

#### 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 World Quality Dividend UCITS ETF

A sub-fund of iShares II plc

USD (Dist) Share Class

ISIN: IE00BYYHSQ67 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 Fund's assets, which reflects the return of the MSCI World High Dividend Yield Index, the Fund's benchmark index.
- The Share Class, via the Fund, aims to invest so far as possible and practicable in the equity securities (e.g. shares) that make up the benchmark index.
- The benchmark index measures the performance of equity securities of large and mid-capitalisation companies worldwide that have higher than average dividend income and quality characteristics. Quality characteristics, in this context, mean the growth, sustainability and consistency of dividend payments. The benchmark index is derived from the MSCI World Index (the parent index) by selecting companies which have (i) higher than average dividend yields relative to the parent index, (ii) a track record for consistently paying dividends, and (iii) the capacity to sustain dividend payments. Dividend yield is a measure of how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price. The benchmark index excludes any Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs, i.e. closed-ended investment vehicles that invest in, manage and own real estate) that are part of the parent index.
- In order to create the benchmark index, the index provider (MSCI) applies a dividend income and quality screening process to the companies which make up the parent index with REITs excluded. This screening process excludes companies (i) whose dividend payments are extremely high (i.e. in the top 5% of constituents, on the basis that dividend payments which are particularly high relative to a company's earnings could be unsustainable) or negative, (ii) which do not have a good track record of growing dividends, (iii) which could be forced to cut or reduce dividends due to potentially weak fundamentals (i.e. information about a company which can be expected to impact the price or value of its shares, including profitability, consistency of earnings over time and debt levels), and (iv) which rank lowest among the remaining constituents based on recent annual performance. From the list of companies which remain after this screening process, only those with a higher dividend yield relative to the parent index will be included in the benchmark index.
- Issuer weights in the benchmark index are capped at 5%. The benchmark index is free-float market capitalisation weighted. Free-float market capitalisation is the share price of a company multiplied by the company's shares available to international investors (rather than all of the company's issued shares).
- The Fund intends to replicate the benchmark index by holding the equity securities, which make up the benchmark index, in similar proportions to it.
- The Fund may also engage in short-term secured lending of its investments to certain eligible third parties to generate additional income to off-set the costs of the Fund. The investment manager may use financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets) 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 may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- ▶ Your shares will be distributing shares (i.e. dividend income will be paid on the shares semi-annually).
- ▶ 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



- 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 five 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## 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.

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 custodian 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 proceeds of your investments are paid out.	pefore it is invested or

Charges taken from the Share Class over each year	
Ongoing Charges	0.38%**
Charges taken from the Share Class under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	None

#### Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The Fund was launched in 2017. The Share Class was launched in 2017.

Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

This chart has been left intentionally blank as there is less than one year's performance data.

#### **Practical Information**

- ▶ The custodian 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 available at http://deutsche-boerse.com and/or http://www.reuters.com.
- ▶ 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.

