iShares by BlackRock

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 $ High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF

A sub-fund of iShares II plc

EUR Hedged (Acc) Share Class

ISIN: IE00BMDFDY08 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)

Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

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 Funds' investments, which reflects the return of the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI US Corporate High Yield Sustainable BB+ SRI Bond 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 a portfolio of fixed income ("FI") securities (such as bonds) that make up the Index.
- The Index measures the performance of US Dollar denominated, sub-investment grade, fixed-rate bonds issued by companies that form part of the Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Index (the "Parent Index") but only includes bonds issued by companies that meet the index provider's environmental, social and governance ("ESG"), socially responsible investment ("SRI") and other criteria. Bonds from corporate issuers that are deemed by the index provider to have a risk exposure to an emerging markets country are excluded. The bonds will have a remaining maturity (i.e. the time from issue until they become due for repayment) of at least one year and a minimum amount outstanding of $250 million. The bonds will be sub-investment grade (which means that at the time of inclusion in the Index, they have a credit rating of Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch).
- Companies may be excluded if they are involved in alcohol, tobacco, gambling, adult entertainment, genetically modified organisms, nuclear power, civilian firearms and military weapons, thermal coal extraction, thermal coal and oil sands.
- Companies that have a 'Red' MSCI ESG Controversies score or have an MSCI ESG rating below BB are also excluded from the Index.
- The Fund may gain limited exposure to securities considered not to satisfy the ESG/SRI 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 / 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 Parent Index. 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.
- The Index is market capitalisation weighted. Market capitalisation is the market value of the outstanding bond issuance.
- The Fund uses optimising techniques to achieve a similar return to the Index. These techniques may include the strategic selection of certain securities that make up the Index or other securities which provide similar performance to certain constituent securities. These may also include the use of financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets). FDIs may be used for direct investment purposes.
- 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 US Dollar. Shares for this Share Class are denominated in Euro. The performance of your shares may be affected by this currency difference.
- Your shares will be "hedged" with the aim of reducing the effect of exchange rate fluctuations between their denominated currency and the Fund's underlying portfolio currencies. FDIs, including FX forward contracts, will be used for currency hedging purposes. The hedging strategy may not completely eliminate currency risk and, therefore, may affect the performance of your shares.
- 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 Class, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at www.blackrock.com

Risk and Reward Profile



- The risk indicator was calculated incorporating simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the 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 four 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.
  - Credit risk, changes to interest rates and/or issuer defaults will have a significant impact on the performance of fixed income securities. Potential or actual credit rating downgrades may increase the level of risk.
  - 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.
  - Non-investment grade fixed income securities are more sensitive to changes in interest rates and present greater 'Credit Risk' than higher rated fixed income securities.
  - 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.
  - Credit Risk: The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
  - Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

The benchmark is the intellectual property of the index provider. The Share Class is not sponsored or endorsed by the index provider. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for full disclaimer.

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	0.27%**
Charges taken from the Share Class under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	None

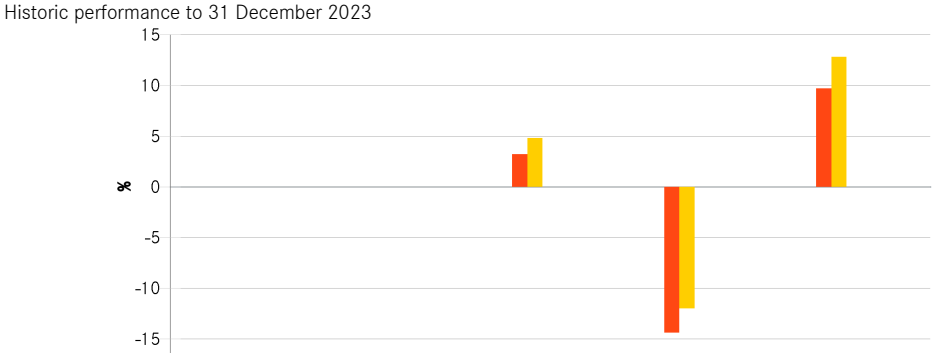
Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The chart shows the Share Class'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 Share Class's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 2019. The Share Class was launched in 2020. Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

† Benchmark:BBG MSCI US Corporate High Yield Sustainable BB+ SRI Bond Index (USD) (USD)

Historic performance to 31 December 2023



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund			3.2	-14.4	9.7
Benchmark †			4.8	-12.0	12.8

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 II 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 II 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 II 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 published on relevant stock exchanges websites.
- Under Irish law, iShares II 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 II 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 II 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.