





## U.S. Dollar (Accumulating) iShares plc

**December 2024** 

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Assets information as at: 31-Dec-2024. All other data as at 08-Jan-2025. For qualified investors and qualified clients only.

### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks to track the performance of an index composed of US Dollar denominated investment grade corporate bonds.

### **KEY BENEFITS**

- 1. Diversified exposure to corporate bonds issued in US Dollar
- 2. Direct investment in corporate bonds across sectors (industrials, utilities and financials) and sells US treasury futures to reduce the performance impact caused by movements in government bond rates
- 3. Investment grade bond exposure and monthly interest rate hedging

## **RISK INDICATOR**

Lower Risk
Potentially Lower Rewards

Compared to the potential process of the potential process

**CAPITAL AT RISK:** The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

#### KEV BISKS.

- 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.
- Derivatives may be highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund. The impact to the Fund can be greater where derivatives are used in an extensive or complex way.
- Interest rate hedging aims to mitigate, but will not eliminate, interest rate risk in the Fund, and may affect the performance of the Fund.
- 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. If a financial institution is unable to meet its financial obligations, its financial assets may be subject to a write down in value or converted (i.e. "bail-in") by relevant authorities to rescue the institution.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

## **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

ISIN: IE00BZ173W74

Share Class Launch Date: 03-Jul-2018

Share Class Currency: USD

Total Expense Ratio: 0.25%

Use of Income: Accumulating

Net Assets of Share Class (M): 207.50 USD

### **KEY FACTS**

Asset Class: Fixed Income

Benchmark: iBoxx USD Liquid Investment

Grade IR Hedged Index

Fund Launch Date: 19-Sep-2013 Net Assets of Fund (M): 320.25 USD

SFDR Classification: Other

Domicile: Ireland
Methodology: Sampled
Issuing Company: iShares plc
Product Structure: Physical

### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Average Weighted Maturity: 13.05 yrs

**Effective Duration:** -0.16 yrs **Standard Deviation (3y):** 4.29%

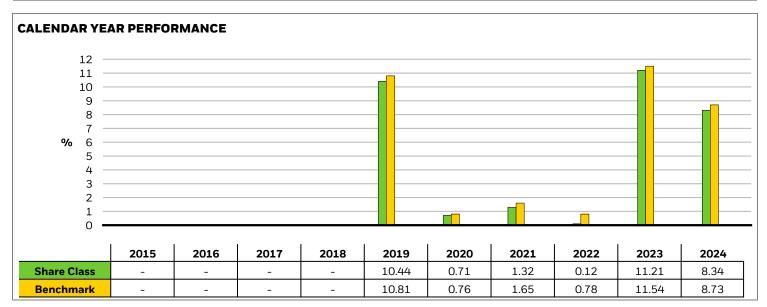
Yield To Maturity: 5.27

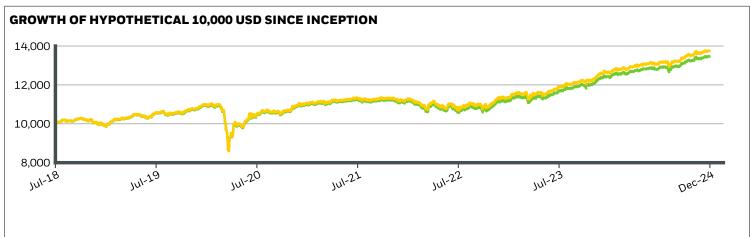
**3y Beta:** 0.97

Number of Holdings: 2,743



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CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE									
		CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
		1m	3m	6m	YTD	<b>1</b> y	Зу	5у	Since Inception
Sha	re Class	0.61	2.53	4.79	8.34	8.34	6.45	4.24	4.70
Ben	chmark	0.64	2.53	5.21	8.73	8.73	6.92	4.60	5.04

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in USD, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in USD. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. **Source:** BlackRock

Share Class iShares \$ Corp Bond Interest Rate Hedged UCITS ETF U.S. Dollar (Accumulating)

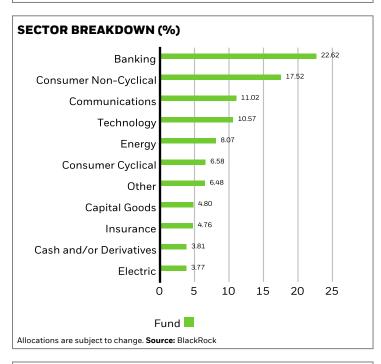
Benchmark iBoxx USD Liquid Investment Grade IR Hedged Index



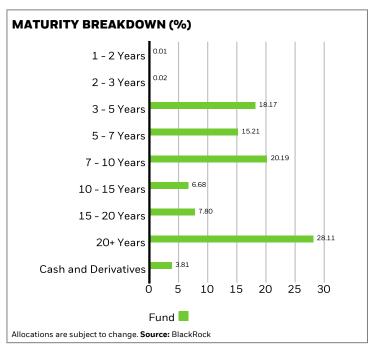
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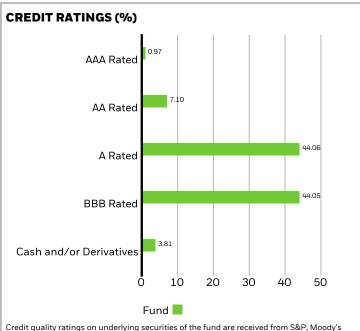
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TOP ISSUERS	
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	2.90%
BANK OF AMERICA CORP	2.66%
MORGAN STANLEY	2.21%
WELLS FARGO & COMPANY	2.04%
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC/THE	1.94%
ORACLE CORPORATION	1.60%
CITIGROUP INC	1.52%
AT&T INC	1.50%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	1.48%
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	1.46%
Total of Portfolio	19.31%
Holdings subject to change	



TRADING INFORMATION							
Exchange	London Stock Exchange	Bolsa De Valores De Colombia	Bolsa Mexicana De Valores				
Ticker	HLQD	HLQD	HLQD				
Bloomberg Ticker	HLQD LN	-	HLQDN MM				
RIC	HLQD.L	-	HLQDN.MX				
SEDOL	BZ173W7	-	BGR21X0				
Listing Currency	USD	СОР	MXN				





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## SUSTAINABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Sustainability Characteristics can help investors integrate non-financial, sustainability considerations into their investment process. These metrics enable investors to evaluate funds based on their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. This analysis can provide insight into the effective management and long-term financial prospects of a fund.

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MSCI ESG % Coverage	99.55%	MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	Α
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	57.19%	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.54
Funds in Peer Group	292	Fund Lipper Global Classification	Bond USD Corporates
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	97.79%	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	142.77
MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C)	> 2.5° - 3.0° C	MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage	97.11%

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21-Dec-2024**, based on holdings as of **30-Nov-2024**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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### **GLOSSARY**

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC):** The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10): The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES): Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C): Implied Temperature Rise (ITR) is used to provide an indication of alignment to the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement for a company or a portfolio. ITR employs open source 1.55°C decarbonization pathways derived from the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS). These pathways can be regional and sector specific and set a net zero target of 2050. We make use of this feature for all GHG scopes. A net zero emissions economy is one that balances emissions and removals. Because the ITR metric is calculated in part by considering the potential for a company within the fund's portfolio to reduce its emissions over time, it is forward looking and prone to limitations. As a result, BlackRock publishes MSCI's ITR metric for its funds in temperature range bands. The bands help to underscore the underlying uncertainty in the calculations and the variability of the metric.

**SFDR Classification: Article 8:** Products that promote environmental or social characteristics and promote good governance practices. **Article 9:** Products that have sustainable investments as an objective and follow good governance practices. **Other:** Products that do not meet the criteria to be classified as Article 8 or 9.

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

MSCI ESG % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score, and MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

**MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Implied Temperature Rise data is available. The MSCI Implied Temperature Rise metric is displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage.

**Effective Duration:** Effective duration is a measure of a fund's interestrate sensitivity. Put simply, the longer a fund's duration, the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. So a fund with a duration of 10 years is twice as volatile as a fund with a five-year duration.

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