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political, sustainability-related or regulatory events.

- 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 Fund to financial loss.
  - \_ Currency hedging may not completely eliminate currency risk in the Fund, and may affect the performance of the Fund.

#### Charges

The charges are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, 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 Fund as set out in 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.

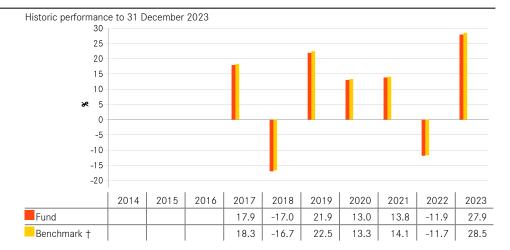
Charges taken from the Fund over each year	
Ongoing Charges	0.25%**
Charges taken from the Fund under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	None

#### Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The chart shows the Fund's annual performance in EUR for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Fund's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 2016. Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

† Benchmark:MSCI Japan SRI 100% Hedged to EUR Index (EUR)



## **Practical Information**

- ▶ The depositary of the Fund is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.
- ► Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the latest annual 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 Fund 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 may have an impact on the personal tax position of your investment in the Fund.
- ▶ The Fund is a sub-fund of iShares IV plc, an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. This document is specific to the Fund 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 Fund is published on relevant stock exchanges websites.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Switching of shares between the Fund and other sub-funds within iShares IV plc is not available to investors.
- ▶ 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.

