

2024 Prospectus

iShares Trust

- iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Mar ETF | MMAX | CBOE BZX
- iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Jun ETF | MAXJ | CBOE BZX
- iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Sep ETF | SMAX | CBOE BZX
- iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Dec ETF | DMAX | CBOE BZX

As described herein, each of the iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Mar ETF, iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Jun ETF, iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Sep ETF, and iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Dec ETF (each, a "Fund") seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to the Approximate Cap, while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses through an Approximate Buffer (terms are defined below). Each Fund has characteristics unlike many investment products and may not be appropriate for all investors.

- **Approximate Cap:** The approximate upside limit on the share price return of the Underlying ETF during a Fund's Hedge Period
- **Approximate Buffer:** The downside protection, as sought by each Fund, for approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses if a Fund is held for its entire Hedge Period
- **Underlying ETF:** iShares Core S&P 500 ETF
- **Underlying ETF's Index:** S&P 500 Index
- **Hedge Period:** Each twelve-month period as applicable (January 1 through December 31, April 1 through March 31, July 1 through June 30, and October 1 through September 30)
- The Approximate Cap and the Approximate Buffer may not operate as anticipated and investors may lose some or all their money.
- The Approximate Cap and the Approximate Buffer disclosed in the prospectus only apply to shares held over an entire Hedge Period.
- An investor that buys shares on a date other than the first day of a Hedge Period or sells shares on a date other than the last day of a Hedge Period may not fully realize the Approximate Cap or the Approximate Buffer and may be exposed to greater risk of loss.
- The Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period.
- An investor can obtain information regarding the start date and end date of the current Hedge Period, information relating to the potential outcomes of an investment in each Fund (including, the remaining Approximate Cap, the remaining Approximate Buffer and the potential downside before the Approximate Buffer for the remainder of the Hedge Period) on the Funds' website, www.iShares.com.
- The Approximate Cap will likely change for each Hedge Period. The Approximate Buffer may change for each Hedge Period.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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iSHARES[®] LARGE CAP MAX BUFFER MAR ETF

Ticker: MMAX

Stock Exchange: Cboe BZX

Investment Objective

The iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Mar ETF (the "Fund") seeks to track the share price return of the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (the "Underlying ETF" or "Underlying Fund") up to an approximate upside limit, while seeking to maximize the downside protection against price declines of the Underlying ETF over an approximate 12-month period beginning at the end of each March.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses that you will incur if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. The investment advisory agreement between iShares Trust (the "Trust") and BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA") (the "Investment Advisory Agreement") provides that BFA will pay all operating expenses of the Fund, except: (i) the management fees, (ii) interest expenses, (iii) taxes, (iv) expenses incurred with respect to the acquisition and disposition of portfolio securities and the execution of portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions, (v) distribution fees or expenses, and (vi) litigation expenses and any extraordinary expenses. The Fund may incur "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses." Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses reflect the Fund's *pro rata* share of the fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund as a result of investing in other investment companies. The impact of Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses is included in the total returns of the Fund. Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are not included in the calculation of the ratio of expenses to average net assets shown in the *Financial Highlights* section of the Fund's prospectus (the "Prospectus"). BFA, the investment adviser to the Fund, has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees in an amount equal to the Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any, attributable to investments by the Fund in other series of the Trust and iShares, Inc. through November 30, 2029. The contractual waiver may be terminated prior to November 30, 2029 only upon written agreement of the Trust and BFA.

You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (ongoing expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investments) ¹						
Management Fees	Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	Other Expenses ^{2,3}	Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses ³	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement
0.50%	None	0.00%	0.03%	0.53%	(0.03)%	0.50%

¹ Operating expenses paid by BFA under the Investment Advisory Agreement exclude Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any.

² The amount rounded to 0.00%.

³ Based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

Example. This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of owning shares of the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years
\$51	\$160

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund or the Underlying Fund may pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when they buy and sell securities (or "turn over" their portfolios). A higher portfolio turnover rate for the Fund or the Underlying Fund may indicate higher transaction costs and may cause the Fund or the Underlying Fund to incur increased expenses. These costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example (except costs to the Underlying Fund included as part of acquired fund fees and expenses), affect the Fund's performance. Because the Fund is new, there is no reportable turnover.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to an approximate upside limit (the "Approximate Cap"), while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses (the "Approximate Buffer") over each annual Hedge Period (as defined below). Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities or other instruments that provide exposure to securities of large capitalization companies or that provide for the upside limit on gains or the downside protection against the losses of securities of large capitalization companies. For purposes of the Fund's 80% policy, "large capitalization companies" are those within the range of capitalization of the Underlying ETF's underlying index.

The Fund principally buys shares of the Underlying ETF and customized put options thereon and sells call options that reference the Underlying ETF. The options in which the Fund transacts (typically, equity or index exchange-traded options contracts) are referred to generally as Flexible Exchange Options ("FLEX Options"). The Fund may transact in other listed options that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF, the Underlying ETF's underlying index, or other exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that track the Underlying ETF's underlying index (collectively, "exchange-traded options").

The Fund intends to maximize protection against loss through the Approximate Buffer while establishing a 2% minimum Approximate Cap as further described below. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for each applicable Hedge Period, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer below 100% to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2% during each Hedge Period.

The Underlying ETF is an ETF that seeks to track the investment results of the S&P 500 Index (the "Underlying ETF's Index"), which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC ("SPDJI"). The securities in the Underlying ETF's Index are weighted based on the float-adjusted market value of their outstanding shares. The Underlying ETF's Index consists of securities from a broad range of industries. The components of the Underlying ETF's Index are likely to change over time. BFA is the investment adviser to the Underlying ETF and receives a management fee from the Underlying ETF.

The Underlying ETF is managed using a representative sampling indexing strategy. "Representative sampling" is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are

expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF's Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. Representative sampling may subject the Underlying ETF to "tracking error", which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF's performance from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right but not the obligation to buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) a particular financial instrument at a specified future date for an agreed upon price (commonly known as the "strike price"). If the Fund purchases a call option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to purchase shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund purchases a put option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to sell shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund writes (sells) a call option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase from the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. If the Fund writes (sells) a put option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell to the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on expiration date.

FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize key option contract terms such as strike price, style and expiration date, while avoiding the counterparty risk exposure of over-the-counter derivatives. Like traditional exchange-traded options, FLEX Options are guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (the "OCC"), a market clearinghouse that guarantees performance by counterparties to certain derivatives contracts by becoming the "buyer for every seller and the seller for every buyer". The OCC may make adjustments to FLEX Options for certain significant events. The FLEX Options in which the Fund invests are European style, which are exercisable at the strike price only on the expiration date. The FLEX Options traded by the Fund are listed on an exchange, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE").

Options positions are marked to market daily by the Fund. The value of the FLEX Options in which the Fund invests is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities held by the Underlying ETF, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the Underlying ETF's Index and the remaining time to such options' expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. The Fund will typically trade options that expire at or around the end of each annual period or "Hedge Period" (April 1 through March 31), subject to the annual

rebalancing process described below. The Fund will be indefinitely offered and is not intended to terminate after one or more Hedge Periods.

For each Hedge Period, the Fund obtains exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF by purchasing shares of the Underlying ETF and futures that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF's Index, and creates the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap by trading a combination of put and call exchange-traded options. Specifically, the Fund typically creates the Approximate Buffer by buying a put option with the strike price approximately at-the-money relative to the Underlying ETF's share price. The Fund simultaneously writes a call option with a higher strike price relative to the Underlying ETF's share price to collect a premium that it uses to offset the premium paid to buy the put option. The call subjects the Fund to the Approximate Cap as it limits the Fund's ability to realize any increase in the value of the Underlying ETF above the strike price. The Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period is based on the strike price of the capped call for that Hedge Period. The Fund's market value and Net Asset Value ("NAV") may not correlate with the Underlying ETF and Underlying ETF's Index, especially during each Hedge Period. The strike prices for the capped calls will change for each Hedge Period depending on the prevailing market conditions and the cost of the put option for that Hedge Period, resulting in a different Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period.

The Fund will typically buy Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index and seek to enter into the combination of options transactions described above if there are any inflows, or creation transactions, during a Hedge Period. This will occur even in circumstances where the Fund would receive a negligible premium for writing an out-of-the-money call which may potentially give up more sizable returns to the extent that the option later becomes in the money. Because the Fund will effectively use distributions from the Underlying ETF to purchase the downside protection, the Fund's performance is likely to be less than the Underlying ETF's performance when (1) distributions are considered and (2) the Underlying ETF's performance is positive.

In order to obtain economic exposure to the Underlying ETF, in lieu of purchasing Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index for a Hedge Period, the Fund may instead, among other things: purchase call options with a strike price that is very low (approximately 1% or less) relative to the Underlying ETF's share price on the day of purchase (a "zero strike call"); purchase one or more other ETFs that seek to track the Underlying ETF's Index; purchase equity securities (e.g., component securities of the Underlying ETF's Index) in seeking to track the share price return of the Underlying ETF; or invest in U.S. treasuries, money market funds and/or other cash equivalents and purchase or sell a combination of call and put options that seek to synthesize the economic characteristics of the Underlying ETF. If the Fund invests in equity securities (other than the Underlying ETF), the Fund's equity security investments will be primarily in common stocks of companies held by the Underlying ETF that BFA believes will provide a risk / return profile similar to that of the Underlying ETF.

For the current Hedge Period of April 1 through March 31, the Approximate Cap is []% prior to taking into account any fees or

expenses charged to or transaction costs incurred by the Fund or Underlying ETF. When the Fund's annualized management fee of 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Approximate Cap for the current Hedge Period is reduced to []%. The returns that the Fund seeks to provide also do not include the costs associated with purchasing shares of the Fund.

The Approximate Buffer that the Fund typically seeks to provide is against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period; however, there is no guarantee that the Approximate Buffer will succeed in providing the intended protection. The Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period. When the Fund's annual management fee equal to 0.50% of the Fund's daily net assets is taken into account for a Hedge Period, the net Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period is 99.5%. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period and will maximize the Approximate Buffer, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer, including below 100%, to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2%. For example, if interest rates are low enough that providing against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses would result in an Approximate Cap of less than 2%, the Fund would decrease the protection such that the Approximate Cap is at least 2%. Information on the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer will be provided shortly before each Hedge Period.

The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period only apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. An investor that purchases Fund shares after the beginning of the Hedge Period, or sells Fund shares before the end of a Hedge Period, may not fully realize the Approximate Buffer or Approximate Cap for the Hedge Period and may be exposed to greater risk of loss and less potential gain. This is because while the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period are fixed levels that are calculated in relation to the Underlying ETF price and the Fund's NAV at the start of each Hedge Period and generally remain constant throughout the Hedge Period, an investor purchasing Fund shares at market price during the Hedge Period likely purchased Fund shares at a price that is different from the Fund's NAV at the start of the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, the NAV that the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer reference). For example, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has increased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the investor's upside limit may be lower than the Approximate Cap and the investor may experience losses prior to reaching the downside protection offered by the Approximate Buffer. Conversely, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has decreased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the Fund may require a larger increase in the Underlying ETF's share price before it reaches the Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, which are typically available on iShares.com daily, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap

and downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer. An investor may lose their entire investment and an investment in the Fund is only appropriate for investors willing to bear those losses.

Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

The Fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Summary of Principal Risks

As with any investment, you could lose all or part of your investment in the Fund, and the Fund's performance could trail that of other investments. The Fund is subject to certain risks (either directly or through its investments in the Underlying Fund), including the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Fund's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. Certain key risks are prioritized below (with others following in alphabetical order), but the relative significance of any risk is difficult to predict and may change over time. You should review each risk factor carefully.

Buffered Loss Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to provide downside protection against Underlying ETF losses. The Fund does not provide principal protection or non-principal protection, and, despite the Approximate Buffer, an investor may experience significant losses on their investment, including the loss of their entire investment. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the Approximate Buffer that the Fund seeks to provide may not be available. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer.

Capped Upside Return Risk. The Fund's strategy seeks to provide returns that are subject to an Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap represents an approximate maximum percentage return that an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund held over an entire Hedge Period. In the event that the Underlying ETF experiences gains in excess of the upside limit to which the Fund is subject as a result of the capped call for a Hedge Period, the Fund will not participate in those gains beyond the upside limit. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, there may be little or no ability for that investor to experience an investment gain on their Fund shares. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap.

FLEX Options Risk. In addition to counterparty risk, FLEX Options are subject to the risk that they may be less liquid than certain other securities, such as standardized options. In less liquid markets for the FLEX Options, terminating the FLEX Options may

require the payment of a premium or acceptance of a discounted price and may take longer to complete. In a less liquid market for the FLEX Options, the liquidation of a large number of options may significantly impact the price of the options and may adversely impact the value of your investment. Additionally, to the extent market participants are not willing or able to enter into FLEX Option transactions with the Fund at prices that reflect the market price of the Fund shares, the Fund's NAV and, in turn the share price of the Fund, could be negatively impacted.

The FLEX Options held by the Fund will be exercisable at the strike price only on their expiration date. As an in-the-money FLEX Option approaches its expiration date, its value typically will increasingly move with the value of the Underlying ETF. However, the value of the FLEX Options prior to the expiration date may vary because of related factors other than the value of the Underlying ETF. The value of the FLEX Options will be determined based upon market quotations or using other recognized pricing methods. Factors that may influence the value of the FLEX Options generally include interest rate changes, dividends, the actual and implied volatility levels of the Underlying ETF's share price, and the remaining time until the FLEX Options expire, among others. The value of the FLEX Options held by the Fund typically do not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price on a day-to-day basis due to these factors (although they generally move in the same direction), and, as a result, the Fund's NAV may not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price.

Risk of Investing in the U.S. Investing in U.S. issuers subjects the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risks that are specific to the U.S. Certain changes in the U.S., such as a weakening of the U.S. economy or a decline in its financial markets, may have an adverse effect on U.S. issuers.

Market Risk. The Fund could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, pandemics or other public health issues, recessions, the prospect or occurrence of a sovereign default or other financial crisis, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments and could result in increased premiums or discounts to the Fund's NAV.

Affiliated Fund Risk. In managing the Fund, BFA has the ability to select Underlying Funds and substitute Underlying Funds with other ETFs that it believes will achieve the Fund's objective. BFA may be subject to potential conflicts of interest in selecting Underlying Funds and substituting Underlying Funds with other ETFs because the fees paid to BFA by some Underlying Funds and other ETFs managed by BFA may be higher than the fees paid by other Underlying Funds. This risk may be reduced to the extent BFA has agreed to waive Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses with respect to the Underlying Fund. If an Underlying Fund or other ETF holds interests in an affiliated fund in excess of a certain amount, the Fund may be prohibited from purchasing shares of that Underlying Fund or other ETF.

Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap Change Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap are dependent on prevailing market conditions (e.g. volatility, interest rates, dividends, and other factors). As such, the Approximate Buffer

and Approximate Cap may rise or fall from one Hedge Period to the next, sometimes to a significant extent, and are unlikely to remain the same for consecutive Hedge Periods.

Asset Class Risk. The securities and other assets in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to financial markets generally, a particular financial market, an index, or other asset classes.

Assets Under Management (AUM) Risk. From time to time, an Authorized Participant (as defined below in *Authorized Participant Concentration Risk*), a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, or another fund may invest in the Fund and hold its investment for a specific period of time to allow the Fund to achieve size or scale. There can be no assurance that any such entity would not redeem its investment or that the size of the Fund would be maintained at such levels, which could negatively impact the Fund.

Authorized Participant Concentration Risk. An "Authorized Participant" is a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC, which has a written agreement with the Fund or one of its service providers that allows the Authorized Participant to place orders for the purchase and redemption of creation units ("Creation Units"). Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. There are a limited number of institutions that may act as Authorized Participants for the Fund, including on an agency basis on behalf of other market participants. No Authorized Participant is obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent that Authorized Participants exit the business or do not place creation or redemption orders for the Fund and no other Authorized Participant places orders, Fund shares are more likely to trade at a premium or discount to NAV and possibly face trading halts or delisting.

Clearing Member Default Risk. Transactions in some types of derivatives, including FLEX Options and futures, are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared derivatives"). In a transaction involving cleared derivatives, the Fund's counterparty is a clearing house, such as the OCC, rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of clearing houses and only members of a clearing house ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearing house, the Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives positions, the Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through their accounts at clearing members. Customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any options contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. As a result, assets deposited by the Fund with any clearing member as margin for FLEX Options or futures may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing member. In addition, although clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the Underlying ETF, the Fund's or the Underlying ETF's clearing house, there is a risk that the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the clearing member's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing member's customers for the relevant account class. The Fund is also subject to the risk that a limited number of

clearing members are willing to transact on the Fund's behalf, which heightens the risks associated with a clearing member's default. If a clearing member defaults, the Fund could lose some or all of the benefits of a transaction entered into by the Fund with the clearing member. If the Fund cannot find a clearing member to transact with on the Fund's behalf, the Fund may be unable to effectively implement its investment strategy.

Concentration Risk. The Fund may be susceptible to an increased risk of loss, including losses due to adverse events that affect the Fund's investments more than the market as a whole, to the extent that the Fund's investments are concentrated in the securities or other assets of one or more issuers, countries or other geographic units, markets, industries, project types, or asset classes.

Counterparty Risk. Derivatives are subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will be unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, and the related risks of having concentrated exposure to such a counterparty. The OCC acts as guarantor and central counterparty with respect to the FLEX Options. As a result, the ability of the Fund to meet its objective depends on the OCC being able to meet its obligations. In the unlikely event that the OCC becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to meet its settlement obligations, the Fund could suffer significant losses.

Cybersecurity Risk. Failures or breaches of the electronic systems of the Fund, its adviser, distributor, other service providers, counterparties, or issuers of assets in which the Fund invests may cause disruptions that negatively impact the Fund and its shareholders. While the Fund has established business continuity plans and risk management systems seeking to address system breaches or failures, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems. The Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems of its service providers, counterparties, and other third parties whose activities affect the Fund.

Derivatives Risk. The Fund's use of derivatives may reduce the Fund's returns or increase volatility. Volatility is defined as the characteristic of a security, an index or a market to fluctuate significantly in price within a short time period. Derivatives may also be subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will not fulfill its contractual obligation. A risk of the Fund's use of derivatives is that the fluctuations in their values may not correlate perfectly with the value of the underlying asset, the performance of the asset class to which the Fund seeks exposure or to the performance of the overall securities markets. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives and the resulting inability of the Fund to sell or otherwise close a derivatives position could expose the Fund to losses and could make derivatives more difficult for the Fund to value accurately. The Fund could also suffer losses related to its derivatives positions as a result of unanticipated market movements, which losses are potentially unlimited. Certain derivatives may give rise to a form of leverage and may expose the Fund to greater risk and increase its costs. To the extent that the Fund invests in rolling futures contracts, it may be subject to additional risk. The impact of U.S. and global regulation of derivatives may make derivatives more costly, may limit the availability of derivatives, may delay or restrict the exercise by the

Fund of termination rights or remedies upon a counterparty default under derivatives held by the Fund (which could result in losses), or may otherwise adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives. In addition, the Fund's use of derivatives may expose the Fund to risks related to potential operational issues, such as documentation and settlement issues, systems failures, inadequate controls and human error. Derivatives may also involve legal risks, including insufficient documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of a counterparty, and legality and enforceability of a contract.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer as well as due to general industry or market conditions. Common stock is subordinated to preferred securities and debt in a company's capital structure. Common stock has the lowest priority, and the greatest risk, with respect to dividends and any liquidation payments in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy.

Futures Contract Risk. Futures are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an asset at a specified future date at a specified price. Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing ownership stake in an issuer, futures contracts normally specify a certain date for settlement in cash based on the level of the reference rate. The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts are: (i) the imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the instruments held by the Fund and the price of the futures contract; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and the resulting inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iii) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited; (iv) BFA's inability to predict correctly the direction of prices and other economic factors; and (v) the possibility that the counterparty will default in the performance of its obligations.

Hedge Period Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the returns realized by the investor will not match those that the Fund seeks to provide.

Investment in the Underlying Fund Risk. The Fund invests substantially all of its assets in the Underlying Fund, so the Fund's investment performance is related to the performance of the Underlying Fund. The Fund's NAV will change with changes in the value of the Underlying Fund and other instruments in which the Fund invests based on their market valuations. An investment in the Fund will entail more costs and expenses than a direct investment in the Underlying Fund.

Investment Objective Risk. Certain circumstances under which the Fund might not achieve its objective include, but are not limited, to (i) if the Fund disposes of exchange-traded options, (ii) if the Fund is unable to maintain the proportional relationship based on the number of exchange-traded options in the Fund's portfolio, (iii) significant accrual of Fund expenses in connection with effecting the Fund's principal investment strategy or (iv) adverse tax law changes affecting the treatment of FLEX Options.

Issuer Risk. The performance of the Fund depends on the performance of individual securities or other assets to which the Fund has exposure. The value of securities or other assets may decline, or perform differently from the market as a whole, due to changes in the financial condition or credit rating of the issuer or counterparty.

Large-Capitalization Companies Risk. Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller-capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions and competitive challenges. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller-capitalization companies. The performance of large-capitalization companies could trail the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Large Shareholder and Large-Scale Redemption Risk. Certain shareholders of the Fund, including an Authorized Participant, a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, a market maker, or another entity, may from time to time own or manage a substantial amount of Fund shares, or may hold their investment in the Fund for a limited period of time. There can be no assurance that any large shareholder or large group of shareholders would not redeem their investment. Redemptions of a large number of Fund shares could require the Fund to dispose of assets to meet the redemption requests, which can accelerate the realization of taxable income and/or capital gains and cause the Fund to make taxable distributions to its shareholders earlier than the Fund otherwise would have. In addition, under certain circumstances, non-redeeming shareholders may be treated as receiving a disproportionately large taxable distribution during or with respect to such year. In some circumstances, the Fund may hold a relatively large proportion of its assets in cash in anticipation of large redemptions, diluting its investment returns. These large redemptions may also force the Fund to sell portfolio securities or other assets when it might not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Fund's NAV, increase the Fund's brokerage costs and/or have a material effect on the market price of Fund shares.

Management Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk, which is the risk that the investment process, techniques and risk analyses applied by BFA will not produce the desired results, and that securities selected by BFA may underperform the market or any relevant benchmark. In addition, legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment techniques available to BFA in connection with managing the Fund and may also adversely affect the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

Market Trading Risk. The Fund faces numerous market trading risks, including the potential lack of an active market for Fund shares (including through a trading halt), losses from trading in secondary markets, periods of high volatility, and disruptions in the process of creating and redeeming Fund shares. Any of these factors, among others, may lead to the Fund's shares trading in the secondary market at a premium or discount to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. If you buy Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to NAV or sell Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to NAV, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund shares.

Non-Diversification Risk. The Fund is classified as "non-diversified." This means that, compared with funds that are classified as "diversified," the Fund may invest a greater percentage of its assets in securities or other instruments representing a small number of issuers or counterparties and thus may be more susceptible to the risks associated with these particular issuers or counterparties. As a result, the Fund's performance may depend to a greater extent on the performance of a small number of issuers or counterparties, which may lead to more volatility in the Fund's NAV.

Operational Risk. The Fund is exposed to operational risks arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. The Fund and BFA seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures. However, these measures do not address every possible risk and may be inadequate to address significant operational risks.

Options Risk. Investments in options are considered speculative. When the Fund purchases an option, it may lose the total premium paid for it if the price of the underlying security or other assets decreased, remained the same or failed to increase to a level at or beyond the exercise price (in the case of a call option) or increased, remained the same or failed to decrease to a level at or below the exercise price (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by the Fund were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund writes or sells an option, if the decline or increase in the underlying asset is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Fund could experience a substantial loss.

Risk of Investing in Developed Countries. The Fund's and the Underlying Fund's investment in developed country issuers will subject the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, economic and other risks associated with developed countries. Developed countries tend to represent a significant portion of the global economy and have generally experienced slower economic growth than some less developed countries. Certain developed countries have experienced security concerns, such as war, terrorism and strained international relations. Incidents involving a country's or region's security may cause uncertainty in its markets and may adversely affect its economy and the Fund's or the Underlying Fund's investments. In addition, developed countries may be adversely impacted by changes to the economic conditions of certain key trading partners, regulatory burdens, debt burdens and the price or availability of certain commodities.

Securities Lending Risk. The Fund may engage in securities lending. Securities lending involves the risk that the Fund may lose money because the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could also lose money in the event of a decline in the value of collateral provided for loaned securities or a decline in the value of any investments made with cash collateral. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the Fund.

Small Fund Risk. When the Fund's size is small, the Fund may experience low trading volume and wide bid/ask spreads. In addition, the Fund may face the risk of being delisted if it does not

meet certain requirements set by the listing exchange. Any resulting liquidation of the Fund could lead to elevated transaction costs for the Fund and negative tax consequences for its shareholders.

Tax Risk. The Fund intends to elect and to qualify each year to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"). As a RIC, the Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of its net investment income and net capital gain that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it satisfies certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the federal income tax treatment of certain aspects of the proposed operations of the Fund are not entirely clear. This includes the tax aspects of the Fund's options strategy, its hedging strategy, the possible application of the "straddle" rules, and various loss limitation provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To qualify and maintain its status as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain income, diversification and distributions tests. For purposes of the diversification test, the identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular Fund investment can depend on the terms and conditions of that investment. In particular, there is no published Internal Revenue Service guidance or case law on how to determine the "issuer" of certain derivatives that the Fund will enter into. Based upon the language in the legislative history, the Fund intends to treat the issuer of the FLEX Options as the referenced asset, which, assuming the referenced asset qualifies as a RIC, would allow the Fund to count the FLEX Options as automatically diversified investments under the RIC diversification requirements. The Fund intends to treat any income it may derive from the FLEX Options as "qualifying income" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to RICs. If the income is not qualifying income or the issuer of the FLEX Options is not appropriately the referenced asset, the Fund may not qualify, or may be disqualified, as a RIC. If the Fund does not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year and certain relief provisions are not available, the Fund's taxable income will be subject to tax at the Fund level and to a further tax at the shareholder level when such income is distributed.

Technology Companies Risk. Technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources, supply chains and personnel. These companies typically face intense competition, potentially rapid product obsolescence and changes in product cycles and customer preferences. They may face unexpected risks and costs associated with technological developments, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Technology companies also depend heavily on intellectual property rights and may be adversely affected by the loss or impairment of those rights. Technology companies may face increased government scrutiny and may be subject to adverse government or legal action.

Upside Participation Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to match the increase, if any, of the share price return of the Underlying ETF over a Hedge Period, subject to an Approximate Cap. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after the beginning of a Hedge Period or does not stay invested in the Fund for the entirety of the Hedge

Period, the returns realized by the investor may not match those that the Fund seeks to achieve.

Valuation Risk. The price that the Fund could receive upon the sale (or other disposition) of a security or other asset may differ from the Fund's valuation of the security or other asset, particularly for securities or other assets that trade in low volume or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair value methodology. In addition, the value of the securities or other assets in the Fund's portfolio may change on days or during time periods when investors are not able to purchase or sell Fund shares. Authorized Participants that create or redeem Fund shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued securities or other assets may receive fewer or more shares, or lower or higher

redemption proceeds, than they would have received had the securities or other assets not been fair valued or been valued using a different methodology. The ability to value investments may be impacted by technological issues or errors by pricing services or other third-party service providers.

Performance Information

As of the date of the Prospectus, the Fund has not commenced operations and therefore has no performance information to report.

Management

Investment Adviser. BlackRock Fund Advisors.

Portfolio Managers. Jennifer Hsui, Greg Savage and Paul Whitehead (the "Portfolio Managers") are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Portfolio Manager supervises a portfolio management team. Ms. Hsui, Mr. Savage and Mr. Whitehead have been Portfolio Managers of the Fund since inception (2024).

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund is an ETF. Individual shares of the Fund may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker-dealer. Because ETF shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (a premium) or less than NAV (a discount). An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) when buying or selling shares in the secondary market (the "bid-ask spread").

Tax Information

The Fund intends to make distributions that may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account ("IRA"), in which case, your distributions generally will be taxed when withdrawn.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), BFA or other related companies may pay the intermediary for marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

iSHARES[®] LARGE CAP MAX BUFFER JUN ETF

Ticker: MAXJ

Stock Exchange: Cboe BZX

Investment Objective

The iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Jun ETF (the "Fund") seeks to track the share price return of the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (the "Underlying ETF" or "Underlying Fund") up to an approximate upside limit, while seeking to maximize the downside protection against price declines of the Underlying ETF over an approximate 12-month period beginning at the end of each June.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses that you will incur if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. The investment advisory agreement between iShares Trust (the "Trust") and BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA") (the "Investment Advisory Agreement") provides that BFA will pay all operating expenses of the Fund, except: (i) the management fees, (ii) interest expenses, (iii) taxes, (iv) expenses incurred with respect to the acquisition and disposition of portfolio securities and the execution of portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions, (v) distribution fees or expenses, and (vi) litigation expenses and any extraordinary expenses. The Fund may incur "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses." Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses reflect the Fund's *pro rata* share of the fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund as a result of investing in other investment companies. The impact of Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses is included in the total returns of the Fund. Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are not included in the calculation of the ratio of expenses to average net assets shown in the *Financial Highlights* section of the Fund's prospectus (the "Prospectus"). BFA, the investment adviser to the Fund, has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees in an amount equal to the Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any, attributable to investments by the Fund in other series of the Trust and iShares, Inc. through November 30, 2029. The contractual waiver may be terminated prior to November 30, 2029 only upon written agreement of the Trust and BFA.

You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (ongoing expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investments) ¹						
Management Fees	Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	Other Expenses ^{2,3}	Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses ³	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement
0.50%	None	0.00%	0.03%	0.53%	(0.03)%	0.50%

¹ Operating expenses paid by BFA under the Investment Advisory Agreement exclude Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any.

² The amount rounded to 0.00%.

³ Based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

Example. This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of owning shares of the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years
\$51	\$160

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund or the Underlying Fund may pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when they buy and sell securities (or “turn over” their portfolios). A higher portfolio turnover rate for the Fund or the Underlying Fund may indicate higher transaction costs and may cause the Fund or the Underlying Fund to incur increased expenses. These costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example (except costs to the Underlying Fund included as part of acquired fund fees and expenses), affect the Fund’s performance. Because the Fund is new, there is no reportable turnover.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to an approximate upside limit (the “Approximate Cap”), while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses (the “Approximate Buffer”) over each annual Hedge Period (as defined below). Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities or other instruments that provide exposure to securities of large capitalization companies or that provide for the upside limit on gains or the downside protection against the losses of securities of large capitalization companies. For purposes of the Fund’s 80% policy, “large capitalization companies” are those within the range of capitalization of the Underlying ETF’s underlying index.

The Fund principally buys shares of the Underlying ETF and customized put options thereon and sells call options that reference the Underlying ETF. The options in which the Fund transacts (typically, equity or index exchange-traded options contracts) are referred to generally as Flexible Exchange Options (“FLEX Options”). The Fund may transact in other listed options that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF, the Underlying ETF’s underlying index, or other exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) that track the Underlying ETF’s underlying index (collectively, “exchange-traded options”).

The Fund intends to maximize protection against loss through the Approximate Buffer while establishing a 2% minimum Approximate Cap as further described below. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for each applicable Hedge Period, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer below 100% to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2% during each Hedge Period.

The Underlying ETF is an ETF that seeks to track the investment results of the S&P 500 Index (the “Underlying ETF’s Index”), which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC (“SPDJI”). The securities in the Underlying ETF’s Index are weighted based on the float-adjusted market value of their outstanding shares. The Underlying ETF’s Index consists of securities from a broad range of industries. The components of the Underlying ETF’s Index are likely to change over time. BFA is the investment adviser to the Underlying ETF and receives a management fee from the Underlying ETF.

The Underlying ETF is managed using a representative sampling indexing strategy. “Representative sampling” is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are

expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF’s Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF’s Index. Representative sampling may subject the Underlying ETF to “tracking error”, which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF’s performance from that of the Underlying ETF’s Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right but not the obligation to buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) a particular financial instrument at a specified future date for an agreed upon price (commonly known as the “strike price”). If the Fund purchases a call option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to purchase shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund purchases a put option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to sell shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund writes (sells) a call option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase from the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. If the Fund writes (sells) a put option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell to the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on expiration date.

FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize key option contract terms such as strike price, style and expiration date, while avoiding the counterparty risk exposure of over-the-counter derivatives. Like traditional exchange-traded options, FLEX Options are guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (the “OCC”), a market clearinghouse that guarantees performance by counterparties to certain derivatives contracts by becoming the “buyer for every seller and the seller for every buyer”. The OCC may make adjustments to FLEX Options for certain significant events. The FLEX Options in which the Fund invests are European style, which are exercisable at the strike price only on the expiration date. The FLEX Options traded by the Fund are listed on an exchange, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”).

Options positions are marked to market daily by the Fund. The value of the FLEX Options in which the Fund invests is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities held by the Underlying ETF, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the Underlying ETF’s Index and the remaining time to such options’ expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. The Fund will typically trade options that expire at or around the end of each annual period or “Hedge Period” (July 1 through June 30), subject to the annual

rebalancing process described below. The Fund will be indefinitely offered and is not intended to terminate after one or more Hedge Periods.

For each Hedge Period, the Fund obtains exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF by purchasing shares of the Underlying ETF and futures that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF's Index, and creates the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap by trading a combination of put and call exchange-traded options. Specifically, the Fund typically creates the Approximate Buffer by buying a put option with the strike price approximately at-the-money relative to the Underlying ETF's share price. The Fund simultaneously writes a call option with a higher strike price relative to the Underlying ETF's share price to collect a premium that it uses to offset the premium paid to buy the put option. The call subjects the Fund to the Approximate Cap as it limits the Fund's ability to realize any increase in the value of the Underlying ETF above the strike price. The Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period is based on the strike price of the capped call for that Hedge Period. The Fund's market value and Net Asset Value ("NAV") may not correlate with the Underlying ETF and Underlying ETF's Index, especially during each Hedge Period. The strike prices for the capped calls will change for each Hedge Period depending on the prevailing market conditions and the cost of the put option for that Hedge Period, resulting in a different Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period.

The Fund will typically buy Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index and seek to enter into the combination of options transactions described above if there are any inflows, or creation transactions, during a Hedge Period. This will occur even in circumstances where the Fund would receive a negligible premium for writing an out-of-the-money call which may potentially give up more sizable returns to the extent that the option later becomes in the money. Because the Fund will effectively use distributions from the Underlying ETF to purchase the downside protection, the Fund's performance is likely to be less than the Underlying ETF's performance when (1) distributions are considered and (2) the Underlying ETF's performance is positive.

In order to obtain economic exposure to the Underlying ETF, in lieu of purchasing Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index for a Hedge Period, the Fund may instead, among other things: purchase call options with a strike price that is very low (approximately 1% or less) relative to the Underlying ETF's share price on the day of purchase (a "zero strike call"); purchase one or more other ETFs that seek to track the Underlying ETF's Index; purchase equity securities (e.g., component securities of the Underlying ETF's Index) in seeking to track the share price return of the Underlying ETF; or invest in U.S. treasuries, money market funds and/or other cash equivalents and purchase or sell a combination of call and put options that seek to synthesize the economic characteristics of the Underlying ETF. If the Fund invests in equity securities (other than the Underlying ETF), the Fund's equity security investments will be primarily in common stocks of companies held by the Underlying ETF that BFA believes will provide a risk / return profile similar to that of the Underlying ETF.

For the current Hedge Period of July 1 through June 30, the Approximate Cap is 111.14% prior to taking into account any fees or

expenses charged to or transaction costs incurred by the Fund or Underlying ETF. When the Fund's annualized management fee of 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Approximate Cap for the current Hedge Period is reduced to 110.64%. The returns that the Fund seeks to provide also do not include the costs associated with purchasing shares of the Fund.

The Approximate Buffer that the Fund typically seeks to provide is against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period; however, there is no guarantee that the Approximate Buffer will succeed in providing the intended protection. The Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period. When the Fund's annual management fee equal to 0.50% of the Fund's daily net assets is taken into account for a Hedge Period, the net Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period is 99.5%. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period and will maximize the Approximate Buffer, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer, including below 100%, to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2%. For example, if interest rates are low enough that providing against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses would result in an Approximate Cap of less than 2%, the Fund would decrease the protection such that the Approximate Cap is at least 2%. Information on the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer will be provided shortly before each Hedge Period.

The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period only apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. An investor that purchases Fund shares after the beginning of the Hedge Period, or sells Fund shares before the end of a Hedge Period, may not fully realize the Approximate Buffer or Approximate Cap for the Hedge Period and may be exposed to greater risk of loss and less potential gain. This is because while the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period are fixed levels that are calculated in relation to the Underlying ETF price and the Fund's NAV at the start of each Hedge Period and generally remain constant throughout the Hedge Period, an investor purchasing Fund shares at market price during the Hedge Period likely purchased Fund shares at a price that is different from the Fund's NAV at the start of the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, the NAV that the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer reference). For example, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has increased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the investor's upside limit may be lower than the Approximate Cap and the investor may experience losses prior to reaching the downside protection offered by the Approximate Buffer. Conversely, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has decreased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the Fund may require a larger increase in the Underlying ETF's share price before it reaches the Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, which are typically available on iShares.com daily, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap

and downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer. An investor may lose their entire investment and an investment in the Fund is only appropriate for investors willing to bear those losses.

Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

The Fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Summary of Principal Risks

As with any investment, you could lose all or part of your investment in the Fund, and the Fund's performance could trail that of other investments. The Fund is subject to certain risks (either directly or through its investments in the Underlying Fund), including the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Fund's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. Certain key risks are prioritized below (with others following in alphabetical order), but the relative significance of any risk is difficult to predict and may change over time. You should review each risk factor carefully.

Buffered Loss Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to provide downside protection against Underlying ETF losses. The Fund does not provide principal protection or non-principal protection, and, despite the Approximate Buffer, an investor may experience significant losses on their investment, including the loss of their entire investment. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the Approximate Buffer that the Fund seeks to provide may not be available. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer.

Capped Upside Return Risk. The Fund's strategy seeks to provide returns that are subject to an Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap represents an approximate maximum percentage return that an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund held over an entire Hedge Period. In the event that the Underlying ETF experiences gains in excess of the upside limit to which the Fund is subject as a result of the capped call for a Hedge Period, the Fund will not participate in those gains beyond the upside limit. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, there may be little or no ability for that investor to experience an investment gain on their Fund shares. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap.

FLEX Options Risk. In addition to counterparty risk, FLEX Options are subject to the risk that they may be less liquid than certain other securities, such as standardized options. In less liquid markets for the FLEX Options, terminating the FLEX Options may

require the payment of a premium or acceptance of a discounted price and may take longer to complete. In a less liquid market for the FLEX Options, the liquidation of a large number of options may significantly impact the price of the options and may adversely impact the value of your investment. Additionally, to the extent market participants are not willing or able to enter into FLEX Option transactions with the Fund at prices that reflect the market price of the Fund shares, the Fund's NAV and, in turn the share price of the Fund, could be negatively impacted.

The FLEX Options held by the Fund will be exercisable at the strike price only on their expiration date. As an in-the-money FLEX Option approaches its expiration date, its value typically will increasingly move with the value of the Underlying ETF. However, the value of the FLEX Options prior to the expiration date may vary because of related factors other than the value of the Underlying ETF. The value of the FLEX Options will be determined based upon market quotations or using other recognized pricing methods. Factors that may influence the value of the FLEX Options generally include interest rate changes, dividends, the actual and implied volatility levels of the Underlying ETF's share price, and the remaining time until the FLEX Options expire, among others. The value of the FLEX Options held by the Fund typically do not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price on a day-to-day basis due to these factors (although they generally move in the same direction), and, as a result, the Fund's NAV may not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price.

Risk of Investing in the U.S. Investing in U.S. issuers subjects the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risks that are specific to the U.S. Certain changes in the U.S., such as a weakening of the U.S. economy or a decline in its financial markets, may have an adverse effect on U.S. issuers.

Market Risk. The Fund could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, pandemics or other public health issues, recessions, the prospect or occurrence of a sovereign default or other financial crisis, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments and could result in increased premiums or discounts to the Fund's NAV.

Affiliated Fund Risk. In managing the Fund, BFA has the ability to select Underlying Funds and substitute Underlying Funds with other ETFs that it believes will achieve the Fund's objective. BFA may be subject to potential conflicts of interest in selecting Underlying Funds and substituting Underlying Funds with other ETFs because the fees paid to BFA by some Underlying Funds and other ETFs managed by BFA may be higher than the fees paid by other Underlying Funds. This risk may be reduced to the extent BFA has agreed to waive Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses with respect to the Underlying Fund. If an Underlying Fund or other ETF holds interests in an affiliated fund in excess of a certain amount, the Fund may be prohibited from purchasing shares of that Underlying Fund or other ETF.

Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap Change Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap are dependent on prevailing market conditions (e.g. volatility, interest rates, dividends, and other factors). As such, the Approximate Buffer

and Approximate Cap may rise or fall from one Hedge Period to the next, sometimes to a significant extent, and are unlikely to remain the same for consecutive Hedge Periods.

Asset Class Risk. The securities and other assets in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to financial markets generally, a particular financial market, an index, or other asset classes.

Assets Under Management (AUM) Risk. From time to time, an Authorized Participant (as defined below in *Authorized Participant Concentration Risk*), a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, or another fund may invest in the Fund and hold its investment for a specific period of time to allow the Fund to achieve size or scale. There can be no assurance that any such entity would not redeem its investment or that the size of the Fund would be maintained at such levels, which could negatively impact the Fund.

Authorized Participant Concentration Risk. An "Authorized Participant" is a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC, which has a written agreement with the Fund or one of its service providers that allows the Authorized Participant to place orders for the purchase and redemption of creation units ("Creation Units"). Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. There are a limited number of institutions that may act as Authorized Participants for the Fund, including on an agency basis on behalf of other market participants. No Authorized Participant is obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent that Authorized Participants exit the business or do not place creation or redemption orders for the Fund and no other Authorized Participant places orders, Fund shares are more likely to trade at a premium or discount to NAV and possibly face trading halts or delisting.

Clearing Member Default Risk. Transactions in some types of derivatives, including FLEX Options and futures, are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared derivatives"). In a transaction involving cleared derivatives, the Fund's counterparty is a clearing house, such as the OCC, rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of clearing houses and only members of a clearing house ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearing house, the Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives positions, the Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through their accounts at clearing members. Customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any options contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. As a result, assets deposited by the Fund with any clearing member as margin for FLEX Options or futures may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing member. In addition, although clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the Underlying ETF, the Fund's or the Underlying ETF's clearing house, there is a risk that the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the clearing member's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing member's customers for the relevant account class. The Fund is also subject to the risk that a limited number of

clearing members are willing to transact on the Fund's behalf, which heightens the risks associated with a clearing member's default. If a clearing member defaults, the Fund could lose some or all of the benefits of a transaction entered into by the Fund with the clearing member. If the Fund cannot find a clearing member to transact with on the Fund's behalf, the Fund may be unable to effectively implement its investment strategy.

Concentration Risk. The Fund may be susceptible to an increased risk of loss, including losses due to adverse events that affect the Fund's investments more than the market as a whole, to the extent that the Fund's investments are concentrated in the securities or other assets of one or more issuers, countries or other geographic units, markets, industries, project types, or asset classes.

Counterparty Risk. Derivatives are subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will be unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, and the related risks of having concentrated exposure to such a counterparty. The OCC acts as guarantor and central counterparty with respect to the FLEX Options. As a result, the ability of the Fund to meet its objective depends on the OCC being able to meet its obligations. In the unlikely event that the OCC becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to meet its settlement obligations, the Fund could suffer significant losses.

Cybersecurity Risk. Failures or breaches of the electronic systems of the Fund, its adviser, distributor, other service providers, counterparties, or issuers of assets in which the Fund invests may cause disruptions that negatively impact the Fund and its shareholders. While the Fund has established business continuity plans and risk management systems seeking to address system breaches or failures, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems. The Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems of its service providers, counterparties, and other third parties whose activities affect the Fund.

Derivatives Risk. The Fund's use of derivatives may reduce the Fund's returns or increase volatility. Volatility is defined as the characteristic of a security, an index or a market to fluctuate significantly in price within a short time period. Derivatives may also be subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will not fulfill its contractual obligation. A risk of the Fund's use of derivatives is that the fluctuations in their values may not correlate perfectly with the value of the underlying asset, the performance of the asset class to which the Fund seeks exposure or to the performance of the overall securities markets. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives and the resulting inability of the Fund to sell or otherwise close a derivatives position could expose the Fund to losses and could make derivatives more difficult for the Fund to value accurately. The Fund could also suffer losses related to its derivatives positions as a result of unanticipated market movements, which losses are potentially unlimited. Certain derivatives may give rise to a form of leverage and may expose the Fund to greater risk and increase its costs. To the extent that the Fund invests in rolling futures contracts, it may be subject to additional risk. The impact of U.S. and global regulation of derivatives may make derivatives more costly, may limit the availability of derivatives, may delay or restrict the exercise by the

Fund of termination rights or remedies upon a counterparty default under derivatives held by the Fund (which could result in losses), or may otherwise adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives. In addition, the Fund's use of derivatives may expose the Fund to risks related to potential operational issues, such as documentation and settlement issues, systems failures, inadequate controls and human error. Derivatives may also involve legal risks, including insufficient documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of a counterparty, and legality and enforceability of a contract.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer as well as due to general industry or market conditions. Common stock is subordinated to preferred securities and debt in a company's capital structure. Common stock has the lowest priority, and the greatest risk, with respect to dividends and any liquidation payments in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy.

Futures Contract Risk. Futures are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an asset at a specified future date at a specified price. Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing ownership stake in an issuer, futures contracts normally specify a certain date for settlement in cash based on the level of the reference rate. The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts are: (i) the imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the instruments held by the Fund and the price of the futures contract; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and the resulting inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iii) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited; (iv) BFA's inability to predict correctly the direction of prices and other economic factors; and (v) the possibility that the counterparty will default in the performance of its obligations.

Hedge Period Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the returns realized by the investor will not match those that the Fund seeks to provide.

Investment in the Underlying Fund Risk. The Fund invests substantially all of its assets in the Underlying Fund, so the Fund's investment performance is related to the performance of the Underlying Fund. The Fund's NAV will change with changes in the value of the Underlying Fund and other instruments in which the Fund invests based on their market valuations. An investment in the Fund will entail more costs and expenses than a direct investment in the Underlying Fund.

Investment Objective Risk. Certain circumstances under which the Fund might not achieve its objective include, but are not limited, to (i) if the Fund disposes of exchange-traded options, (ii) if the Fund is unable to maintain the proportional relationship based on the number of exchange-traded options in the Fund's portfolio, (iii) significant accrual of Fund expenses in connection with effecting the Fund's principal investment strategy or (iv) adverse tax law changes affecting the treatment of FLEX Options.

Issuer Risk. The performance of the Fund depends on the performance of individual securities or other assets to which the Fund has exposure. The value of securities or other assets may decline, or perform differently from the market as a whole, due to changes in the financial condition or credit rating of the issuer or counterparty.

Large-Capitalization Companies Risk. Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller-capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions and competitive challenges. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller-capitalization companies. The performance of large-capitalization companies could trail the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Large Shareholder and Large-Scale Redemption Risk. Certain shareholders of the Fund, including an Authorized Participant, a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, a market maker, or another entity, may from time to time own or manage a substantial amount of Fund shares, or may hold their investment in the Fund for a limited period of time. There can be no assurance that any large shareholder or large group of shareholders would not redeem their investment. Redemptions of a large number of Fund shares could require the Fund to dispose of assets to meet the redemption requests, which can accelerate the realization of taxable income and/or capital gains and cause the Fund to make taxable distributions to its shareholders earlier than the Fund otherwise would have. In addition, under certain circumstances, non-redeeming shareholders may be treated as receiving a disproportionately large taxable distribution during or with respect to such year. In some circumstances, the Fund may hold a relatively large proportion of its assets in cash in anticipation of large redemptions, diluting its investment returns. These large redemptions may also force the Fund to sell portfolio securities or other assets when it might not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Fund's NAV, increase the Fund's brokerage costs and/or have a material effect on the market price of Fund shares.

Management Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk, which is the risk that the investment process, techniques and risk analyses applied by BFA will not produce the desired results, and that securities selected by BFA may underperform the market or any relevant benchmark. In addition, legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment techniques available to BFA in connection with managing the Fund and may also adversely affect the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

Market Trading Risk. The Fund faces numerous market trading risks, including the potential lack of an active market for Fund shares (including through a trading halt), losses from trading in secondary markets, periods of high volatility, and disruptions in the process of creating and redeeming Fund shares. Any of these factors, among others, may lead to the Fund's shares trading in the secondary market at a premium or discount to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. If you buy Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to NAV or sell Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to NAV, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund shares.

Non-Diversification Risk. The Fund is classified as "non-diversified." This means that, compared with funds that are classified as "diversified," the Fund may invest a greater percentage of its assets in securities or other instruments representing a small number of issuers or counterparties and thus may be more susceptible to the risks associated with these particular issuers or counterparties. As a result, the Fund's performance may depend to a greater extent on the performance of a small number of issuers or counterparties, which may lead to more volatility in the Fund's NAV.

Operational Risk. The Fund is exposed to operational risks arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. The Fund and BFA seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures. However, these measures do not address every possible risk and may be inadequate to address significant operational risks.

Options Risk. Investments in options are considered speculative. When the Fund purchases an option, it may lose the total premium paid for it if the price of the underlying security or other assets decreased, remained the same or failed to increase to a level at or beyond the exercise price (in the case of a call option) or increased, remained the same or failed to decrease to a level at or below the exercise price (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by the Fund were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund writes or sells an option, if the decline or increase in the underlying asset is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Fund could experience a substantial loss.

Risk of Investing in Developed Countries. The Fund's and the Underlying Fund's investment in developed country issuers will subject the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, economic and other risks associated with developed countries. Developed countries tend to represent a significant portion of the global economy and have generally experienced slower economic growth than some less developed countries. Certain developed countries have experienced security concerns, such as war, terrorism and strained international relations. Incidents involving a country's or region's security may cause uncertainty in its markets and may adversely affect its economy and the Fund's or the Underlying Fund's investments. In addition, developed countries may be adversely impacted by changes to the economic conditions of certain key trading partners, regulatory burdens, debt burdens and the price or availability of certain commodities.

Securities Lending Risk. The Fund may engage in securities lending. Securities lending involves the risk that the Fund may lose money because the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could also lose money in the event of a decline in the value of collateral provided for loaned securities or a decline in the value of any investments made with cash collateral. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the Fund.

Small Fund Risk. When the Fund's size is small, the Fund may experience low trading volume and wide bid/ask spreads. In addition, the Fund may face the risk of being delisted if it does not

meet certain requirements set by the listing exchange. Any resulting liquidation of the Fund could lead to elevated transaction costs for the Fund and negative tax consequences for its shareholders.

Tax Risk. The Fund intends to elect and to qualify each year to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"). As a RIC, the Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of its net investment income and net capital gain that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it satisfies certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the federal income tax treatment of certain aspects of the proposed operations of the Fund are not entirely clear. This includes the tax aspects of the Fund's options strategy, its hedging strategy, the possible application of the "straddle" rules, and various loss limitation provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To qualify and maintain its status as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain income, diversification and distributions tests. For purposes of the diversification test, the identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular Fund investment can depend on the terms and conditions of that investment. In particular, there is no published Internal Revenue Service guidance or case law on how to determine the "issuer" of certain derivatives that the Fund will enter into. Based upon the language in the legislative history, the Fund intends to treat the issuer of the FLEX Options as the referenced asset, which, assuming the referenced asset qualifies as a RIC, would allow the Fund to count the FLEX Options as automatically diversified investments under the RIC diversification requirements. The Fund intends to treat any income it may derive from the FLEX Options as "qualifying income" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to RICs. If the income is not qualifying income or the issuer of the FLEX Options is not appropriately the referenced asset, the Fund may not qualify, or may be disqualified, as a RIC. If the Fund does not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year and certain relief provisions are not available, the Fund's taxable income will be subject to tax at the Fund level and to a further tax at the shareholder level when such income is distributed.

Technology Companies Risk. Technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources, supply chains and personnel. These companies typically face intense competition, potentially rapid product obsolescence and changes in product cycles and customer preferences. They may face unexpected risks and costs associated with technological developments, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Technology companies also depend heavily on intellectual property rights and may be adversely affected by the loss or impairment of those rights. Technology companies may face increased government scrutiny and may be subject to adverse government or legal action.

Upside Participation Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to match the increase, if any, of the share price return of the Underlying ETF over a Hedge Period, subject to an Approximate Cap. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after the beginning of a Hedge Period or does not stay invested in the Fund for the entirety of the Hedge

Period, the returns realized by the investor may not match those that the Fund seeks to achieve.

Valuation Risk. The price that the Fund could receive upon the sale (or other disposition) of a security or other asset may differ from the Fund's valuation of the security or other asset, particularly for securities or other assets that trade in low volume or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair value methodology. In addition, the value of the securities or other assets in the Fund's portfolio may change on days or during time periods when investors are not able to purchase or sell Fund shares. Authorized Participants that create or redeem Fund shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued securities or other assets may receive fewer or more shares, or lower or higher

redemption proceeds, than they would have received had the securities or other assets not been fair valued or been valued using a different methodology. The ability to value investments may be impacted by technological issues or errors by pricing services or other third-party service providers.

Performance Information

As of the date of the Prospectus, the Fund has not commenced operations and therefore has no performance information to report.

Management

Investment Adviser. BlackRock Fund Advisors.

Portfolio Managers. Jennifer Hsui, Greg Savage and Paul Whitehead (the "Portfolio Managers") are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Portfolio Manager supervises a portfolio management team. Ms. Hsui, Mr. Savage and Mr. Whitehead have been Portfolio Managers of the Fund since inception (2024).

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund is an ETF. Individual shares of the Fund may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker-dealer. Because ETF shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (a premium) or less than NAV (a discount). An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) when buying or selling shares in the secondary market (the "bid-ask spread").

Tax Information

The Fund intends to make distributions that may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account ("IRA"), in which case, your distributions generally will be taxed when withdrawn.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), BFA or other related companies may pay the intermediary for marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

iSHARES[®] LARGE CAP MAX BUFFER SEP ETF

Ticker: SMAX

Stock Exchange: Cboe BZX

Investment Objective

The iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Sep ETF (the "Fund") seeks to track the share price return of the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (the "Underlying ETF" or "Underlying Fund") up to an approximate upside limit, while seeking to maximize the downside protection against price declines of the Underlying ETF over an approximate 12-month period beginning at the end of each September.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses that you will incur if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. The investment advisory agreement between iShares Trust (the "Trust") and BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA") (the "Investment Advisory Agreement") provides that BFA will pay all operating expenses of the Fund, except: (i) the management fees, (ii) interest expenses, (iii) taxes, (iv) expenses incurred with respect to the acquisition and disposition of portfolio securities and the execution of portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions, (v) distribution fees or expenses, and (vi) litigation expenses and any extraordinary expenses. The Fund may incur "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses." Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses reflect the Fund's *pro rata* share of the fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund as a result of investing in other investment companies. The impact of Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses is included in the total returns of the Fund. Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are not included in the calculation of the ratio of expenses to average net assets shown in the *Financial Highlights* section of the Fund's prospectus (the "Prospectus"). BFA, the investment adviser to the Fund, has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees in an amount equal to the Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any, attributable to investments by the Fund in other series of the Trust and iShares, Inc. through November 30, 2029. The contractual waiver may be terminated prior to November 30, 2029 only upon written agreement of the Trust and BFA.

You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (ongoing expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investments) ¹						
Management Fees	Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	Other Expenses ^{2,3}	Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses ³	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement
0.50%	None	0.00%	0.03%	0.53%	(0.03)%	0.50%

¹ Operating expenses paid by BFA under the Investment Advisory Agreement exclude Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any.

² The amount rounded to 0.00%.

³ Based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

Example. This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of owning shares of the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years
\$51	\$160

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund or the Underlying Fund may pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when they buy and sell securities (or “turn over” their portfolios). A higher portfolio turnover rate for the Fund or the Underlying Fund may indicate higher transaction costs and may cause the Fund or the Underlying Fund to incur increased expenses. These costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example (except costs to the Underlying Fund included as part of acquired fund fees and expenses), affect the Fund’s performance. Because the Fund is new, there is no reportable turnover.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to an approximate upside limit (the “Approximate Cap”), while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses (the “Approximate Buffer”) over each annual Hedge Period (as defined below). Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities or other instruments that provide exposure to securities of large capitalization companies or that provide for the upside limit on gains or the downside protection against the losses of securities of large capitalization companies. For purposes of the Fund’s 80% policy, “large capitalization companies” are those within the range of capitalization of the Underlying ETF’s underlying index.

The Fund principally buys shares of the Underlying ETF and customized put options thereon and sells call options that reference the Underlying ETF. The options in which the Fund transacts (typically, equity or index exchange-traded options contracts) are referred to generally as Flexible Exchange Options (“FLEX Options”). The Fund may transact in other listed options that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF, the Underlying ETF’s underlying index, or other exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) that track the Underlying ETF’s underlying index (collectively, “exchange-traded options”).

The Fund intends to maximize protection against loss through the Approximate Buffer while establishing a 2% minimum Approximate Cap as further described below. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for each applicable Hedge Period, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer below 100% to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2% during each Hedge Period.

The Underlying ETF is an ETF that seeks to track the investment results of the S&P 500 Index (the “Underlying ETF’s Index”), which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC (“SPDJI”). The securities in the Underlying ETF’s Index are weighted based on the float-adjusted market value of their outstanding shares. The Underlying ETF’s Index consists of securities from a broad range of industries. The components of the Underlying ETF’s Index are likely to change over time. BFA is the investment adviser to the Underlying ETF and receives a management fee from the Underlying ETF.

The Underlying ETF is managed using a representative sampling indexing strategy. “Representative sampling” is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are

expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF’s Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF’s Index. Representative sampling may subject the Underlying ETF to “tracking error”, which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF’s performance from that of the Underlying ETF’s Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right but not the obligation to buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) a particular financial instrument at a specified future date for an agreed upon price (commonly known as the “strike price”). If the Fund purchases a call option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to purchase shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund purchases a put option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to sell shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund writes (sells) a call option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase from the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. If the Fund writes (sells) a put option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell to the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on expiration date.

FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize key option contract terms such as strike price, style and expiration date, while avoiding the counterparty risk exposure of over-the-counter derivatives. Like traditional exchange-traded options, FLEX Options are guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (the “OCC”), a market clearinghouse that guarantees performance by counterparties to certain derivatives contracts by becoming the “buyer for every seller and the seller for every buyer”. The OCC may make adjustments to FLEX Options for certain significant events. The FLEX Options in which the Fund invests are European style, which are exercisable at the strike price only on the expiration date. The FLEX Options traded by the Fund are listed on an exchange, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”).

Options positions are marked to market daily by the Fund. The value of the FLEX Options in which the Fund invests is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities held by the Underlying ETF, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the Underlying ETF’s Index and the remaining time to such options’ expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. The Fund will typically trade options that expire at or around the end of each annual period or “Hedge Period” (October 1 through September 30), subject to the

annual rebalancing process described below. The Fund will be indefinitely offered and is not intended to terminate after one or more Hedge Periods.

For each Hedge Period, the Fund obtains exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF by purchasing shares of the Underlying ETF and futures that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF's Index, and creates the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap by trading a combination of put and call exchange-traded options. Specifically, the Fund typically creates the Approximate Buffer by buying a put option with the strike price approximately at-the-money relative to the Underlying ETF's share price. The Fund simultaneously writes a call option with a higher strike price relative to the Underlying ETF's share price to collect a premium that it uses to offset the premium paid to buy the put option. The call subjects the Fund to the Approximate Cap as it limits the Fund's ability to realize any increase in the value of the Underlying ETF above the strike price. The Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period is based on the strike price of the capped call for that Hedge Period. The Fund's market value and Net Asset Value ("NAV") may not correlate with the Underlying ETF and Underlying ETF's Index, especially during each Hedge Period. The strike prices for the capped calls will change for each Hedge Period depending on the prevailing market conditions and the cost of the put option for that Hedge Period, resulting in a different Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period.

The Fund will typically buy Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index and seek to enter into the combination of options transactions described above if there are any inflows, or creation transactions, during a Hedge Period. This will occur even in circumstances where the Fund would receive a negligible premium for writing an out-of-the-money call which may potentially give up more sizable returns to the extent that the option later becomes in the money. Because the Fund will effectively use distributions from the Underlying ETF to purchase the downside protection, the Fund's performance is likely to be less than the Underlying ETF's performance when (1) distributions are considered and (2) the Underlying ETF's performance is positive.

In order to obtain economic exposure to the Underlying ETF, in lieu of purchasing Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index for a Hedge Period, the Fund may instead, among other things: purchase call options with a strike price that is very low (approximately 1% or less) relative to the Underlying ETF's share price on the day of purchase (a "zero strike call"); purchase one or more other ETFs that seek to track the Underlying ETF's Index; purchase equity securities (e.g., component securities of the Underlying ETF's Index) in seeking to track the share price return of the Underlying ETF; or invest in U.S. treasuries, money market funds and/or other cash equivalents and purchase or sell a combination of call and put options that seek to synthesize the economic characteristics of the Underlying ETF. If the Fund invests in equity securities (other than the Underlying ETF), the Fund's equity security investments will be primarily in common stocks of companies held by the Underlying ETF that BFA believes will provide a risk / return profile similar to that of the Underlying ETF.

For the current Hedge Period of October 1 through September 30, the Approximate Cap is []% prior to taking into account any fees

or expenses charged to or transaction costs incurred by the Fund or Underlying ETF. When the Fund's annualized management fee of 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Approximate Cap for the current Hedge Period is reduced to []%. The returns that the Fund seeks to provide also do not include the costs associated with purchasing shares of the Fund.

The Approximate Buffer that the Fund typically seeks to provide is against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period; however, there is no guarantee that the Approximate Buffer will succeed in providing the intended protection. The Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period. When the Fund's annual management fee equal to 0.50% of the Fund's daily net assets is taken into account for a Hedge Period, the net Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period is 99.5%. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period and will maximize the Approximate Buffer, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer, including below 100%, to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2%. For example, if interest rates are low enough that providing against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses would result in an Approximate Cap of less than 2%, the Fund would decrease the protection such that the Approximate Cap is at least 2%. Information on the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer will be provided shortly before each Hedge Period.

The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period only apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. An investor that purchases Fund shares after the beginning of the Hedge Period, or sells Fund shares before the end of a Hedge Period, may not fully realize the Approximate Buffer or Approximate Cap for the Hedge Period and may be exposed to greater risk of loss and less potential gain. This is because while the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period are fixed levels that are calculated in relation to the Underlying ETF price and the Fund's NAV at the start of each Hedge Period and generally remain constant throughout the Hedge Period, an investor purchasing Fund shares at market price during the Hedge Period likely purchased Fund shares at a price that is different from the Fund's NAV at the start of the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, the NAV that the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer reference). For example, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has increased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the investor's upside limit may be lower than the Approximate Cap and the investor may experience losses prior to reaching the downside protection offered by the Approximate Buffer. Conversely, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has decreased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the Fund may require a larger increase in the Underlying ETF's share price before it reaches the Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, which are typically available on iShares.com daily, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap

and downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer. An investor may lose their entire investment and an investment in the Fund is only appropriate for investors willing to bear those losses.

Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

The Fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Summary of Principal Risks

As with any investment, you could lose all or part of your investment in the Fund, and the Fund's performance could trail that of other investments. The Fund is subject to certain risks (either directly or through its investments in the Underlying Fund), including the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Fund's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. Certain key risks are prioritized below (with others following in alphabetical order), but the relative significance of any risk is difficult to predict and may change over time. You should review each risk factor carefully.

Buffered Loss Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to provide downside protection against Underlying ETF losses. The Fund does not provide principal protection or non-principal protection, and, despite the Approximate Buffer, an investor may experience significant losses on their investment, including the loss of their entire investment. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the Approximate Buffer that the Fund seeks to provide may not be available. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer.

Capped Upside Return Risk. The Fund's strategy seeks to provide returns that are subject to an Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap represents an approximate maximum percentage return that an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund held over an entire Hedge Period. In the event that the Underlying ETF experiences gains in excess of the upside limit to which the Fund is subject as a result of the capped call for a Hedge Period, the Fund will not participate in those gains beyond the upside limit. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, there may be little or no ability for that investor to experience an investment gain on their Fund shares. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap.

FLEX Options Risk. In addition to counterparty risk, FLEX Options are subject to the risk that they may be less liquid than certain other securities, such as standardized options. In less liquid markets for the FLEX Options, terminating the FLEX Options may

require the payment of a premium or acceptance of a discounted price and may take longer to complete. In a less liquid market for the FLEX Options, the liquidation of a large number of options may significantly impact the price of the options and may adversely impact the value of your investment. Additionally, to the extent market participants are not willing or able to enter into FLEX Option transactions with the Fund at prices that reflect the market price of the Fund shares, the Fund's NAV and, in turn the share price of the Fund, could be negatively impacted.

The FLEX Options held by the Fund will be exercisable at the strike price only on their expiration date. As an in-the-money FLEX Option approaches its expiration date, its value typically will increasingly move with the value of the Underlying ETF. However, the value of the FLEX Options prior to the expiration date may vary because of related factors other than the value of the Underlying ETF. The value of the FLEX Options will be determined based upon market quotations or using other recognized pricing methods. Factors that may influence the value of the FLEX Options generally include interest rate changes, dividends, the actual and implied volatility levels of the Underlying ETF's share price, and the remaining time until the FLEX Options expire, among others. The value of the FLEX Options held by the Fund typically do not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price on a day-to-day basis due to these factors (although they generally move in the same direction), and, as a result, the Fund's NAV may not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price.

Risk of Investing in the U.S. Investing in U.S. issuers subjects the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risks that are specific to the U.S. Certain changes in the U.S., such as a weakening of the U.S. economy or a decline in its financial markets, may have an adverse effect on U.S. issuers.

Market Risk. The Fund could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, pandemics or other public health issues, recessions, the prospect or occurrence of a sovereign default or other financial crisis, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments and could result in increased premiums or discounts to the Fund's NAV.

Affiliated Fund Risk. In managing the Fund, BFA has the ability to select Underlying Funds and substitute Underlying Funds with other ETFs that it believes will achieve the Fund's objective. BFA may be subject to potential conflicts of interest in selecting Underlying Funds and substituting Underlying Funds with other ETFs because the fees paid to BFA by some Underlying Funds and other ETFs managed by BFA may be higher than the fees paid by other Underlying Funds. This risk may be reduced to the extent BFA has agreed to waive Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses with respect to the Underlying Fund. If an Underlying Fund or other ETF holds interests in an affiliated fund in excess of a certain amount, the Fund may be prohibited from purchasing shares of that Underlying Fund or other ETF.

Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap Change Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap are dependent on prevailing market conditions (e.g. volatility, interest rates, dividends, and other factors). As such, the Approximate Buffer

and Approximate Cap may rise or fall from one Hedge Period to the next, sometimes to a significant extent, and are unlikely to remain the same for consecutive Hedge Periods.

Asset Class Risk. The securities and other assets in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to financial markets generally, a particular financial market, an index, or other asset classes.

Assets Under Management (AUM) Risk. From time to time, an Authorized Participant (as defined below in *Authorized Participant Concentration Risk*), a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, or another fund may invest in the Fund and hold its investment for a specific period of time to allow the Fund to achieve size or scale. There can be no assurance that any such entity would not redeem its investment or that the size of the Fund would be maintained at such levels, which could negatively impact the Fund.

Authorized Participant Concentration Risk. An "Authorized Participant" is a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC, which has a written agreement with the Fund or one of its service providers that allows the Authorized Participant to place orders for the purchase and redemption of creation units ("Creation Units"). Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. There are a limited number of institutions that may act as Authorized Participants for the Fund, including on an agency basis on behalf of other market participants. No Authorized Participant is obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent that Authorized Participants exit the business or do not place creation or redemption orders for the Fund and no other Authorized Participant places orders, Fund shares are more likely to trade at a premium or discount to NAV and possibly face trading halts or delisting.

Clearing Member Default Risk. Transactions in some types of derivatives, including FLEX Options and futures, are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared derivatives"). In a transaction involving cleared derivatives, the Fund's counterparty is a clearing house, such as the OCC, rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of clearing houses and only members of a clearing house ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearing house, the Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives positions, the Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through their accounts at clearing members. Customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any options contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. As a result, assets deposited by the Fund with any clearing member as margin for FLEX Options or futures may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing member. In addition, although clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the Underlying ETF, the Fund's or the Underlying ETF's clearing house, there is a risk that the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the clearing member's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing member's customers for the relevant account class. The Fund is also subject to the risk that a limited number of

clearing members are willing to transact on the Fund's behalf, which heightens the risks associated with a clearing member's default. If a clearing member defaults, the Fund could lose some or all of the benefits of a transaction entered into by the Fund with the clearing member. If the Fund cannot find a clearing member to transact with on the Fund's behalf, the Fund may be unable to effectively implement its investment strategy.

Concentration Risk. The Fund may be susceptible to an increased risk of loss, including losses due to adverse events that affect the Fund's investments more than the market as a whole, to the extent that the Fund's investments are concentrated in the securities or other assets of one or more issuers, countries or other geographic units, markets, industries, project types, or asset classes.

Counterparty Risk. Derivatives are subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will be unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, and the related risks of having concentrated exposure to such a counterparty. The OCC acts as guarantor and central counterparty with respect to the FLEX Options. As a result, the ability of the Fund to meet its objective depends on the OCC being able to meet its obligations. In the unlikely event that the OCC becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to meet its settlement obligations, the Fund could suffer significant losses.

Cybersecurity Risk. Failures or breaches of the electronic systems of the Fund, its adviser, distributor, other service providers, counterparties, or issuers of assets in which the Fund invests may cause disruptions that negatively impact the Fund and its shareholders. While the Fund has established business continuity plans and risk management systems seeking to address system breaches or failures, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems. The Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems of its service providers, counterparties, and other third parties whose activities affect the Fund.

Derivatives Risk. The Fund's use of derivatives may reduce the Fund's returns or increase volatility. Volatility is defined as the characteristic of a security, an index or a market to fluctuate significantly in price within a short time period. Derivatives may also be subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will not fulfill its contractual obligation. A risk of the Fund's use of derivatives is that the fluctuations in their values may not correlate perfectly with the value of the underlying asset, the performance of the asset class to which the Fund seeks exposure or to the performance of the overall securities markets. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives and the resulting inability of the Fund to sell or otherwise close a derivatives position could expose the Fund to losses and could make derivatives more difficult for the Fund to value accurately. The Fund could also suffer losses related to its derivatives positions as a result of unanticipated market movements, which losses are potentially unlimited. Certain derivatives may give rise to a form of leverage and may expose the Fund to greater risk and increase its costs. To the extent that the Fund invests in rolling futures contracts, it may be subject to additional risk. The impact of U.S. and global regulation of derivatives may make derivatives more costly, may limit the availability of derivatives, may delay or restrict the exercise by the

Fund of termination rights or remedies upon a counterparty default under derivatives held by the Fund (which could result in losses), or may otherwise adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives. In addition, the Fund's use of derivatives may expose the Fund to risks related to potential operational issues, such as documentation and settlement issues, systems failures, inadequate controls and human error. Derivatives may also involve legal risks, including insufficient documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of a counterparty, and legality and enforceability of a contract.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer as well as due to general industry or market conditions. Common stock is subordinated to preferred securities and debt in a company's capital structure. Common stock has the lowest priority, and the greatest risk, with respect to dividends and any liquidation payments in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy.

Futures Contract Risk. Futures are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an asset at a specified future date at a specified price. Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing ownership stake in an issuer, futures contracts normally specify a certain date for settlement in cash based on the level of the reference rate. The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts are: (i) the imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the instruments held by the Fund and the price of the futures contract; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and the resulting inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iii) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited; (iv) BFA's inability to predict correctly the direction of prices and other economic factors; and (v) the possibility that the counterparty will default in the performance of its obligations.

Hedge Period Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the returns realized by the investor will not match those that the Fund seeks to provide.

Investment in the Underlying Fund Risk. The Fund invests substantially all of its assets in the Underlying Fund, so the Fund's investment performance is related to the performance of the Underlying Fund. The Fund's NAV will change with changes in the value of the Underlying Fund and other instruments in which the Fund invests based on their market valuations. An investment in the Fund will entail more costs and expenses than a direct investment in the Underlying Fund.

Investment Objective Risk. Certain circumstances under which the Fund might not achieve its objective include, but are not limited, to (i) if the Fund disposes of exchange-traded options, (ii) if the Fund is unable to maintain the proportional relationship based on the number of exchange-traded options in the Fund's portfolio, (iii) significant accrual of Fund expenses in connection with effecting the Fund's principal investment strategy or (iv) adverse tax law changes affecting the treatment of FLEX Options.

Issuer Risk. The performance of the Fund depends on the performance of individual securities or other assets to which the Fund has exposure. The value of securities or other assets may decline, or perform differently from the market as a whole, due to changes in the financial condition or credit rating of the issuer or counterparty.

Large-Capitalization Companies Risk. Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller-capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions and competitive challenges. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller-capitalization companies. The performance of large-capitalization companies could trail the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Large Shareholder and Large-Scale Redemption Risk. Certain shareholders of the Fund, including an Authorized Participant, a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, a market maker, or another entity, may from time to time own or manage a substantial amount of Fund shares, or may hold their investment in the Fund for a limited period of time. There can be no assurance that any large shareholder or large group of shareholders would not redeem their investment. Redemptions of a large number of Fund shares could require the Fund to dispose of assets to meet the redemption requests, which can accelerate the realization of taxable income and/or capital gains and cause the Fund to make taxable distributions to its shareholders earlier than the Fund otherwise would have. In addition, under certain circumstances, non-redeeming shareholders may be treated as receiving a disproportionately large taxable distribution during or with respect to such year. In some circumstances, the Fund may hold a relatively large proportion of its assets in cash in anticipation of large redemptions, diluting its investment returns. These large redemptions may also force the Fund to sell portfolio securities or other assets when it might not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Fund's NAV, increase the Fund's brokerage costs and/or have a material effect on the market price of Fund shares.

Management Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk, which is the risk that the investment process, techniques and risk analyses applied by BFA will not produce the desired results, and that securities selected by BFA may underperform the market or any relevant benchmark. In addition, legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment techniques available to BFA in connection with managing the Fund and may also adversely affect the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

Market Trading Risk. The Fund faces numerous market trading risks, including the potential lack of an active market for Fund shares (including through a trading halt), losses from trading in secondary markets, periods of high volatility, and disruptions in the process of creating and redeeming Fund shares. Any of these factors, among others, may lead to the Fund's shares trading in the secondary market at a premium or discount to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. If you buy Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to NAV or sell Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to NAV, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund shares.

Non-Diversification Risk. The Fund is classified as "non-diversified." This means that, compared with funds that are classified as "diversified," the Fund may invest a greater percentage of its assets in securities or other instruments representing a small number of issuers or counterparties and thus may be more susceptible to the risks associated with these particular issuers or counterparties. As a result, the Fund's performance may depend to a greater extent on the performance of a small number of issuers or counterparties, which may lead to more volatility in the Fund's NAV.

Operational Risk. The Fund is exposed to operational risks arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. The Fund and BFA seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures. However, these measures do not address every possible risk and may be inadequate to address significant operational risks.

Options Risk. Investments in options are considered speculative. When the Fund purchases an option, it may lose the total premium paid for it if the price of the underlying security or other assets decreased, remained the same or failed to increase to a level at or beyond the exercise price (in the case of a call option) or increased, remained the same or failed to decrease to a level at or below the exercise price (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by the Fund were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund writes or sells an option, if the decline or increase in the underlying asset is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Fund could experience a substantial loss.

Risk of Investing in Developed Countries. The Fund's and the Underlying Fund's investment in developed country issuers will subject the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, economic and other risks associated with developed countries. Developed countries tend to represent a significant portion of the global economy and have generally experienced slower economic growth than some less developed countries. Certain developed countries have experienced security concerns, such as war, terrorism and strained international relations. Incidents involving a country's or region's security may cause uncertainty in its markets and may adversely affect its economy and the Fund's or the Underlying Fund's investments. In addition, developed countries may be adversely impacted by changes to the economic conditions of certain key trading partners, regulatory burdens, debt burdens and the price or availability of certain commodities.

Securities Lending Risk. The Fund may engage in securities lending. Securities lending involves the risk that the Fund may lose money because the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could also lose money in the event of a decline in the value of collateral provided for loaned securities or a decline in the value of any investments made with cash collateral. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the Fund.

Small Fund Risk. When the Fund's size is small, the Fund may experience low trading volume and wide bid/ask spreads. In addition, the Fund may face the risk of being delisted if it does not

meet certain requirements set by the listing exchange. Any resulting liquidation of the Fund could lead to elevated transaction costs for the Fund and negative tax consequences for its shareholders.

Tax Risk. The Fund intends to elect and to qualify each year to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"). As a RIC, the Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of its net investment income and net capital gain that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it satisfies certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the federal income tax treatment of certain aspects of the proposed operations of the Fund are not entirely clear. This includes the tax aspects of the Fund's options strategy, its hedging strategy, the possible application of the "straddle" rules, and various loss limitation provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To qualify and maintain its status as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain income, diversification and distributions tests. For purposes of the diversification test, the identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular Fund investment can depend on the terms and conditions of that investment. In particular, there is no published Internal Revenue Service guidance or case law on how to determine the "issuer" of certain derivatives that the Fund will enter into. Based upon the language in the legislative history, the Fund intends to treat the issuer of the FLEX Options as the referenced asset, which, assuming the referenced asset qualifies as a RIC, would allow the Fund to count the FLEX Options as automatically diversified investments under the RIC diversification requirements. The Fund intends to treat any income it may derive from the FLEX Options as "qualifying income" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to RICs. If the income is not qualifying income or the issuer of the FLEX Options is not appropriately the referenced asset, the Fund may not qualify, or may be disqualified, as a RIC. If the Fund does not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year and certain relief provisions are not available, the Fund's taxable income will be subject to tax at the Fund level and to a further tax at the shareholder level when such income is distributed.

Technology Companies Risk. Technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources, supply chains and personnel. These companies typically face intense competition, potentially rapid product obsolescence and changes in product cycles and customer preferences. They may face unexpected risks and costs associated with technological developments, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Technology companies also depend heavily on intellectual property rights and may be adversely affected by the loss or impairment of those rights. Technology companies may face increased government scrutiny and may be subject to adverse government or legal action.

Upside Participation Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to match the increase, if any, of the share price return of the Underlying ETF over a Hedge Period, subject to an Approximate Cap. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after the beginning of a Hedge Period or does not stay invested in the Fund for the entirety of the Hedge

Period, the returns realized by the investor may not match those that the Fund seeks to achieve.

Valuation Risk. The price that the Fund could receive upon the sale (or other disposition) of a security or other asset may differ from the Fund's valuation of the security or other asset, particularly for securities or other assets that trade in low volume or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair value methodology. In addition, the value of the securities or other assets in the Fund's portfolio may change on days or during time periods when investors are not able to purchase or sell Fund shares. Authorized Participants that create or redeem Fund shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued securities or other assets may receive fewer or more shares, or lower or higher

redemption proceeds, than they would have received had the securities or other assets not been fair valued or been valued using a different methodology. The ability to value investments may be impacted by technological issues or errors by pricing services or other third-party service providers.

Performance Information

As of the date of the Prospectus, the Fund has not commenced operations and therefore has no performance information to report.

Management

Investment Adviser. BlackRock Fund Advisors.

Portfolio Managers. Jennifer Hsui, Greg Savage and Paul Whitehead (the "Portfolio Managers") are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Portfolio Manager supervises a portfolio management team. Ms. Hsui, Mr. Savage and Mr. Whitehead have been Portfolio Managers of the Fund since inception (2024).

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund is an ETF. Individual shares of the Fund may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker-dealer. Because ETF shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (a premium) or less than NAV (a discount). An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) when buying or selling shares in the secondary market (the "bid-ask spread").

Tax Information

The Fund intends to make distributions that may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account ("IRA"), in which case, your distributions generally will be taxed when withdrawn.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), BFA or other related companies may pay the intermediary for marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

iSHARES[®] LARGE CAP MAX BUFFER DEC ETF

Ticker: DMAX

Stock Exchange: Cboe BZX

Investment Objective

The iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Dec ETF (the "Fund") seeks to track the share price return of the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (the "Underlying ETF" or "Underlying Fund") up to an approximate upside limit, while seeking to maximize the downside protection against price declines of the Underlying ETF over an approximate 12-month period beginning at the end of each December.

Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses that you will incur if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. The investment advisory agreement between iShares Trust (the "Trust") and BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA") (the "Investment Advisory Agreement") provides that BFA will pay all operating expenses of the Fund, except: (i) the management fees, (ii) interest expenses, (iii) taxes, (iv) expenses incurred with respect to the acquisition and disposition of portfolio securities and the execution of portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions, (v) distribution fees or expenses, and (vi) litigation expenses and any extraordinary expenses. The Fund may incur "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses." Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses reflect the Fund's *pro rata* share of the fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund as a result of investing in other investment companies. The impact of Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses is included in the total returns of the Fund. Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are not included in the calculation of the ratio of expenses to average net assets shown in the *Financial Highlights* section of the Fund's prospectus (the "Prospectus"). BFA, the investment adviser to the Fund, has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees in an amount equal to the Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any, attributable to investments by the Fund in other series of the Trust and iShares, Inc. through November 30, 2029. The contractual waiver may be terminated prior to November 30, 2029 only upon written agreement of the Trust and BFA.

You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (ongoing expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investments) ¹						
Management Fees	Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	Other Expenses ^{2,3}	Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses ³	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement
0.50%	None	0.00%	0.03%	0.53%	(0.03)%	0.50%

¹ Operating expenses paid by BFA under the Investment Advisory Agreement exclude Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any.

² The amount rounded to 0.00%.

³ Based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

Example. This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of owning shares of the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

1 Year	3 Years
\$51	\$160

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund or the Underlying Fund may pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when they buy and sell securities (or “turn over” their portfolios). A higher portfolio turnover rate for the Fund or the Underlying Fund may indicate higher transaction costs and may cause the Fund or the Underlying Fund to incur increased expenses. These costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example (except costs to the Underlying Fund included as part of acquired fund fees and expenses), affect the Fund’s performance. Because the Fund is new, there is no reportable turnover.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to an approximate upside limit (the “Approximate Cap”), while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses (the “Approximate Buffer”) over each annual Hedge Period (as defined below). Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities or other instruments that provide exposure to securities of large capitalization companies or that provide for the upside limit on gains or the downside protection against the losses of securities of large capitalization companies. For purposes of the Fund’s 80% policy, “large capitalization companies” are those within the range of capitalization of the Underlying ETF’s underlying index.

The Fund principally buys shares of the Underlying ETF and customized put options thereon and sells call options that reference the Underlying ETF. The options in which the Fund transacts (typically, equity or index exchange-traded options contracts) are referred to generally as Flexible Exchange Options (“FLEX Options”). The Fund may transact in other listed options that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF, the Underlying ETF’s underlying index, or other exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) that track the Underlying ETF’s underlying index (collectively, “exchange-traded options”).

The Fund intends to maximize protection against loss through the Approximate Buffer while establishing a 2% minimum Approximate Cap as further described below. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for each applicable Hedge Period, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer below 100% to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2% during each Hedge Period.

The Underlying ETF is an ETF that seeks to track the investment results of the S&P 500 Index (the “Underlying ETF’s Index”), which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC (“SPDJI”). The securities in the Underlying ETF’s Index are weighted based on the float-adjusted market value of their outstanding shares. The Underlying ETF’s Index consists of securities from a broad range of industries. The components of the Underlying ETF’s Index are likely to change over time. BFA is the investment adviser to the Underlying ETF and receives a management fee from the Underlying ETF.

The Underlying ETF is managed using a representative sampling indexing strategy. “Representative sampling” is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are

expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF’s Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF’s Index. Representative sampling may subject the Underlying ETF to “tracking error”, which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF’s performance from that of the Underlying ETF’s Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right but not the obligation to buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) a particular financial instrument at a specified future date for an agreed upon price (commonly known as the “strike price”). If the Fund purchases a call option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to purchase shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund purchases a put option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to sell shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund writes (sells) a call option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase from the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. If the Fund writes (sells) a put option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell to the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on expiration date.

FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize key option contract terms such as strike price, style and expiration date, while avoiding the counterparty risk exposure of over-the-counter derivatives. Like traditional exchange-traded options, FLEX Options are guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (the “OCC”), a market clearinghouse that guarantees performance by counterparties to certain derivatives contracts by becoming the “buyer for every seller and the seller for every buyer”. The OCC may make adjustments to FLEX Options for certain significant events. The FLEX Options in which the Fund invests are European style, which are exercisable at the strike price only on the expiration date. The FLEX Options traded by the Fund are listed on an exchange, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”).

Options positions are marked to market daily by the Fund. The value of the FLEX Options in which the Fund invests is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities held by the Underlying ETF, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the Underlying ETF’s Index and the remaining time to such options’ expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. The Fund will typically trade options that expire at or around the end of each annual period or “Hedge Period” (January 1 through December 31), subject to the

annual rebalancing process described below. The Fund will be indefinitely offered and is not intended to terminate after one or more Hedge Periods.

For each Hedge Period, the Fund obtains exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF by purchasing shares of the Underlying ETF and futures that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF's Index, and creates the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap by trading a combination of put and call exchange-traded options. Specifically, the Fund typically creates the Approximate Buffer by buying a put option with the strike price approximately at-the-money relative to the Underlying ETF's share price. The Fund simultaneously writes a call option with a higher strike price relative to the Underlying ETF's share price to collect a premium that it uses to offset the premium paid to buy the put option. The call subjects the Fund to the Approximate Cap as it limits the Fund's ability to realize any increase in the value of the Underlying ETF above the strike price. The Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period is based on the strike price of the capped call for that Hedge Period. The Fund's market value and Net Asset Value ("NAV") may not correlate with the Underlying ETF and Underlying ETF's Index, especially during each Hedge Period. The strike prices for the capped calls will change for each Hedge Period depending on the prevailing market conditions and the cost of the put option for that Hedge Period, resulting in a different Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period.

The Fund will typically buy Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index and seek to enter into the combination of options transactions described above if there are any inflows, or creation transactions, during a Hedge Period. This will occur even in circumstances where the Fund would receive a negligible premium for writing an out-of-the-money call which may potentially give up more sizable returns to the extent that the option later becomes in the money. Because the Fund will effectively use distributions from the Underlying ETF to purchase the downside protection, the Fund's performance is likely to be less than the Underlying ETF's performance when (1) distributions are considered and (2) the Underlying ETF's performance is positive.

In order to obtain economic exposure to the Underlying ETF, in lieu of purchasing Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index for a Hedge Period, the Fund may instead, among other things: purchase call options with a strike price that is very low (approximately 1% or less) relative to the Underlying ETF's share price on the day of purchase (a "zero strike call"); purchase one or more other ETFs that seek to track the Underlying ETF's Index; purchase equity securities (e.g., component securities of the Underlying ETF's Index) in seeking to track the share price return of the Underlying ETF; or invest in U.S. treasuries, money market funds and/or other cash equivalents and purchase or sell a combination of call and put options that seek to synthesize the economic characteristics of the Underlying ETF. If the Fund invests in equity securities (other than the Underlying ETF), the Fund's equity security investments will be primarily in common stocks of companies held by the Underlying ETF that BFA believes will provide a risk / return profile similar to that of the Underlying ETF.

For the current Hedge Period of January 1 through December 31, the Approximate Cap is []% prior to taking into account any fees

or expenses charged to or transaction costs incurred by the Fund or Underlying ETF. When the Fund's annualized management fee of 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Approximate Cap for the current Hedge Period is reduced to []%. The returns that the Fund seeks to provide also do not include the costs associated with purchasing shares of the Fund.

The Approximate Buffer that the Fund typically seeks to provide is against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period; however, there is no guarantee that the Approximate Buffer will succeed in providing the intended protection. The Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period. When the Fund's annual management fee equal to 0.50% of the Fund's daily net assets is taken into account for a Hedge Period, the net Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period is 99.5%. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period and will maximize the Approximate Buffer, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer, including below 100%, to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2%. For example, if interest rates are low enough that providing against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses would result in an Approximate Cap of less than 2%, the Fund would decrease the protection such that the Approximate Cap is at least 2%. Information on the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer will be provided shortly before each Hedge Period.

The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period only apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. An investor that purchases Fund shares after the beginning of the Hedge Period, or sells Fund shares before the end of a Hedge Period, may not fully realize the Approximate Buffer or Approximate Cap for the Hedge Period and may be exposed to greater risk of loss and less potential gain. This is because while the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period are fixed levels that are calculated in relation to the Underlying ETF price and the Fund's NAV at the start of each Hedge Period and generally remain constant throughout the Hedge Period, an investor purchasing Fund shares at market price during the Hedge Period likely purchased Fund shares at a price that is different from the Fund's NAV at the start of the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, the NAV that the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer reference). For example, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has increased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the investor's upside limit may be lower than the Approximate Cap and the investor may experience losses prior to reaching the downside protection offered by the Approximate Buffer. Conversely, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has decreased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the Fund may require a larger increase in the Underlying ETF's share price before it reaches the Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, which are typically available on iShares.com daily, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap

and downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer. An investor may lose their entire investment and an investment in the Fund is only appropriate for investors willing to bear those losses.

Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

The Fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Summary of Principal Risks

As with any investment, you could lose all or part of your investment in the Fund, and the Fund's performance could trail that of other investments. The Fund is subject to certain risks (either directly or through its investments in the Underlying Fund), including the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Fund's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. Certain key risks are prioritized below (with others following in alphabetical order), but the relative significance of any risk is difficult to predict and may change over time. You should review each risk factor carefully.

Buffered Loss Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to provide downside protection against Underlying ETF losses. The Fund does not provide principal protection or non-principal protection, and, despite the Approximate Buffer, an investor may experience significant losses on their investment, including the loss of their entire investment. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the Approximate Buffer that the Fund seeks to provide may not be available. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer.

Capped Upside Return Risk. The Fund's strategy seeks to provide returns that are subject to an Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap represents an approximate maximum percentage return that an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund held over an entire Hedge Period. In the event that the Underlying ETF experiences gains in excess of the upside limit to which the Fund is subject as a result of the capped call for a Hedge Period, the Fund will not participate in those gains beyond the upside limit. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, there may be little or no ability for that investor to experience an investment gain on their Fund shares. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap.

FLEX Options Risk. In addition to counterparty risk, FLEX Options are subject to the risk that they may be less liquid than certain other securities, such as standardized options. In less liquid markets for the FLEX Options, terminating the FLEX Options may

require the payment of a premium or acceptance of a discounted price and may take longer to complete. In a less liquid market for the FLEX Options, the liquidation of a large number of options may significantly impact the price of the options and may adversely impact the value of your investment. Additionally, to the extent market participants are not willing or able to enter into FLEX Option transactions with the Fund at prices that reflect the market price of the Fund shares, the Fund's NAV and, in turn the share price of the Fund, could be negatively impacted.

The FLEX Options held by the Fund will be exercisable at the strike price only on their expiration date. As an in-the-money FLEX Option approaches its expiration date, its value typically will increasingly move with the value of the Underlying ETF. However, the value of the FLEX Options prior to the expiration date may vary because of related factors other than the value of the Underlying ETF. The value of the FLEX Options will be determined based upon market quotations or using other recognized pricing methods. Factors that may influence the value of the FLEX Options generally include interest rate changes, dividends, the actual and implied volatility levels of the Underlying ETF's share price, and the remaining time until the FLEX Options expire, among others. The value of the FLEX Options held by the Fund typically do not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price on a day-to-day basis due to these factors (although they generally move in the same direction), and, as a result, the Fund's NAV may not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price.

Risk of Investing in the U.S. Investing in U.S. issuers subjects the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risks that are specific to the U.S. Certain changes in the U.S., such as a weakening of the U.S. economy or a decline in its financial markets, may have an adverse effect on U.S. issuers.

Market Risk. The Fund could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, pandemics or other public health issues, recessions, the prospect or occurrence of a sovereign default or other financial crisis, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and its investments and could result in increased premiums or discounts to the Fund's NAV.

Affiliated Fund Risk. In managing the Fund, BFA has the ability to select Underlying Funds and substitute Underlying Funds with other ETFs that it believes will achieve the Fund's objective. BFA may be subject to potential conflicts of interest in selecting Underlying Funds and substituting Underlying Funds with other ETFs because the fees paid to BFA by some Underlying Funds and other ETFs managed by BFA may be higher than the fees paid by other Underlying Funds. This risk may be reduced to the extent BFA has agreed to waive Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses with respect to the Underlying Fund. If an Underlying Fund or other ETF holds interests in an affiliated fund in excess of a certain amount, the Fund may be prohibited from purchasing shares of that Underlying Fund or other ETF.

Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap Change Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap are dependent on prevailing market conditions (e.g. volatility, interest rates, dividends, and other factors). As such, the Approximate Buffer

and Approximate Cap may rise or fall from one Hedge Period to the next, sometimes to a significant extent, and are unlikely to remain the same for consecutive Hedge Periods.

Asset Class Risk. The securities and other assets in the Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to financial markets generally, a particular financial market, an index, or other asset classes.

Assets Under Management (AUM) Risk. From time to time, an Authorized Participant (as defined below in *Authorized Participant Concentration Risk*), a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, or another fund may invest in the Fund and hold its investment for a specific period of time to allow the Fund to achieve size or scale. There can be no assurance that any such entity would not redeem its investment or that the size of the Fund would be maintained at such levels, which could negatively impact the Fund.

Authorized Participant Concentration Risk. An "Authorized Participant" is a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC, which has a written agreement with the Fund or one of its service providers that allows the Authorized Participant to place orders for the purchase and redemption of creation units ("Creation Units"). Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with the Fund. There are a limited number of institutions that may act as Authorized Participants for the Fund, including on an agency basis on behalf of other market participants. No Authorized Participant is obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent that Authorized Participants exit the business or do not place creation or redemption orders for the Fund and no other Authorized Participant places orders, Fund shares are more likely to trade at a premium or discount to NAV and possibly face trading halts or delisting.

Clearing Member Default Risk. Transactions in some types of derivatives, including FLEX Options and futures, are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared derivatives"). In a transaction involving cleared derivatives, the Fund's counterparty is a clearing house, such as the OCC, rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of clearing houses and only members of a clearing house ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearing house, the Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives positions, the Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through their accounts at clearing members. Customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any options contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. As a result, assets deposited by the Fund with any clearing member as margin for FLEX Options or futures may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing member. In addition, although clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the Underlying ETF, the Fund's or the Underlying ETF's clearing house, there is a risk that the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the clearing member's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing member's customers for the relevant account class. The Fund is also subject to the risk that a limited number of

clearing members are willing to transact on the Fund's behalf, which heightens the risks associated with a clearing member's default. If a clearing member defaults, the Fund could lose some or all of the benefits of a transaction entered into by the Fund with the clearing member. If the Fund cannot find a clearing member to transact with on the Fund's behalf, the Fund may be unable to effectively implement its investment strategy.

Concentration Risk. The Fund may be susceptible to an increased risk of loss, including losses due to adverse events that affect the Fund's investments more than the market as a whole, to the extent that the Fund's investments are concentrated in the securities or other assets of one or more issuers, countries or other geographic units, markets, industries, project types, or asset classes.

Counterparty Risk. Derivatives are subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will be unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, and the related risks of having concentrated exposure to such a counterparty. The OCC acts as guarantor and central counterparty with respect to the FLEX Options. As a result, the ability of the Fund to meet its objective depends on the OCC being able to meet its obligations. In the unlikely event that the OCC becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to meet its settlement obligations, the Fund could suffer significant losses.

Cybersecurity Risk. Failures or breaches of the electronic systems of the Fund, its adviser, distributor, other service providers, counterparties, or issuers of assets in which the Fund invests may cause disruptions that negatively impact the Fund and its shareholders. While the Fund has established business continuity plans and risk management systems seeking to address system breaches or failures, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems. The Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems of its service providers, counterparties, and other third parties whose activities affect the Fund.

Derivatives Risk. The Fund's use of derivatives may reduce the Fund's returns or increase volatility. Volatility is defined as the characteristic of a security, an index or a market to fluctuate significantly in price within a short time period. Derivatives may also be subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will not fulfill its contractual obligation. A risk of the Fund's use of derivatives is that the fluctuations in their values may not correlate perfectly with the value of the underlying asset, the performance of the asset class to which the Fund seeks exposure or to the performance of the overall securities markets. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives and the resulting inability of the Fund to sell or otherwise close a derivatives position could expose the Fund to losses and could make derivatives more difficult for the Fund to value accurately. The Fund could also suffer losses related to its derivatives positions as a result of unanticipated market movements, which losses are potentially unlimited. Certain derivatives may give rise to a form of leverage and may expose the Fund to greater risk and increase its costs. To the extent that the Fund invests in rolling futures contracts, it may be subject to additional risk. The impact of U.S. and global regulation of derivatives may make derivatives more costly, may limit the availability of derivatives, may delay or restrict the exercise by the

Fund of termination rights or remedies upon a counterparty default under derivatives held by the Fund (which could result in losses), or may otherwise adversely affect the value or performance of derivatives. In addition, the Fund's use of derivatives may expose the Fund to risks related to potential operational issues, such as documentation and settlement issues, systems failures, inadequate controls and human error. Derivatives may also involve legal risks, including insufficient documentation, insufficient capacity or authority of a counterparty, and legality and enforceability of a contract.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that may directly relate to the issuer as well as due to general industry or market conditions. Common stock is subordinated to preferred securities and debt in a company's capital structure. Common stock has the lowest priority, and the greatest risk, with respect to dividends and any liquidation payments in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy.

Futures Contract Risk. Futures are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an asset at a specified future date at a specified price. Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing ownership stake in an issuer, futures contracts normally specify a certain date for settlement in cash based on the level of the reference rate. The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts are: (i) the imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the instruments held by the Fund and the price of the futures contract; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and the resulting inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iii) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited; (iv) BFA's inability to predict correctly the direction of prices and other economic factors; and (v) the possibility that the counterparty will default in the performance of its obligations.

Hedge Period Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the returns realized by the investor will not match those that the Fund seeks to provide.

Investment in the Underlying Fund Risk. The Fund invests substantially all of its assets in the Underlying Fund, so the Fund's investment performance is related to the performance of the Underlying Fund. The Fund's NAV will change with changes in the value of the Underlying Fund and other instruments in which the Fund invests based on their market valuations. An investment in the Fund will entail more costs and expenses than a direct investment in the Underlying Fund.

Investment Objective Risk. Certain circumstances under which the Fund might not achieve its objective include, but are not limited, to (i) if the Fund disposes of exchange-traded options, (ii) if the Fund is unable to maintain the proportional relationship based on the number of exchange-traded options in the Fund's portfolio, (iii) significant accrual of Fund expenses in connection with effecting the Fund's principal investment strategy or (iv) adverse tax law changes affecting the treatment of FLEX Options.

Issuer Risk. The performance of the Fund depends on the performance of individual securities or other assets to which the Fund has exposure. The value of securities or other assets may decline, or perform differently from the market as a whole, due to changes in the financial condition or credit rating of the issuer or counterparty.

Large-Capitalization Companies Risk. Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller-capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions and competitive challenges. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller-capitalization companies. The performance of large-capitalization companies could trail the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Large Shareholder and Large-Scale Redemption Risk. Certain shareholders of the Fund, including an Authorized Participant, a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, a market maker, or another entity, may from time to time own or manage a substantial amount of Fund shares, or may hold their investment in the Fund for a limited period of time. There can be no assurance that any large shareholder or large group of shareholders would not redeem their investment. Redemptions of a large number of Fund shares could require the Fund to dispose of assets to meet the redemption requests, which can accelerate the realization of taxable income and/or capital gains and cause the Fund to make taxable distributions to its shareholders earlier than the Fund otherwise would have. In addition, under certain circumstances, non-redeeming shareholders may be treated as receiving a disproportionately large taxable distribution during or with respect to such year. In some circumstances, the Fund may hold a relatively large proportion of its assets in cash in anticipation of large redemptions, diluting its investment returns. These large redemptions may also force the Fund to sell portfolio securities or other assets when it might not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Fund's NAV, increase the Fund's brokerage costs and/or have a material effect on the market price of Fund shares.

Management Risk. The Fund is subject to management risk, which is the risk that the investment process, techniques and risk analyses applied by BFA will not produce the desired results, and that securities selected by BFA may underperform the market or any relevant benchmark. In addition, legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment techniques available to BFA in connection with managing the Fund and may also adversely affect the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

Market Trading Risk. The Fund faces numerous market trading risks, including the potential lack of an active market for Fund shares (including through a trading halt), losses from trading in secondary markets, periods of high volatility, and disruptions in the process of creating and redeeming Fund shares. Any of these factors, among others, may lead to the Fund's shares trading in the secondary market at a premium or discount to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. If you buy Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to NAV or sell Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to NAV, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund shares.

Non-Diversification Risk. The Fund is classified as "non-diversified." This means that, compared with funds that are classified as "diversified," the Fund may invest a greater percentage of its assets in securities or other instruments representing a small number of issuers or counterparties and thus may be more susceptible to the risks associated with these particular issuers or counterparties. As a result, the Fund's performance may depend to a greater extent on the performance of a small number of issuers or counterparties, which may lead to more volatility in the Fund's NAV.

Operational Risk. The Fund is exposed to operational risks arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. The Fund and BFA seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures. However, these measures do not address every possible risk and may be inadequate to address significant operational risks.

Options Risk. Investments in options are considered speculative. When the Fund purchases an option, it may lose the total premium paid for it if the price of the underlying security or other assets decreased, remained the same or failed to increase to a level at or beyond the exercise price (in the case of a call option) or increased, remained the same or failed to decrease to a level at or below the exercise price (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by the Fund were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund writes or sells an option, if the decline or increase in the underlying asset is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Fund could experience a substantial loss.

Risk of Investing in Developed Countries. The Fund's and the Underlying Fund's investment in developed country issuers will subject the Fund to legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, economic and other risks associated with developed countries. Developed countries tend to represent a significant portion of the global economy and have generally experienced slower economic growth than some less developed countries. Certain developed countries have experienced security concerns, such as war, terrorism and strained international relations. Incidents involving a country's or region's security may cause uncertainty in its markets and may adversely affect its economy and the Fund's or the Underlying Fund's investments. In addition, developed countries may be adversely impacted by changes to the economic conditions of certain key trading partners, regulatory burdens, debt burdens and the price or availability of certain commodities.

Securities Lending Risk. The Fund may engage in securities lending. Securities lending involves the risk that the Fund may lose money because the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could also lose money in the event of a decline in the value of collateral provided for loaned securities or a decline in the value of any investments made with cash collateral. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the Fund.

Small Fund Risk. When the Fund's size is small, the Fund may experience low trading volume and wide bid/ask spreads. In addition, the Fund may face the risk of being delisted if it does not

meet certain requirements set by the listing exchange. Any resulting liquidation of the Fund could lead to elevated transaction costs for the Fund and negative tax consequences for its shareholders.

Tax Risk. The Fund intends to elect and to qualify each year to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under Subchapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"). As a RIC, the Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of its net investment income and net capital gain that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it satisfies certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the federal income tax treatment of certain aspects of the proposed operations of the Fund are not entirely clear. This includes the tax aspects of the Fund's options strategy, its hedging strategy, the possible application of the "straddle" rules, and various loss limitation provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To qualify and maintain its status as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain income, diversification and distributions tests. For purposes of the diversification test, the identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular Fund investment can depend on the terms and conditions of that investment. In particular, there is no published Internal Revenue Service guidance or case law on how to determine the "issuer" of certain derivatives that the Fund will enter into. Based upon the language in the legislative history, the Fund intends to treat the issuer of the FLEX Options as the referenced asset, which, assuming the referenced asset qualifies as a RIC, would allow the Fund to count the FLEX Options as automatically diversified investments under the RIC diversification requirements. The Fund intends to treat any income it may derive from the FLEX Options as "qualifying income" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to RICs. If the income is not qualifying income or the issuer of the FLEX Options is not appropriately the referenced asset, the Fund may not qualify, or may be disqualified, as a RIC. If the Fund does not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year and certain relief provisions are not available, the Fund's taxable income will be subject to tax at the Fund level and to a further tax at the shareholder level when such income is distributed.

Technology Companies Risk. Technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources, supply chains and personnel. These companies typically face intense competition, potentially rapid product obsolescence and changes in product cycles and customer preferences. They may face unexpected risks and costs associated with technological developments, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Technology companies also depend heavily on intellectual property rights and may be adversely affected by the loss or impairment of those rights. Technology companies may face increased government scrutiny and may be subject to adverse government or legal action.

Upside Participation Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to match the increase, if any, of the share price return of the Underlying ETF over a Hedge Period, subject to an Approximate Cap. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after the beginning of a Hedge Period or does not stay invested in the Fund for the entirety of the Hedge

Period, the returns realized by the investor may not match those that the Fund seeks to achieve.

Valuation Risk. The price that the Fund could receive upon the sale (or other disposition) of a security or other asset may differ from the Fund's valuation of the security or other asset, particularly for securities or other assets that trade in low volume or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair value methodology. In addition, the value of the securities or other assets in the Fund's portfolio may change on days or during time periods when investors are not able to purchase or sell Fund shares. Authorized Participants that create or redeem Fund shares on days when the Fund is holding fair-valued securities or other assets may receive fewer or more shares, or lower or higher

redemption proceeds, than they would have received had the securities or other assets not been fair valued or been valued using a different methodology. The ability to value investments may be impacted by technological issues or errors by pricing services or other third-party service providers.

Performance Information

As of the date of the Prospectus, the Fund has not commenced operations and therefore has no performance information to report.

Management

Investment Adviser. BlackRock Fund Advisors.

Portfolio Managers. Jennifer Hsui, Greg Savage and Paul Whitehead (the "Portfolio Managers") are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. Each Portfolio Manager supervises a portfolio management team. Ms. Hsui, Mr. Savage and Mr. Whitehead have been Portfolio Managers of the Fund since inception (2024).

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The Fund is an ETF. Individual shares of the Fund may only be bought and sold in the secondary market through a broker-dealer. Because ETF shares trade at market prices rather than at NAV, shares may trade at a price greater than NAV (a premium) or less than NAV (a discount). An investor may incur costs attributable to the difference between the highest price a buyer is willing to pay to purchase shares of the Fund (bid) and the lowest price a seller is willing to accept for shares of the Fund (ask) when buying or selling shares in the secondary market (the "bid-ask spread").

Tax Information

The Fund intends to make distributions that may be taxable to you as ordinary income or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account ("IRA"), in which case, your distributions generally will be taxed when withdrawn.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), BFA or other related companies may pay the intermediary for marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems or other services related to the sale or promotion of the Fund. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

More Information About the Funds

This Prospectus contains important information about investing in the Funds. Please read this Prospectus carefully before you make any investment decisions. Additional information regarding the Funds is available at www.iShares.com.

BFA is the investment adviser to the Funds. Shares of each Fund are listed for trading on Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe BZX"). The market price for a share of a Fund may be different from the Fund's most recent NAV. Each Fund has its own CUSIP number and exchange trading symbol.

Each Fund is an actively managed ETF and does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index. Accordingly, the management team has discretion on a daily basis to manage the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives.

ETFs are funds that trade like other publicly traded securities and are designed to track an index. Similar to shares of an index mutual fund, each share of a Fund represents an ownership interest in an underlying portfolio of securities and other instruments intended to track a market index. Unlike shares of a mutual fund, which can be bought and redeemed from the issuing fund by all shareholders at a price based on NAV, shares of the Funds may be purchased or redeemed directly from the Funds at NAV solely by Authorized Participants and only in aggregations of a specified number of shares ("Creation Units"). Also unlike shares of a mutual fund, shares of each Fund are listed on a national securities exchange and trade in the secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day.

Each Fund is classified as "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

Each Fund's investment objective is a non-fundamental policy and may be changed without shareholder approval. Each Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval upon 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders.

A Further Discussion of Principal Investment Strategies

Overview

iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Mar ETF

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to an approximate upside limit (the "Approximate Cap"), while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses (the "Approximate Buffer") over each annual Hedge Period (as defined below). Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities or other instruments that provide exposure to securities of large capitalization companies or that provide for the upside limit on gains or the downside protection against the losses of securities of large capitalization companies. For purposes of the Fund's 80% policy, "large capitalization companies" are those within the range of capitalization of the Underlying ETF's underlying index.

The Fund principally buys shares of the Underlying ETF and customized put options thereon and sells call options that reference the Underlying ETF. The options in which the Fund transacts (typically, equity or index exchange-traded options contracts) are referred to generally as Flexible Exchange Options ("FLEX Options"). The Fund may transact in other listed options that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF, the Underlying ETF's underlying index, or other exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that track the Underlying ETF's underlying index (collectively, "exchange-traded options").

The Fund intends to maximize protection against loss through the Approximate Buffer while establishing a 2% minimum Approximate Cap as further described below. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for each applicable Hedge Period, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer below 100% to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2% during each Hedge Period.

The Underlying ETF is an ETF that seeks to track the investment results of the Underlying ETF's Index, which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC ("SPDJ"). The securities in the Underlying ETF's Index are weighted based on the float-adjusted market value of their outstanding shares. The Underlying ETF's Index consists of securities from a broad range of industries. The components of the Underlying ETF's Index are likely to change over time. BFA is the investment adviser to the Underlying ETF and receives a management fee from the Underlying ETF.

The Underlying ETF is managed using a representative sampling indexing strategy. "Representative sampling" is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF's Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. Representative sampling may subject the Underlying ETF to "tracking error", which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF's performance from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right but not the obligation to buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) a particular financial instrument at a specified future date for an agreed upon price (commonly known as the "strike price"). If the Fund purchases a call option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to purchase shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund purchases a put option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to sell shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund writes (sells) a call option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase from the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. If the Fund writes (sells) a put option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell to the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on expiration date.

FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize key option contract terms such as strike price, style and expiration date, while avoiding the counterparty risk exposure of over-the-counter derivatives. Like traditional exchange-traded options, FLEX Options are guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (the "OCC"), a market clearinghouse that guarantees performance by counterparties to certain derivatives contracts by becoming the "buyer for every seller and the seller for every buyer". The OCC may make adjustments to FLEX Options for certain significant events. The FLEX Options in which the Fund invests are European style, which are exercisable at the strike price only on the expiration date. The FLEX Options traded by the Fund are listed on an exchange, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE").

Options positions are marked to market daily by the Fund. The value of the FLEX Options in which the Fund invests is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities held by the Underlying ETF, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the Underlying ETF's Index and the remaining time to such options' expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. The Fund will typically trade options that expire at or around the end of each annual period or "Hedge Period" (April 1 through March 31), subject to the annual rebalancing process described below. The Fund will be indefinitely offered and is not intended to terminate after one or more Hedge Periods.

For each Hedge Period, the Fund obtains exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF by purchasing shares of the Underlying ETF and futures that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF's Index, and creates the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap by trading a combination of put and call exchange-traded options. Specifically, the Fund typically creates the Approximate Buffer by buying a put option with the strike price approximately at-the-money relative to the Underlying ETF's share price. The Fund simultaneously writes a call option with a higher strike price relative to the Underlying ETF's share price to collect a premium that it uses to offset the premium paid to buy the put option. The call subjects the Fund to the Approximate Cap as it limits the Fund's ability to realize any increase in the value of the Underlying ETF above the strike price. The Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period is based on the strike price of the capped call for that Hedge Period. The Fund's market value and NAV may not correlate with the Underlying ETF and Underlying ETF's Index, especially during each Hedge Period. The strike prices for the capped calls will change for each Hedge Period depending on the prevailing market conditions and the cost of the put option for that Hedge Period, resulting in a different Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period.

The Fund will typically buy Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index and seek to enter into the combination of options transactions described above if there are any inflows, or creation transactions, during a Hedge Period. This will occur even in circumstances where the Fund would receive a negligible premium for writing an out-of-the-money call which may potentially give up more sizable returns to the extent that the option later becomes in the money. Because the Fund will effectively use distributions from the Underlying ETF to purchase the downside protection, the Fund's performance is likely to be less than the Underlying ETF's performance when (1) distributions are considered and (2) the Underlying ETF's performance is positive.

In order to obtain economic exposure to the Underlying ETF, in lieu of purchasing Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index for a Hedge Period, the Fund may instead, among other things: purchase call options with a strike price that is very low (approximately 1% or less) relative to the Underlying ETF's share price on the day of purchase (a "zero strike call"); purchase one or more other ETFs that seek to track the Underlying ETF's Index; purchase equity securities (e.g., component securities of the Underlying ETF's Index) in seeking to track the share price return of the Underlying ETF; or invest in U.S. treasuries, money market funds and/or other cash equivalents and purchase or sell a combination of call and put options that seek to synthesize the economic characteristics of the Underlying ETF. If the Fund invests in equity securities (other than the Underlying ETF), the Fund's equity security investments will be primarily in common stocks of companies held by the Underlying ETF that BFA believes will provide a risk / return profile similar to that of the Underlying ETF.

For the current Hedge Period of April 1 through March 31, the Approximate Cap is % prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to or transaction costs incurred by the Fund or Underlying ETF. When the Fund's annualized management fee of 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Approximate Cap for the current Hedge Period is reduced to %. The returns that the Fund seeks to provide also do not include the costs associated with purchasing shares of the Fund.

The Approximate Buffer that the Fund typically seeks to provide is against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period; however, there is no guarantee that the Approximate Buffer will succeed in providing the intended protection. The Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period. When the Fund's annual management fee equal to 0.50% of the Fund's daily net assets is taken into account for a Hedge Period, the net Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period is 99.5%. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period and will maximize the Approximate Buffer, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer, including below 100%, to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2%. For

example, if interest rates are low enough that providing against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses would result in an Approximate Cap of less than 2%, the Fund would decrease the protection such that the Approximate Cap is at least 2%. Information on the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer will be provided shortly before each Hedge Period.

The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period only apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period.

An investor that purchases Fund shares after the beginning of the Hedge Period, or sells Fund shares before the end of a Hedge Period, may not fully realize the Approximate Buffer or Approximate Cap for the Hedge Period and may be exposed to greater risk of loss and less potential gain. This is because while the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period are fixed levels that are calculated in relation to the Underlying ETF price and the Fund's NAV at the start of each Hedge Period and generally remain constant throughout the Hedge Period, an investor purchasing Fund shares at market price during the Hedge Period likely purchased Fund shares at a price that is different from the Fund's NAV at the start of the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, the NAV that the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer reference). For example, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has increased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the investor's upside limit may be lower than the Approximate Cap and the investor may experience losses prior to reaching the downside protection offered by the Approximate Buffer. Conversely, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has decreased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the Fund may require a larger increase in the Underlying ETF's share price before it reaches the Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, which are typically available on iShares.com daily, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap and downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer. An investor may lose their entire investment and an investment in the Fund is only appropriate for investors willing to bear those losses.

Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

The Fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Jun ETF

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to an approximate upside limit (the "Approximate Cap"), while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses (the "Approximate Buffer") over each annual Hedge Period (as defined below). Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities or other instruments that provide exposure to securities of large capitalization companies or that provide for the upside limit on gains or the downside protection against the losses of securities of large capitalization companies. For purposes of the Fund's 80% policy, "large capitalization companies" are those within the range of capitalization of the Underlying ETF's underlying index.

The Fund principally buys shares of the Underlying ETF and customized put options thereon and sells call options that reference the Underlying ETF. The options in which the Fund transacts (typically, equity or index exchange-traded options contracts) are referred to generally as Flexible Exchange Options ("FLEX Options"). The Fund may transact in other listed options that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF, the Underlying ETF's underlying index, or other exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that track the Underlying ETF's underlying index (collectively, "exchange-traded options").

The Fund intends to maximize protection against loss through the Approximate Buffer while establishing a 2% minimum Approximate Cap as further described below. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for each applicable Hedge Period, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer below 100% to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2% during each Hedge Period.

The Underlying ETF is an ETF that seeks to track the investment results of the Underlying ETF's Index, which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC ("SPDJ"). The securities in the Underlying ETF's Index are weighted based on the float-adjusted market value of their outstanding shares. The Underlying ETF's Index consists of securities from a broad range of industries. The components of the Underlying ETF's Index are likely to change over time. BFA is the investment adviser to the Underlying ETF and receives a management fee from the Underlying ETF.

The Underlying ETF is managed using a representative sampling indexing strategy. "Representative sampling" is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF's Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. Representative sampling may subject the Underlying ETF to "tracking error", which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF's performance from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of

the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right but not the obligation to buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) a particular financial instrument at a specified future date for an agreed upon price (commonly known as the "strike price"). If the Fund purchases a call option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to purchase shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund purchases a put option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to sell shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund writes (sells) a call option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase from the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. If the Fund writes (sells) a put option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell to the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on expiration date.

FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize key option contract terms such as strike price, style and expiration date, while avoiding the counterparty risk exposure of over-the-counter derivatives. Like traditional exchange-traded options, FLEX Options are guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (the "OCC"), a market clearinghouse that guarantees performance by counterparties to certain derivatives contracts by becoming the "buyer for every seller and the seller for every buyer". The OCC may make adjustments to FLEX Options for certain significant events. The FLEX Options in which the Fund invests are European style, which are exercisable at the strike price only on the expiration date. The FLEX Options traded by the Fund are listed on an exchange, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE").

Options positions are marked to market daily by the Fund. The value of the FLEX Options in which the Fund invests is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities held by the Underlying ETF, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the Underlying ETF's Index and the remaining time to such options' expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. The Fund will typically trade options that expire at or around the end of each annual period or "Hedge Period" (July 1 through June 30), subject to the annual rebalancing process described below. The Fund will be indefinitely offered and is not intended to terminate after one or more Hedge Periods.

For each Hedge Period, the Fund obtains exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF by purchasing shares of the Underlying ETF and futures that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF's Index, and creates the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap by trading a combination of put and call exchange-traded options. Specifically, the Fund typically creates the Approximate Buffer by buying a put option with the strike price approximately at-the-money relative to the Underlying ETF's share price. The Fund simultaneously writes a call option with a higher strike price relative to the Underlying ETF's share price to collect a premium that it uses to offset the premium paid to buy the put option. The call subjects the Fund to the Approximate Cap as it limits the Fund's ability to realize any increase in the value of the Underlying ETF above the strike price. The Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period is based on the strike price of the capped call for that Hedge Period. The Fund's market value and NAV may not correlate with the Underlying ETF and Underlying ETF's Index, especially during each Hedge Period. The strike prices for the capped calls will change for each Hedge Period depending on the prevailing market conditions and the cost of the put option for that Hedge Period, resulting in a different Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period.

The Fund will typically buy Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index and seek to enter into the combination of options transactions described above if there are any inflows, or creation transactions, during a Hedge Period. This will occur even in circumstances where the Fund would receive a negligible premium for writing an out-of-the-money call which may potentially give up more sizable returns to the extent that the option later becomes in the money. Because the Fund will effectively use distributions from the Underlying ETF to purchase the downside protection, the Fund's performance is likely to be less than the Underlying ETF's performance when (1) distributions are considered and (2) the Underlying ETF's performance is positive.

In order to obtain economic exposure to the Underlying ETF, in lieu of purchasing Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF's Index for a Hedge Period, the Fund may instead, among other things: purchase call options with a strike price that is very low (approximately 1% or less) relative to the Underlying ETF's share price on the day of purchase (a "zero strike call"); purchase one or more other ETFs that seek to track the Underlying ETF's Index; purchase equity securities (e.g., component securities of the Underlying ETF's Index) in seeking to track the share price return of the Underlying ETF; or invest in U.S. treasuries, money market funds and/or other cash equivalents and purchase or sell a combination of call and put options that seek to synthesize the economic characteristics of the Underlying ETF. If the Fund invests in equity securities (other than the Underlying ETF), the Fund's equity security investments will be primarily in common stocks of companies held by the Underlying ETF that BFA believes will provide a risk / return profile similar to that of the Underlying ETF.

For the current Hedge Period of July 1 through June 30, the Approximate Cap is 111.14% prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to or transaction costs incurred by the Fund or Underlying ETF. When the Fund's annualized management fee of 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets is taken into account, the Approximate Cap for the current Hedge Period is reduced to 110.64%. The returns that the Fund seeks to provide also do not include the costs associated with purchasing shares of the Fund.

The Approximate Buffer that the Fund typically seeks to provide is against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period; however, there is no guarantee that the Approximate Buffer will succeed in providing the intended protection. The Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period. When the Fund's annual management fee equal to 0.50% of

the Fund's daily net assets is taken into account for a Hedge Period, the net Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period is 99.5%. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period and will maximize the Approximate Buffer, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer, including below 100%, to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2%. For example, if interest rates are low enough that providing against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses would result in an Approximate Cap of less than 2%, the Fund would decrease the protection such that the Approximate Cap is at least 2%. Information on the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer will be provided shortly before each Hedge Period.

The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period only apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period.

An investor that purchases Fund shares after the beginning of the Hedge Period, or sells Fund shares before the end of a Hedge Period, may not fully realize the Approximate Buffer or Approximate Cap for the Hedge Period and may be exposed to greater risk of loss and less potential gain. This is because while the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period are fixed levels that are calculated in relation to the Underlying ETF price and the Fund's NAV at the start of each Hedge Period and generally remain constant throughout the Hedge Period, an investor purchasing Fund shares at market price during the Hedge Period likely purchased Fund shares at a price that is different from the Fund's NAV at the start of the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, the NAV that the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer reference). For example, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has increased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the investor's upside limit may be lower than the Approximate Cap and the investor may experience losses prior to reaching the downside protection offered by the Approximate Buffer. Conversely, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has decreased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the Fund may require a larger increase in the Underlying ETF's share price before it reaches the Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, which are typically available on iShares.com daily, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap and downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer. An investor may lose their entire investment and an investment in the Fund is only appropriate for investors willing to bear those losses.

Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

The Fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Sep ETF

The Fund seeks to provide exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF up to an approximate upside limit (the "Approximate Cap"), while seeking to maximize the downside protection against Underlying ETF losses (the "Approximate Buffer") over each annual Hedge Period (as defined below). Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities or other instruments that provide exposure to securities of large capitalization companies or that provide for the upside limit on gains or the downside protection against the losses of securities of large capitalization companies. For purposes of the Fund's 80% policy, "large capitalization companies" are those within the range of capitalization of the Underlying ETF's underlying index.

The Fund principally buys shares of the Underlying ETF and customized put options thereon and sells call options that reference the Underlying ETF. The options in which the Fund transacts (typically, equity or index exchange-traded options contracts) are referred to generally as Flexible Exchange Options ("FLEX Options"). The Fund may transact in other listed options that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF, the Underlying ETF's underlying index, or other exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") that track the Underlying ETF's underlying index (collectively, "exchange-traded options").

The Fund intends to maximize protection against loss through the Approximate Buffer while establishing a 2% minimum Approximate Cap as further described below. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for each applicable Hedge Period, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer below 100% to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2% during each Hedge Period.

The Underlying ETF is an ETF that seeks to track the investment results of the Underlying ETF's Index, which measures the performance of the large-capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC ("SPDJ"). The securities in the Underlying ETF's Index are weighted based on the float-adjusted market value of their outstanding shares. The Underlying ETF's Index consists of securities from a broad range of industries. The components of the Underlying ETF's Index are likely to change over time. BFA is the investment adviser to the Underlying ETF and receives a management fee from the Underlying ETF.

The Underlying ETF is managed using a representative sampling indexing strategy. "Representative sampling" is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of an applicable underlying index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF's Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. Representative sampling may subject the

Underlying ETF to “tracking error”, which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF’s performance from that of the Underlying ETF’s Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right but not the obligation to buy (in the case of a call option) or sell (in the case of a put option) a particular financial instrument at a specified future date for an agreed upon price (commonly known as the “strike price”). If the Fund purchases a call option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to purchase shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund purchases a put option, the Fund pays a premium and receives the right, but not the obligation, to sell shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. When the Fund writes (sells) a call option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase from the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on the expiration date. If the Fund writes (sells) a put option, the Fund receives a premium and gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell to the Fund shares of the Underlying ETF or other reference asset at a strike price by or on expiration date.

FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize key option contract terms such as strike price, style and expiration date, while avoiding the counterparty risk exposure of over-the-counter derivatives. Like traditional exchange-traded options, FLEX Options are guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation (the “OCC”), a market clearinghouse that guarantees performance by counterparties to certain derivatives contracts by becoming the “buyer for every seller and the seller for every buyer”. The OCC may make adjustments to FLEX Options for certain significant events. The FLEX Options in which the Fund invests are European style, which are exercisable at the strike price only on the expiration date. The FLEX Options traded by the Fund are listed on an exchange, including the Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”).

Options positions are marked to market daily by the Fund. The value of the FLEX Options in which the Fund invests is affected by changes in the value and dividend rates of the securities held by the Underlying ETF, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the Underlying ETF’s Index and the remaining time to such options’ expiration, as well as trading conditions in the options market. The Fund will typically trade options that expire at or around the end of each annual period or “Hedge Period” (October 1 through September 30), subject to the annual rebalancing process described below. The Fund will be indefinitely offered and is not intended to terminate after one or more Hedge Periods.

For each Hedge Period, the Fund obtains exposure to the share price return of the Underlying ETF by purchasing shares of the Underlying ETF and futures that reference the price performance of the Underlying ETF’s Index, and creates the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap by trading a combination of put and call exchange-traded options. Specifically, the Fund typically creates the Approximate Buffer by buying a put option with the strike price approximately at-the-money relative to the Underlying ETF’s share price. The Fund simultaneously writes a call option with a higher strike price relative to the Underlying ETF’s share price to collect a premium that it uses to offset the premium paid to buy the put option. The call subjects the Fund to the Approximate Cap as it limits the Fund’s ability to realize any increase in the value of the Underlying ETF above the strike price. The Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period is based on the strike price of the capped call for that Hedge Period. The Fund’s market value and NAV may not correlate with the Underlying ETF and Underlying ETF’s Index, especially during each Hedge Period. The strike prices for the capped calls will change for each Hedge Period depending on the prevailing market conditions and the cost of the put option for that Hedge Period, resulting in a different Approximate Cap for each Hedge Period.

The Fund will typically buy Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF’s Index and seek to enter into the combination of options transactions described above if there are any inflows, or creation transactions, during a Hedge Period. This will occur even in circumstances where the Fund would receive a negligible premium for writing an out-of-the-money call which may potentially give up more sizable returns to the extent that the option later becomes in the money. Because the Fund will effectively use distributions from the Underlying ETF to purchase the downside protection, the Fund’s performance is likely to be less than the Underlying ETF’s performance when (1) distributions are considered and (2) the Underlying ETF’s performance is positive.

In order to obtain economic exposure to the Underlying ETF, in lieu of purchasing Underlying ETF shares and futures on the Underlying ETF’s Index for a Hedge Period, the Fund may instead, among other things: purchase call options with a strike price that is very low (approximately 1% or less) relative to the Underlying ETF’s share price on the day of purchase (a “zero strike call”); purchase one or more other ETFs that seek to track the Underlying ETF’s Index; purchase equity securities (e.g., component securities of the Underlying ETF’s Index) in seeking to track the share price return of the Underlying ETF; or invest in U.S. treasuries, money market funds and/or other cash equivalents and purchase or sell a combination of call and put options that seek to synthesize the economic characteristics of the Underlying ETF. If the Fund invests in equity securities (other than the Underlying ETF), the Fund’s equity security investments will be primarily in common stocks of companies held by the Underlying ETF that BFA believes will provide a risk / return profile similar to that of the Underlying ETF.

For the current Hedge Period of October 1 through September 30, the Approximate Cap is []% prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to or transaction costs incurred by the Fund or Underlying ETF. When the Fund’s annualized management fee of 0.50% of the Fund’s average daily net assets is taken into account, the Approximate Cap for the current Hedge Period is reduced to []%. The returns that the Fund seeks to provide also do not include the costs associated with purchasing shares of the Fund.

The Approximate Buffer that the Fund typically seeks to provide is against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period; however, there is no guarantee that the Approximate Buffer will succeed in providing the intended protection. The

Approximate Buffer is provided prior to taking into account any fees or expenses charged to the Fund. These fees and any expenses will reduce the Approximate Buffer amount for Fund shareholders for a Hedge Period. When the Fund's annual management fee equal to 0.50% of the Fund's daily net assets is taken into account for a Hedge Period, the net Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period is 99.5%. While the Fund typically seeks to provide against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses for the applicable Hedge Period and will maximize the Approximate Buffer, the Fund will reduce the Approximate Buffer, including below 100%, to provide an Approximate Cap of at least 2%. For example, if interest rates are low enough that providing against approximately 100% of Underlying ETF losses would result in an Approximate Cap of less than 2%, the Fund would decrease the protection such that the Approximate Cap is at least 2%. Information on the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer will be provided shortly before each Hedge Period.

The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period only apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period.

An investor that purchases Fund shares after the beginning of the Hedge Period, or sells Fund shares before the end of a Hedge Period, may not fully realize the Approximate Buffer or Approximate Cap for the Hedge Period and may be exposed to greater risk of loss and less potential gain. This is because while the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer for the Hedge Period are fixed levels that are calculated in relation to the Underlying ETF price and the Fund's NAV at the start of each Hedge Period and generally remain constant throughout the Hedge Period, an investor purchasing Fund shares at market price during the Hedge Period likely purchased Fund shares at a price that is different from the Fund's NAV at the start of the Hedge Period (*i.e.*, the NAV that the Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer reference). For example, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has increased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the investor's upside limit may be lower than the Approximate Cap and the investor may experience losses prior to reaching the downside protection offered by the Approximate Buffer. Conversely, if an investor purchases Fund shares during a Hedge Period at a time when the Underlying ETF's share price has decreased from its price at the beginning of the Hedge Period, the Fund may require a larger increase in the Underlying ETF's share price before it reaches the Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap and Approximate Buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, which are typically available on iShares.com daily, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

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Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

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those of an applicable underlying index. The Underlying ETF may or may not hold all of the securities in the Underlying ETF's Index, which may cause the performance of the Underlying ETF to diverge from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. Representative sampling may subject the Underlying ETF to "tracking error", which is the divergence of the Underlying ETF's performance from that of the Underlying ETF's Index. This risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions. The prospectus and other reports of the Underlying ETF (Ticker: IVV) are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov. Shares of the Underlying ETF are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc.

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Following the close of business on the last day of each Hedge Period, the Fund will file a prospectus supplement that discloses the Fund's Approximate Cap (gross and net of the unitary management fee) for the next Hedge Period. The Fund's Approximate Cap (net of the unitary management fee) for the current Hedge Period, along with Fund's position relative to the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap, will be available on the Fund's website, www.iShares.com.

The Fund is classified as non-diversified under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

A Further Discussion of Principal Risks

Each Fund is subject to various risks, including the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Fund's NAV, trading price, yield, total return and ability to meet its investment objective. Each Fund may be exposed to these risks directly or indirectly through the Fund's investments in the Underlying Fund. You could lose all or part of your investment in the Funds, and the Funds could underperform other investments. The order of the below risk factors does not indicate the significance of any particular risk factor. Each Fund discloses its portfolio holdings daily at www.iShares.com.

Affiliated Fund Risk. In managing the Funds, BFA has the ability to select Underlying Funds and substitute Underlying Funds with other ETFs that it believes will achieve each Fund's objective. BFA may be subject to potential conflicts of interest in selecting Underlying Funds and substituting Underlying Funds with other ETFs because the fees paid to BFA by some Underlying Funds and other ETFs managed by BFA may be higher than the fees paid by other Underlying Funds. This risk may be reduced to the extent BFA has agreed to waive Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses with respect to the Underlying Fund. If an Underlying Fund or other ETF holds interests in an affiliated fund, the Funds may be prohibited from purchasing shares of that Underlying Fund or other ETF.

Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap Change Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap are dependent on prevailing market conditions (*e.g.* volatility, interest rates, dividends, and other factors). As such, the Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap may rise or fall from one Hedge Period to the next, sometimes to a significant extent, and are unlikely to remain the same for consecutive Hedge Periods.

Asset Class Risk. The securities and other assets in a Fund's portfolio may underperform in comparison to indexes that track, or assets that represent, other countries or geographic units, industries, markets, market segments, or asset classes. Various types of securities, other assets and indexes may experience cycles of outperformance and underperformance in comparison to financial markets generally. This divergence may be due to a number of factors including, among other things, inflation, interest rates, productivity, global demand for local products or resources, and regulation and governmental controls. This may cause a Fund to underperform other investment vehicles that invest in different asset classes.

Assets Under Management (AUM) Risk. From time to time, an Authorized Participant, a third-party investor, a Fund's adviser, an affiliate of a Fund's adviser, or another fund may invest in a Fund and hold its investment for a specific period of time to allow the Fund to achieve size or scale. There can be no assurance that any such entity would not redeem its investment or that the size of the Fund would be maintained at such levels, which could negatively impact the Fund.

Authorized Participant Concentration Risk. Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with a Fund. There are a limited number of institutions that may act as Authorized Participants for the Fund, including on an agency basis on behalf of other market participants. No Authorized Participant is obligated to engage in creation or redemption transactions. To the extent that Authorized Participants exit the business or do not place creation or redemption orders for a Fund and no other Authorized Participant places orders, Fund shares are more likely to trade at a premium or discount to NAV and possibly face trading halts or delisting. Authorized Participant concentration risk may be heightened for a Fund that invests in securities issued by non-U.S. issuers or instruments with lower trading volume. Such assets often entail greater settlement and operational complexity and higher capital costs for Authorized Participants, which may limit the number of Authorized Participants that engage with the Fund.

Buffered Loss Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to provide downside protection against Underlying ETF losses. The Fund does not provide principal protection or non-principal protection, and, despite the Approximate Buffer, an investor may experience significant losses on their investment, including the loss of their entire investment. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the Approximate Buffer that the Fund seeks to provide may not be available. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to downside protection significantly lower than the Approximate Buffer.

Capped Upside Return Risk. The Fund's strategy seeks to provide returns that are subject to an Approximate Cap. The Approximate Cap represents an approximate maximum percentage return that an investor can achieve from an investment in the Fund held over an entire Hedge Period. In the event that the Underlying ETF experiences gains in excess of the upside limit to which the Fund is subject as a result of the capped call for a Hedge Period, the Fund will not participate in those gains beyond the upside limit. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of a Hedge Period, there may be little or no ability for that investor to experience an investment gain on their Fund shares. In periods of extreme market volatility, the Fund's return may be subject to an upside limit significantly below the Approximate Cap.

Clearing Member Default Risk. Transactions in some types of derivatives, including FLEX Options and futures, are required to be centrally cleared ("cleared derivatives"). In a transaction involving cleared derivatives, the Fund's counterparty is a clearing house, such as the OCC, rather than a bank or broker. Since the Fund is not a member of clearing houses and only members of a clearing house ("clearing members") can participate directly in the clearing house, the Fund will hold cleared derivatives through accounts at clearing members. In cleared derivatives positions, the Fund will make payments (including margin payments) to and receive payments from a clearing house through their accounts at clearing members. Customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any options contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. As a result, assets deposited by the Fund with any clearing member as margin for FLEX Options or futures may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing member. In addition, although clearing members guarantee performance of their clients' obligations to the Underlying ETF, the Fund's or the Underlying ETF's clearing house, there is a risk that the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the clearing member's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing member's customers for the relevant account class. The Fund is also subject to the risk that a limited number of clearing members are willing to transact on the Fund's behalf, which heightens the risks associated with a clearing member's default. If a clearing member defaults, the Fund could lose some or all of the benefits of a transaction entered into by the Fund with the clearing member. If the Fund cannot find a clearing member to transact with on the Fund's behalf, the Fund may be unable to effectively implement its investment strategy.

Concentration Risk. A Fund may be susceptible to an increased risk of loss, including losses due to adverse events that affect the Fund's investments more than the market as a whole, to the extent that the Fund's investments are concentrated in the securities or other assets of one or more issuers, countries or other geographic units, markets, industries, project types, or asset classes. A Fund with investment concentration may be more adversely affected by the underperformance of those assets, may experience greater price volatility and may be more susceptible to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory impacts on those assets compared to a fund that does not concentrate its investments.

Counterparty Risk. Derivatives are subject to counterparty risk, which is the risk that the other party in the transaction will be unable or unwilling to fulfill its contractual obligation, and the related risks of having concentrated exposure to such a counterparty. The OCC acts as guarantor and central counterparty with respect to the FLEX Options. As a result, the ability of the Fund to meet its objective depends on the OCC being able to meet its obligations. In the unlikely event that the OCC becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to meet its settlement obligations, the Fund could suffer significant losses.

Cybersecurity Risk. A Fund and entities that interact with the Fund are susceptible to operational, information security and related cybersecurity risks, both directly and through their service providers. These entities include, but are not limited to, a Fund's adviser, distributor, other service providers (e.g., index and benchmark providers, accountants, custodians, transfer agents and administrators), counterparties, market makers, Authorized Participants, listing exchanges, other financial market operators, and governmental authorities. Cybersecurity risks are also present for issuers of securities or other assets in which a Fund invests, which could result in material adverse

consequences for such issuers and may cause the Fund's investment in such issuers to lose value. Cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. They include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to systems, misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting or destroying data, and causing operational disruption. Geopolitical tensions may increase the scale and sophistication of deliberate attacks, particularly those from nation-states or from entities with nation-state backing.

Cybersecurity incidents may cause disruptions and impact business operations and may result in any of the following: financial losses, interference with a Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, disclosure of confidential information, impediments to trading, submission of erroneous trades or erroneous creation or redemption orders, the inability of a Fund or its service providers to transact business, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and other legal and compliance expenses. In addition, cyber incidents may render records of Fund assets and transactions, shareholder ownership of Fund shares, and other data integral to a Fund's functioning inaccessible, inaccurate or incomplete. A Fund may incur substantial costs in order to resolve or prevent cyber incidents.

Each Fund has established business continuity plans in the event of, and risk management systems to prevent, cyber incidents. However, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified, that prevention and remediation efforts will not be successful or that cyber incidents will go undetected. Furthermore, a Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems of its service providers, counterparties, and other third parties whose activities affect the Fund. A Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result.

Derivatives Risk. A derivative is a financial contract, the value of which depends on or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset such as a security or an index. Each Fund and Underlying Fund may invest in certain types of derivatives contracts, including futures, options and swaps. Compared to conventional securities, derivatives can be more sensitive to changes in interest rates or to sudden fluctuations in market prices and thus a Fund's or the Underlying Fund's losses may be greater if it invests in derivatives than if it invests only in conventional securities.

Equity Securities Risk. Equity securities are subject to changes in value due to general market or economic conditions, perceptions about the markets in which issuers participate or a number of factors relating to a specific issuer. Investments in equity securities may be more volatile than investments in other asset classes. Equity securities (both common and preferred stock) are subordinated to debt securities in a company's capital structure, and so equity holders are generally subject to more risks, particularly in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy. Common stock has the lowest priority and the greatest risks, including with respect to dividends and any liquidation payments.

FLEX Options Risk. In addition to counterparty risk, FLEX Options are subject to the risk that they may be less liquid than certain other securities, such as standardized options. In less liquid markets for the FLEX Options, terminating the FLEX Options may require the payment of a premium or acceptance of a discounted price and may take longer to complete. In a less liquid market for the FLEX Options, the liquidation of a large number of options may significantly impact the price of the options and may adversely impact the value of your investment. Additionally, to the extent market participants are not willing or able to enter into FLEX Option transactions with the Fund at prices that reflect the market price of the Fund shares, the Fund's NAV and, in turn the share price of the Fund, could be negatively impacted.

The FLEX Options held by the Fund will be exercisable at the strike price only on their expiration date. As an in-the-money FLEX Option approaches its expiration date, its value typically will increasingly move with the value of the Underlying ETF. However, the value of the FLEX Options prior to the expiration date may vary because of related factors other than the value of the Underlying ETF. The value of the FLEX Options will be determined based upon market quotations or using other recognized pricing methods. Factors that may influence the value of the FLEX Options generally include interest rate changes, dividends, the actual and implied volatility levels of the Underlying ETF's share price, and the remaining time until the FLEX Options expire, among others. The value of the FLEX Options held by the Fund typically do not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price on a day-to-day basis due to these factors (although they generally move in the same direction), and, as a result, the Fund's NAV may not increase or decrease at the same rate as the Underlying ETF's share price.

Futures Contract Risk. Futures are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an asset at a specified future date at a specified price. Unlike equities, which typically entitle the holder to a continuing ownership stake in an issuer, futures contracts normally specify a certain date for settlement in cash based on the level of the reference rate. The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts are: (i) the imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the instruments held by the Fund and the price of the futures contract; (ii) possible lack of a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and the resulting inability to close a futures contract when desired; (iii) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited; (iv) BFA's inability to predict correctly the direction of prices and other economic factors; and (v) the possibility that the counterparty will default in the performance of its obligations.

Hedge Period Risk. The Approximate Buffer and Approximate Cap for a Hedge Period apply to Fund shares held over the entire Hedge Period. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after a Hedge Period begins or sells Fund shares prior to the end of the Hedge Period, the returns realized by the investor will not match those that the Fund seeks to provide.

Investment Objective Risk. Certain circumstances under which the Fund might not achieve its objective include, but are not limited to, (i) if the Fund disposes of exchange-traded options, (ii) if the Fund is unable to maintain the proportional relationship based on the number of exchange-traded options in the Fund's portfolio, (iii) significant accrual of Fund expenses in connection with effecting the Fund's principal investment strategy or (iv) adverse tax law changes affecting the treatment of FLEX Options.

Investment in the Underlying Fund Risk. Each Fund invests substantially all of its assets in the Underlying Fund, so each Fund's investment performance is related to the performance of the Underlying Fund. Each Fund may also invest in other funds, including money market funds. Each Fund's NAV will change with changes in the value of the Underlying Fund and other instruments in which each Fund invests based on their market valuations. An investment in a Fund will entail more direct and indirect costs and expenses than a direct investment in the Underlying Fund. For example, in addition to the expenses of a Fund, a Fund indirectly pays a portion of the expenses (including operating expenses and management fees) incurred by the Underlying Fund, although some of such fees will be offset by the fee waiver by BFA.

An investor in a Fund may receive taxable gains from portfolio transactions by the Underlying Fund, as well as taxable gains from transactions in shares of the Underlying Fund held by the Fund.

Issuer Risk. The performance of a Fund depends on the performance of individual securities or other assets to which the Fund has exposure. The value of securities or other assets may decline, or perform differently from the market as a whole, due to changes in the financial condition or credit rating of the issuer or counterparty.

Large-Capitalization Companies Risk. Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller-capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions and competitive challenges. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller-capitalization companies. The performance of large-capitalization companies could trail the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Large Shareholder and Large-Scale Redemption Risk. Certain shareholders of a Fund, including an Authorized Participant, a third-party investor, the Fund's adviser, an affiliate of the Fund's adviser, a market maker, or another entity, may from time to time own or manage a substantial amount of Fund shares or may hold their investment in the Fund for a limited period of time. These shareholders may also pledge or loan Fund shares (to secure financing or otherwise), which may result in the shares becoming concentrated in another party. There can be no assurance that any large shareholder or large group of shareholders would not redeem their investment or that the size of a Fund would be maintained. Redemptions of a large number of Fund shares may adversely affect a Fund's liquidity and net assets. To the extent a Fund permits redemptions in cash, these redemptions may force the Fund to sell portfolio securities or other assets when it might not otherwise do so, which may negatively impact the Fund's NAV, have a material effect on the market price of Fund shares, increase the Fund's brokerage costs, accelerate the realization of taxable income and/or capital gains, and cause the Fund to make taxable distributions to its shareholders earlier than the Fund otherwise would have. In addition, under certain circumstances, non-redeeming shareholders may be treated as receiving a disproportionately large taxable distribution during or with respect to such tax year. A Fund also may be required to sell its more liquid investments to meet a large redemption, in which case the Fund's remaining assets may be less liquid, more volatile, and more difficult to price.

To the extent these large shareholders transact in Fund shares on the secondary market, such transactions may account for a large percentage of the trading volume for Fund shares and may, therefore, have a material upward or downward effect on the market price of the shares. In addition, large purchases of Fund shares may adversely affect the Fund's performance to the extent that the Fund is delayed in investing new cash and is required to maintain a larger cash position than it ordinarily would, diluting its investment returns.

Management Risk. An active Fund is subject to management risk because it does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified index. BFA and the portfolio managers will utilize a proprietary investment process, techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for a Fund, but there can be no guarantee that these decisions will produce the desired results. In addition, legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment techniques available to BFA in connection with managing a Fund and may also adversely affect the ability of a Fund to achieve its investment objective.

Market Risk. A Fund could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. The value of a financial instrument or other asset may decline due to changes in general market conditions, economic trends or events that are not specifically related to the particular instrument or asset, or factors that affect one or more issuers, counterparties, exchanges, countries or other geographic units, markets, industries, or asset classes. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, pandemics or other public health issues, recessions, the prospect or occurrence of a sovereign default or other financial crisis, or other events could have a significant impact on a Fund and its investments and could result in increased premiums or discounts to a Fund's NAV. Changes in market and economic conditions generally do not have the same impact on all types of instruments and assets.

Market Trading Risk. A Fund faces numerous market trading risks, any of which may lead to its shares trading in the secondary market at a premium or discount to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. If you buy Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to NAV or sell Fund shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, you may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Fund shares.

Absence of an Active Primary Market. Although Fund shares are listed for trading on one or more stock exchanges, there can be no assurance that an active primary trading market for Fund shares will develop or be maintained by market makers or Authorized Participants.

Secondary Listing Risks. A Fund's shares may be listed or traded on U.S. and non-U.S. stock exchanges other than the U.S. stock exchange where the Fund's primary listing is maintained. Fund shares also may be available to non-U.S. investors through funds or structured investment vehicles similar to depositary receipts. There can be no assurance that a Fund's shares will continue to trade on any such stock

exchange or in any market or that a Fund's shares will continue to meet the requirements for exchange listing or market trading. A Fund's shares may be less actively traded in certain markets than in others, and investors are subject to the execution and settlement risks and market standards of the market where they or their broker direct their trades for execution. Certain information that is available to investors who trade Fund shares on a U.S. stock exchange during regular U.S. market hours may not be available to investors who trade in other markets, which may result in secondary market prices in such markets being less efficient.

Secondary Market Trading Risk. Shares of a Fund may trade in the secondary market at times when the Fund does not accept orders to create or redeem shares. At such times, shares may trade in the secondary market with more significant premiums or discounts to NAV than might be experienced at times when the Fund accepts creation and redemption orders. Securities held by a Fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than an exchange on which Fund shares are traded. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing time. As a result, during the time when the exchange is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement time, there may be wider bid/ask spreads on the exchange and a greater premium or discount to NAV.

In stressed market conditions, the market for a Fund's shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund's portfolio holdings, and an investor may be unable to sell their Fund shares.

Secondary market trading in Fund shares may be halted by a stock exchange because of market conditions or for other reasons. In times of extraordinary market volatility, Fund shares may be subject to trading halts pursuant to "circuit breaker" rules of a stock exchange or market. If there is a trading halt or unanticipated closure of an exchange or market, an investor may be unable to purchase or sell Fund shares. In addition, if trading in certain securities or financial instruments is restricted, this may disrupt a Fund's creation/redemption process, affect the price at which Fund shares trade in the secondary market, and result in a Fund being unable to trade certain securities or financial instruments. In such circumstances, a Fund may be unable to rebalance its portfolio or accurately price its portfolio holdings and may incur substantial trading losses.

Shares of a Fund, similar to shares of other issuers listed on a stock exchange, may be sold short and are therefore subject to the risk of increased volatility and price decreases associated with being sold short. In addition, trading activity in derivative products based on a Fund may lead to increased trading volume and volatility in the secondary market for the shares of the Fund.

Fund Shares May Trade at Prices Other Than NAV. Shares of a Fund trade on stock exchanges at prices at, above or below the Fund's most recent NAV. A Fund's NAV is calculated at the end of each business day and fluctuates with changes in the market value of the Fund's portfolio holdings. The trading price of a Fund's shares fluctuates throughout trading hours based on both market supply of and demand for Fund shares and the underlying value of the Fund's portfolio holdings or NAV. As a result, the trading prices of a Fund's shares may deviate significantly from NAV during times of market volatility, significant redemption requests, or other unusual market conditions

However, because Fund shares can be created and redeemed in Creation Units at NAV, BFA believes that large discounts or premiums to a Fund's NAV are not likely to be sustained over the long term (unlike shares of many closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their NAVs). While the creation/redemption feature is designed to make it more likely that a Fund's shares normally will trade on stock exchanges at prices close to the Fund's next calculated NAV, exchange prices are not expected to correlate exactly with the Fund's NAV due to timing reasons, supply and demand imbalances and other factors. In addition, disruptions to creations and redemptions, including disruptions at market makers, Authorized Participants, or other market participants, and during periods of significant market volatility, may result in trading prices for shares of a Fund that differ significantly from its NAV. Authorized Participants may be less willing to create or redeem a Fund's shares if there is a lack of an active market for such shares or the Fund's underlying investments, which may contribute to the Fund's shares trading at a premium or discount to NAV.

Costs of Buying or Selling Fund Shares. Buying or selling Fund shares on an exchange involves two types of costs that apply to all securities transactions. When buying or selling Fund shares through a broker, you will likely incur a brokerage commission and other charges. In addition, you may incur the cost of the "spread," which is the difference between what investors are willing to pay for Fund shares (the "bid" price) and the price at which they are willing to sell Fund shares (the "ask" price). The spread varies over time for Fund shares based on trading volume and market liquidity. It is generally narrower if a Fund has more trading volume and market liquidity and wider if a Fund has less trading volume and market liquidity. Increased market volatility also may cause wider spreads. In addition, there may be regulatory and other charges that are incurred as a result of trading activity. Because of the costs inherent in buying or selling Fund shares, frequent trading may detract significantly from investment results, and an investment in Fund shares may not be advisable for investors who anticipate regularly making small investments through a brokerage account.

Non-Diversification Risk. A Fund that is classified as "non-diversified" may invest a greater percentage of its assets in securities or other instruments representing a small number of issuers or counterparties, compared with funds that are classified as "diversified." A non-diversified Fund thus may be more susceptible to the risks associated with these particular issuers or counterparties. The gains and losses on such holdings may have a greater impact on a non-diversified Fund's performance than they would on the performance of a diversified Fund, and a non-diversified Fund's NAV may be more volatile.

Operational Risk. Each Fund is exposed to operational risks arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or systems failures. Each Fund and BFA seek to reduce these operational risks through controls and procedures. However, these measures do not address every possible risk and may be inadequate to address significant operational risks.

Options Risk. Investments in options are considered speculative. When the Fund purchases an option, it may lose the total premium paid for it if the price of the underlying security or other assets decreased, remained the same or failed to increase to a level at or beyond the exercise price (in the case of a call option) or increased, remained the same or failed to decrease to a level at or below the exercise price (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by the Fund were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Fund. To the extent that the Fund writes or sells an option, if the decline or increase in the underlying asset is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Fund could experience a substantial loss.

Risk of Investing in Developed Countries. Investment in developed country issuers will subject a Fund or the Underlying Fund to regulatory, political, currency, security, economic and other risks associated with developed countries. Developed countries generally tend to rely on services sectors (e.g., the financial services sector) as the primary means of economic growth. A prolonged slowdown in one or more services sectors is likely to have a negative impact on economies of certain developed countries, although economies of individual developed countries can be impacted by slowdowns in other sectors. In the past, certain developed countries have been targets of terrorism, and some geographic areas in which the Fund or the Underlying Fund invests have experienced strained international relations due to territorial disputes, historical animosities, defense concerns and other security concerns. These situations may cause uncertainty in the financial markets in these countries or geographic areas and may adversely affect the performance of the issuers to which a Fund or the Underlying Fund has exposure. Heavy regulation of certain markets, including labor and product markets, may have an adverse effect on certain issuers. Such regulations may negatively affect economic growth or cause prolonged periods of recession. Many developed countries are heavily indebted and face rising healthcare and retirement expenses. In addition, price fluctuations of certain commodities and regulations impacting the import of commodities may negatively affect developed country economies.

Risk of Investing in the U.S. Investing in U.S. issuers involves legal, regulatory, political, currency, security, and economic risks that are specific to the U.S. A decrease in imports or exports, changes in trade regulations, inflation, an economic recession, financial system stress, or political turmoil, among other risks, may have an adverse effect on the U.S. economy and the securities listed on U.S. exchanges. The U.S. is also subject to the risk of natural disasters, such as droughts, earthquakes, fires and floods. U.S. security risks include acts of terrorism, internal unrest and a deterioration in relations between the U.S. and certain countries. Any of these may adversely affect the U.S. economy, financial markets or issuers.

Governmental agencies project that the U.S. will maintain elevated public debt levels for the foreseeable future. Although elevated debt levels do not necessarily indicate or cause economic problems, the costs of servicing such debt may constrain future economic growth. Circumstances could arise that could prevent the timely payment of interest or principal on U.S. government debt, such as reaching the legislative "debt ceiling." Such non-payment would result in substantial negative consequences for the U.S. economy and the global financial system.

Securities Lending Risk. A Fund may engage in securities lending. Securities lending involves the risk that a Fund may lose money because the borrower of the loaned securities fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. A Fund could also lose money in the event of a decline in the value of collateral provided for loaned securities or a decline in the value of any investments made with cash collateral. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the Fund. BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC"), which is the securities lending agent for the iShares/BlackRock ETFs, will take into account the tax impact to Fund shareholders of substitute payments for dividends when managing the securities lending program.

Small Fund Risk. When a Fund's size is small, the Fund may experience low trading volume and wide bid/ask spreads. In addition, the Fund may face the risk of being delisted if it does not meet certain requirements set by the listing exchange. If a Fund were required to delist from the listing exchange, the Fund's value may rapidly decline and its performance may be negatively impacted. Any resulting liquidation of the Fund could lead to elevated transaction costs for the Fund and negative tax consequences for its shareholders.

Tax Risk. The Fund intends to elect and to qualify each year to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. As a RIC, the Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of its net investment income and net capital gain that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it satisfies certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the federal income tax treatment of certain aspects of the proposed operations of the Fund are not entirely clear. This includes the tax aspects of the Fund's options strategy, its hedging strategy, the possible application of the "straddle" rules, and various loss limitation provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. To qualify and maintain its status as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain income, diversification and distributions tests. For purposes of the diversification test, the identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular Fund investment can depend on the terms and conditions of that investment. There is no published Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") guidance or case law on how to determine the "issuer" of certain derivatives that the Fund will enter into. Therefore, there is a risk that the Fund will not meet the Internal Revenue Code's diversification requirements and will not qualify, or will be disqualified, as a RIC. The Fund intends to treat the issuer of the FLEX Options as the referenced asset, which, assuming the referenced asset qualifies as a RIC, would allow the Fund to count the FLEX Options as automatically diversified investments under the Internal Revenue Code's diversification requirements. In addition, the Fund intends to treat any income it may derive from the FLEX Options as "qualifying income" under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to RICs. If the income is not qualifying income or if the FLEX Options are not treated as issued by the reference asset for diversification test purposes, there is a risk that the Fund could lose its RIC status. If the Fund did not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year and certain relief provisions were not available, the Fund's taxable income would be subject to tax at the Fund level and to a further tax at the shareholder level when such income is distributed. In such event, in order to re-qualify for taxation as a RIC, the Fund might be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make certain distributions. This would cause investors to incur higher tax liabilities than they

otherwise would have incurred and would have a negative impact on Fund returns. In such event, the Fund may reorganize, close or materially change its investment objective and strategies.

The Fund's investments in offsetting positions with respect to the Underlying ETF may affect the character of gains or losses realized by the Fund under the Internal Revenue Code's "straddle" rules and may increase the amount of short-term capital gain realized by the Fund. Such short-term capital gain is taxed as ordinary income when distributed to U.S. shareholders in a non-liquidating distribution. As a result, if the Fund makes a non-liquidating distribution of its short-term capital gain, the amount which U.S. shareholders must treat as ordinary income may be increased substantially as compared to the Fund that did not engage in such transactions. Accordingly, shareholders could have a lower after-tax return from investing in the Fund than investing directly in the Underlying ETF.

The FLEX Options included in the Fund's portfolio are exchange-traded options. The tax treatment of certain derivatives contracts including listed non-equity options written or purchased by the Fund on U.S. exchanges (such as options on futures contracts, broad-based equity indices and debt securities) may be governed by Section 1256 of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 1256 Contracts"). Section 1256 Contracts are treated as if they were sold (i.e., "marked to market") at the end of each year. Gain or loss is recognized on this deemed sale. Such treatment could cause the Fund to recognize taxable income without receiving cash. In order to maintain its RIC qualification, the Fund must distribute at least 90% of its income annually. If FLEX Options held by the Fund are subject to Section 1256 of the Internal Revenue Code, and the Fund is unable to distribute marked-to-market gains to its shareholders, the Fund may lose its RIC qualification and be taxed as a regular corporation. BFA believes that the FLEX Options typically held in its portfolio (i.e., FLEX Options that reference the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF) will not be subject to Section 1256, and disposition of such options will likely result in short-term capital gains or losses.

Additionally, buying securities shortly before the record date for a taxable dividend or capital gain distribution is commonly known as "buying a dividend." If a shareholder purchases Fund shares after the Hedge Period has begun and shortly thereafter the Fund issues a dividend, the entire distribution may be taxable to the shareholder even though a portion of the distribution effectively represents a return of the purchase price.

Technology Companies Risk. Technology companies and companies that rely heavily on technological advances may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources and personnel. These companies may face rapid product obsolescence as well as unexpected risks and costs related to new product introduction and technological developments, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Technology companies may be adversely affected by disruptions to supply chains and distribution networks as well as issues at third-party partners. They are heavily dependent on patent and other intellectual property rights, and the loss or impairment of these rights may adversely affect their profitability. Technology companies may face increased government scrutiny and may be subject to adverse government or legal action. These companies also may be adversely affected by, among other things, actual or perceived security vulnerabilities or other defects in their products and services, which may result in lawsuits, government enforcement actions and other remediation costs.

Upside Participation Risk. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be successful in its strategy to match the increase, if any, of the share price return of the Underlying ETF over a Hedge Period, subject to an Approximate Cap. In the event an investor purchases Fund shares after the beginning of a Hedge Period or does not stay invested in a Fund for the entirety of the Hedge Period, the returns realized by the investor may not match those that the Fund seeks to achieve.

Valuation Risk. The price that a Fund could receive upon the sale (or other disposition) of a security or other asset may differ from the Fund's valuation of the security or other asset, particularly for securities or other assets that trade in low volume or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair value methodology. Because non-U.S. exchanges or markets may be open on days or during time periods when a Fund does not price its shares, the value of the securities or other assets in a Fund's portfolio may change on days or during time periods when investors are not able to purchase or sell Fund shares.

Authorized Participants that create or redeem Fund shares on days when a Fund is holding fair-valued securities or other assets may receive fewer or more shares, or lower or higher redemption proceeds, than they would have received had the securities or other assets not been fair valued or been valued using a different methodology. The ability to value investments may be impacted by technological issues or errors by pricing services or other third-party service providers.

A Further Discussion of Other Risks

Each Fund may also be subject to certain other risks associated with its investments and investment strategies. The order of the below risk factors does not indicate the significance of any particular risk factor.

Close-Out Risk for Qualified Financial Contracts. Regulations adopted by global prudential regulators require counterparties that are part of U.S. or foreign global systemically important banking organizations to include contractual restrictions on close-out and cross-default in agreements relating to qualified financial contracts. Qualified financial contracts include agreements relating to swaps, currency forwards and other derivatives as well as repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements. The restrictions prevent a Fund from closing out a qualified financial contract during a specified time period if the counterparty is subject to resolution proceedings and also prohibit a Fund from exercising default rights due to a receivership or similar proceeding of an affiliate of the counterparty. These requirements may increase credit risk and other risks to a Fund.

Communication Services Sector Risk. The communication services sector consists of both companies in the telecommunication services industry as well as those in the media and entertainment industry. Examples of companies in the telecommunication services industry group

include providers of fiber-optic, fixed-line, cellular and wireless telecommunications networks. Companies in the media and entertainment industry group encompass a variety of services and products including television broadcasting, gaming products, social media, networking platforms, online classifieds, online review websites, and Internet search engines. Companies in the communication services sector may be affected by industry competition, substantial capital requirements, government regulation, and obsolescence of communications products and services due to technological advancement. Fluctuating domestic and international demand, shifting demographics and often unpredictable changes in consumer tastes can drastically affect a communication services company's profitability. In addition, while all companies may be susceptible to network security breaches, certain companies in the communication services sector may be particular targets of hacking and potential theft of proprietary or consumer information or disruptions in service, which could have a material adverse effect on their businesses.

The communication services sector of a country's economy is often subject to extensive government regulation. The costs of complying with governmental regulations, delays or failure to receive required regulatory approvals, or the enactment of new regulatory requirements may negatively affect the business of communications companies. Government actions around the world, specifically in the area of pre-marketing clearance of products and prices, can be arbitrary and unpredictable. The communications services industry can also be significantly affected by intense competition for market share, including competition with alternative technologies such as wireless communications, product compatibility and standardization, consumer preferences, rapid product obsolescence, research and development of new products, lack of standardization or compatibility with existing technologies, and a dependency on patent and copyright protections. Companies in the communication services sector may encounter distressed cash flows due to the need to commit substantial capital to meet increasing competition, particularly in developing new products and services using new technology. Technological innovations may make the products and services of certain communications companies obsolete.

Telecommunications providers with exposure to the U.S. are generally required to obtain franchises or licenses in order to provide services in a given location. Licensing and franchise rights in the telecommunications sector are limited, which may provide an advantage to certain participants. Limited availability of such rights, high barriers to market entry and regulatory oversight, among other factors, have led to consolidation of companies within the sector, which could lead to further regulation or other negative effects in the future. Telecommunication providers investing in non-U.S. countries may be subject to similar risks. Additional risks include those related to competitive challenges in the U.S. from non-U.S. competitors engaged in strategic joint ventures with U.S. companies and in non-U.S. markets from both U.S. and non-U.S. competitors.

Companies in the media and entertainment industries can be significantly affected by several factors, including competition, particularly in formulation of products and services using new technologies, cyclicality of revenues and earnings, a potential decrease in the discretionary income of targeted individuals, changing consumer tastes and interests, and the potential increase in government regulation. Companies in the media and entertainment industries may become obsolete quickly. Advertising spending can be an important revenue source for media and entertainment companies. During economic downturns advertising spending typically decreases and, as a result, media and entertainment companies tend to generate less revenue.

Consumer Discretionary Sector Risk. The success of consumer product manufacturers and retailers is tied closely to the performance of domestic and international economies, interest rates, exchange rates, supply chains, competition, consumer confidence, changes in demographics and consumer preferences. Companies in the consumer discretionary sector depend heavily on disposable household income and consumer spending, and may be strongly affected by social trends and marketing campaigns. These companies may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their profitability.

Consumer Staples Sector Risk. Companies in the consumer staples sector may be affected by the regulation of various product components and production methods, marketing campaigns and changes in the global economy, consumer spending and consumer demand. Tobacco and tobacco-related companies, in particular, may be adversely affected by new laws, regulations and litigation. Companies in the consumer staples sector may also be adversely affected by changes or trends in commodity prices, which may be influenced by unpredictable factors. These companies may be subject to severe competition, which may have an adverse impact on their profitability.

Dividend-Paying Stock Risk. Investing in dividend-paying stocks involves the risk that such stocks may fall out of favor with investors and underperform other types of stocks or the broader market. Companies that issue dividend-paying stocks are not required to pay or continue paying dividends on such stocks. It is possible that issuers of dividend-paying stocks will not declare dividends in the future or will reduce or eliminate the payment of dividends (including reducing or eliminating anticipated accelerations or increases in the payment of dividends), which may adversely affect a Fund with such holdings. In addition, the value of dividend-paying stocks can decline when interest rates rise, as fixed-income investments become more attractive to investors.

Financials Sector Risk. Companies in the financials sector are subject to extensive governmental regulation and intervention, which may adversely affect the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge, the amount of capital and liquid assets they must maintain and, potentially, their size. Governmental regulation may change frequently and may have significant adverse consequences for companies in the financials sector, including effects not intended by such regulation. Increased risk taking by financial companies may also result in greater overall risk in the U.S. and global financials sector. The impact of changes in capital requirements, or recent or future regulation in various countries, on any individual financial company or on the financials sector as a whole cannot be predicted.

Certain risks may impact the value of investments in the financials sector more severely than those of investments outside this sector, including the risks associated with companies that operate with substantial financial leverage. Companies in the financials sector are exposed directly to the credit risk of their borrowers and counterparties, who may be leveraged to an unknown degree, including through

swaps and other derivatives products. Financial services companies may have significant exposure to the same borrowers and counterparties, with the result that a borrower's or counterparty's inability to meet its obligations to one company may affect other companies with exposure to the same borrower or counterparty. This interconnectedness of risk may result in significant negative impacts to companies with direct exposure to the defaulting counterparty as well as adverse cascading effects in the markets and the financials sector generally. Companies in the financials sector may also be adversely affected by increases in interest rates and loan losses, decreases in the availability of money or asset valuations, credit rating downgrades, adverse public perception and adverse conditions in other related markets. Insurance companies, in particular, may be subject to severe price competition and/or rate regulation, which may have an adverse impact on their profitability. The financials sector is particularly sensitive to fluctuations in interest rates. The financials sector is also a target for cyberattacks. Cybersecurity incidents and technology malfunctions and failures have become increasingly frequent and have caused significant losses to companies in this sector, which may negatively impact a Fund. The extent to which the Fund may invest in a company that engages in securities-related activities or banking is limited by applicable law.

Healthcare Sector Risk. The profitability of companies in the healthcare sector may be adversely affected by the following factors, among others: extensive government regulations, restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure, an increased emphasis on outpatient services, changes in the demand for medical products and services, a limited number of products, industry innovation, changes in technologies and other market developments. Many healthcare companies are heavily dependent on patent protection. The expiration of a company's patents may adversely affect that company's profitability. Many healthcare companies are subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims. Healthcare companies are subject to competitive forces that may make it difficult to raise prices and, in fact, may result in price discounting. The U.S. Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 allows for the negotiation of prescription drug prices on behalf of Medicare recipients, which may result in reduced prescription prices. This could reduce some healthcare companies' overall profitability. Many new products in the healthcare sector may be subject to regulatory approvals. The process of obtaining such approvals may be long and costly, and such efforts ultimately may be unsuccessful. Companies in the healthcare sector may be thinly capitalized and may be susceptible to product obsolescence. In addition, a number of legislative proposals concerning healthcare have been considered by the U.S. Congress in recent years. It is unclear what proposals will ultimately be enacted, if any, and what effect they may have on companies in the healthcare sector.

Illiquid Investments Risk. A Fund may not acquire any illiquid investment if, immediately after the acquisition, a Fund would have invested more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments. An illiquid investment is any investment that a Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without significantly changing the market value of the investment. Liquid investments may become illiquid after purchase by a Fund, particularly during periods of market turmoil. There can be no assurance that a security or instrument that is deemed to be liquid when purchased will continue to be liquid for as long as it is held by a Fund, and any security or instrument held by a Fund may be deemed an illiquid investment pursuant to a Fund's liquidity risk management program. To the extent a Fund holds illiquid investments, the illiquid investments may reduce the returns of a Fund because a Fund may be unable to transact at advantageous times or prices. An investment may be illiquid due to, among other things, the reduced number and capacity of traditional market participants to make a market in securities or instruments, the lack of an active market for such securities or instruments, capital controls, delays or limits on repatriation of local currency, or insolvency of local governments. To the extent that a Fund invests in securities or instruments with substantial market and/or credit risk, a Fund will tend to have increased exposure to the risks associated with illiquid investments. Illiquid investments may be harder to value, especially in changing markets. Although each Fund primarily seeks to redeem shares of a Fund on an in-kind basis, if a Fund is forced to sell underlying investments at reduced prices or under unfavorable conditions to meet redemption requests or for other cash needs, a Fund may suffer a loss. This may be magnified in a rising interest rate environment or other circumstances where redemptions from a Fund may be greater than normal. Other market participants may be attempting to liquidate holdings at the same time as a Fund, causing increased supply of a Fund's underlying investments in the market and contributing to illiquid investments risk and downward pricing pressure. In addition, if a Fund is limited in its ability to sell illiquid investments during periods when shareholders are redeeming their shares, a Fund will need to sell liquid securities to meet redemption requests and illiquid securities will become a larger portion of a Fund's holdings. During periods of market volatility, liquidity in the market for a Fund's shares may be impacted by the liquidity in the market for the underlying securities or instruments held by a Fund, which could lead to a Fund's shares trading at a premium or discount to the Fund's NAV.

Industrials Sector Risk. The value of securities issued by companies in the industrials sector may be adversely affected by supply and demand changes related to their specific products or services and industrials sector products in general. The products of manufacturing companies may face obsolescence due to rapid technological developments and frequent new product introduction. Global events, trade disputes and changes in government regulations, economic conditions and exchange rates may adversely affect the performance of companies in the industrials sector. Companies in the industrials sector may be adversely affected by liability for environmental damage and product liability claims. The industrials sector may also be adversely affected by changes or trends in commodity prices, which may be influenced by unpredictable factors. Companies in the industrials sector, particularly aerospace and defense companies, may also be adversely affected by government spending policies because companies in this sector tend to rely to a significant extent on government demand for their products and services.

Reliance on Advisor Risk. The Fund is dependent upon services and resources provided by BFA, and therefore BFA's parent, BlackRock, Inc. BFA is not required to devote its full time to the business of the Fund and there is no guarantee or requirement that any investment professional or other employee of BFA will allocate a substantial portion of his or her time to the Fund. The loss of, or changes in, BFA's personnel could have a negative effect on the performance or the continued operation of the Fund.

Threshold/Underinvestment Risk. If certain aggregate and/or fund-level ownership thresholds are reached through transactions undertaken by BFA, its affiliates or a Fund, or as a result of third-party transactions or actions by an issuer or regulator, the ability of BFA and its affiliates on behalf of clients (including a Fund) to purchase or dispose of investments, exercise rights or undertake business transactions may be restricted by regulation or otherwise impaired. The capacity of a Fund to invest in certain securities or other assets may be affected by the relevant threshold limits, and such limitations may have adverse effects on the liquidity and performance of the Fund's portfolio holdings. To the extent a Fund tracks an index, such limits may increase the risk of the Fund being underinvested in an asset relative to its Underlying Index and increase the risk of tracking error.

For example, ownership limits may apply to securities whose issuers operate in certain regulated industries or in certain international markets. Such limits also may apply where the investing entity (such as a Fund) is subject to corporate or regulatory ownership restrictions or invests in certain futures or other derivative transactions. In certain circumstances, aggregate and/or fund-level amounts invested or voted by BFA and its affiliates for their proprietary accounts and for client accounts (including a Fund) may not exceed the relevant limits without the grant of a license or other regulatory or corporate consent. In other cases, exceeding such thresholds may cause BFA and its affiliates, a Fund or other client accounts to suffer disadvantages or business restrictions.

Portfolio Holdings Information

A description of the Trust's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of each Fund's portfolio securities is available in the Funds' combined SAI. Each Fund discloses its portfolio holdings daily at www.iShares.com. Fund fact sheets providing information regarding each Fund's top holdings are posted on www.iShares.com when available and may be requested by calling 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

Management

Investment Adviser. As investment adviser, BFA has overall responsibility for the general management and administration of the Funds. BFA provides an investment program for each Fund and manages the investment of each Fund's assets. In managing the Funds, BFA may draw upon the research and expertise of its asset management affiliates with respect to certain portfolio securities. In seeking to achieve a Fund's investment objective, BFA uses teams of portfolio managers, investment strategists and other investment specialists. This team approach brings together many disciplines and leverages BFA's extensive resources.

Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement between BFA and the Trust (entered into on behalf of the Funds), BFA is responsible for substantially all expenses of the Funds, except the management fees, interest expenses, taxes, expenses incurred with respect to the acquisition and disposition of portfolio securities and the execution of portfolio transactions, including brokerage commissions, distribution fees or expenses, and litigation expenses and any extraordinary expenses (as determined by a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust). Operating expenses paid by BFA under the Investment Advisory Agreement exclude Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any.

For its investment advisory services to each Fund, BFA is paid a management fee from each Fund, as a percentage of each Fund's average daily net assets, at the annual rate set forth in the table below.

In addition, BFA may from time to time voluntarily waive and/or reimburse fees or expenses in order to limit total annual fund operating expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any). Any such voluntary waiver or reimbursement may be eliminated by BFA at any time.

Fund	Management Fee ¹
iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Mar ETF	0.50%
iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Jun ETF	0.50%
iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Sep ETF	0.50%
iShares Large Cap Max Buffer Dec ETF	0.50%

¹ BFA has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fees in an amount equal to the Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, if any, attributable to investments by the Funds in other series of the Trust and iShares, Inc. through November 30, 2029. The contractual waiver may be terminated prior to November 30, 2029 only upon written agreement of the Trust and BFA.

BFA is located at 400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. It is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock"). As of March 31, 2024, BFA and its affiliates provided investment advisory services for assets of approximately \$10.5 trillion. BFA and its affiliates trade and invest for their own accounts in the actual securities and types of securities in which the Funds may also invest, which may affect the price of such securities.

A discussion regarding the basis for the approval by the Board of the Investment Advisory Agreement with BFA is expected to be available in each Fund's Form N-CSR filed with the SEC for the period ending July 31, and made available in the applicable financial statements posted on the Fund's website at www.iShares.com.

From time to time, a manager, analyst, or other employee of BlackRock or its affiliates may express views regarding a particular asset class, company, security, industry, or market sector. The views expressed by any such person are the views of only that individual as of the time expressed and do not necessarily represent the views of BlackRock or any other person within the BlackRock organization. Any such views are subject to change at any time based upon market or other conditions and BlackRock disclaims any responsibility to update such views. These views may not be relied on as investment advice and may not be relied on as an indication of trading intent on behalf of a Fund.

Portfolio Managers. Jennifer Hsui, Greg Savage and Paul Whitehead are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds. The Portfolio Managers are responsible for various functions related to portfolio management, including, but not limited to, investing cash inflows, coordinating with members of their respective portfolio management team to focus on certain asset classes, implementing investment strategy, researching and reviewing investment strategy and overseeing members of their respective portfolio management teams who have more limited responsibilities.

Jennifer Hsui has been employed by BFA or its affiliates as a senior portfolio manager since 2007. Prior to that, Ms. Hsui was a portfolio manager from 2006 to 2007 for Barclays Global Fund Advisors ("BGFA"). Ms. Hsui has been a Portfolio Manager of each Fund since inception (2024).

Greg Savage has been employed by BFA or its affiliates as a senior portfolio manager since 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Savage was a portfolio manager from 2001 to 2006 for BGFA. Mr. Savage has been a Portfolio Manager of each Fund since inception (2024).

Paul Whitehead has been with BlackRock since 1996, including his years with Barclays Global Investors ("BGI"), which merged with BlackRock in 2009. Mr. Whitehead has been employed by BlackRock as a Managing Director since 2010 and a Director from 2009 to 2010. Mr. Whitehead was employed by BGI as Principal from 2002 to 2009. Mr. Whitehead has been a Portfolio Manager of each Fund since inception (2024).

The Funds' SAI provides additional information about the Portfolio Managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers and the Portfolio Managers' ownership (if any) of shares in the Funds.

Administrator, Custodian and Transfer Agent. The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY Mellon") is the administrator, custodian and transfer agent for the Fund. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. serves as custodian for the Funds in connection with certain securities lending activities.

Conflicts of Interest. The investment activities of BFA and its affiliates (including BlackRock and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Affiliates")), and their respective directors, officers or employees, in the management of, or their interest in, their own accounts and other accounts they manage, may present conflicts of interest that could disadvantage the Funds and their shareholders. BFA and its Affiliates provide investment management services to other funds and discretionary managed accounts that may follow investment programs similar to that of the Funds. BFA and its Affiliates are involved worldwide with a broad spectrum of financial services and asset management activities and may engage in the ordinary course of business in activities in which their interests or the interests of their clients may conflict with those of the Funds. BFA or one or more Affiliates act, or may act, as an investor, research provider, investment manager, commodity pool operator, commodity trading advisor, financier, underwriter, adviser, trader, lender, index provider, agent and/or principal, and have other direct and indirect interests in securities, currencies, commodities, derivatives and other instruments in which the Funds may directly or indirectly invest. The Funds may invest in securities of, or engage in other transactions with, companies with which an Affiliate has significant debt or equity investments or other interests. The Funds may also invest in issuances (such as structured notes) by entities for which an Affiliate provides and is compensated for cash management services relating to the proceeds from the sale of such issuances. The Funds also may invest in securities of, or engage in other transactions with, companies for which an Affiliate provides or may in the future provide research coverage. An Affiliate may have business relationships with, and purchase or distribute or sell services or products from or to, distributors, consultants or others who recommend the Funds or who engage in transactions with or for the Funds, and may receive compensation for such services. BFA or one or more Affiliates may engage in proprietary trading and advise accounts and funds that have investment objectives similar to those of the Funds and/or that engage in and compete for transactions in the same types of securities, currencies and other instruments as the Funds. This may include transactions in securities issued by other open-end and closed-end investment companies (which may include investment companies that are affiliated with the Funds and BFA, to the extent permitted under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")). The trading activities of BFA and these Affiliates are carried out without reference to positions held directly or indirectly by the Funds and may result in BFA or an Affiliate having positions in certain securities that are senior or junior to, or have interests different from or adverse to, the securities that are owned by the Funds.

Neither BlackRock nor any Affiliate is under any obligation to share any investment opportunity, idea or strategy with the Funds. As a result, an Affiliate may compete with the Funds for appropriate investment opportunities. The results of the Funds' investment activities, therefore, may differ from those of an Affiliate and of other accounts managed by BlackRock or an Affiliate, and it is possible that the Funds could sustain losses during periods in which one or more Affiliates and other accounts achieve profits on their trading for proprietary or other accounts. The opposite result is also possible.

In addition, the Funds may, from time to time, enter into transactions in which BFA or an Affiliate or its or their directors, officers, employees or clients have an adverse interest. Furthermore, transactions undertaken by clients advised or managed by BFA or its Affiliates may adversely impact the Funds. Transactions by one or more clients or by BFA or its Affiliates or their directors, officers or employees may have the effect of diluting or otherwise disadvantaging the values, prices or investment strategies of the Funds.

The Funds' activities may be limited because of regulatory restrictions applicable to BFA or one or more Affiliates and/or their internal policies designed to comply with such restrictions.

Under a securities lending program approved by the Board, each Fund has retained BTC, an Affiliate of BFA, to serve as the securities lending agent for the Fund to the extent that the Fund participates in the securities lending program. For these services, the securities lending agent will receive a fee from the Fund based on the returns earned on the Fund's lending activities, including investment of the cash received as collateral for the loaned securities. In addition, one or more Affiliates may be among the entities to which the Fund may lend its portfolio securities under the securities lending program.

Under an ETF Services Agreement, the Funds have retained BlackRock Investments, LLC (the "Distributor" or "BRIL"), an Affiliate of BFA, to perform certain order processing, Authorized Participant communications, and related services in connection with the issuance and redemption of Creation Units of the Funds ("ETF Services"). BRIL will retain a portion of the standard transaction fee received from Authorized Participants on each creation or redemption order from the Authorized Participant for the ETF Services provided. BlackRock collaborated with, and received payment from, Citibank, on the design and development of the ETF Services platform. Citibank may have, or from time to time may develop, additional relationships with BlackRock or funds managed by BFA and its affiliates.

It is also possible that, from time to time, BlackRock and/or its advisory clients (including other funds and separately managed accounts) may, subject to compliance with applicable law, purchase and hold shares of the Funds. The price, availability, liquidity, and (in some cases) expense ratio of the Funds may be impacted by purchases and sales of the Funds by BlackRock and/or its advisory clients.

The activities of BFA and its Affiliates and their respective directors, officers or employees may give rise to other conflicts of interest that could disadvantage the Funds and their shareholders. BFA has adopted policies and procedures designed to address these potential conflicts of interest. See the SAI for further information.

Shareholder Information

Additional shareholder information, including how to buy and sell shares of the Funds, is available free of charge by calling toll-free: 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737) or visiting our website at www.iShares.com.

Buying and Selling Shares. Shares of the Funds may be acquired or redeemed directly from a Fund only in Creation Units or multiples thereof, as discussed in the *Creations and Redemptions* section of this Prospectus. Only an Authorized Participant may engage in creation or redemption transactions directly with a Fund. Once created, shares of the Funds generally trade in the secondary market in amounts less than a Creation Unit.

Shares of each Fund are listed on a national securities exchange for trading during the trading day. Shares can be bought and sold throughout the trading day like shares of other publicly traded companies. The Trust does not impose any minimum investment for shares of a Fund purchased on an exchange or otherwise in the secondary market. The Funds' shares trade under the ticker symbols listed on the front cover page of this Prospectus.

Buying or selling Fund shares on an exchange or other secondary market involves two types of costs that may apply to all securities transactions. When buying or selling shares of the Funds through a broker, you may incur a brokerage commission and other charges. The commission is frequently a fixed amount and may be a significant proportional cost for investors seeking to buy or sell small amounts of shares. In addition, you may incur the cost of the "spread," that is, any difference between the bid price and the ask price. The spread varies over time for shares of each Fund based on the Fund's trading volume and market liquidity, and is generally lower if the Fund has high trading volume and market liquidity, and higher if the Fund has little trading volume and market liquidity (which is often the case for funds that are newly launched or small in size). The Fund's spread may also be impacted by the liquidity or illiquidity of the underlying securities held by the Fund, particularly for newly launched or smaller funds or in instances of significant volatility of the underlying securities.

Each Fund does not impose restrictions on the frequency of purchases and redemptions of Fund shares directly with the Fund. The Board determined not to adopt policies and procedures designed to prevent or monitor for frequent purchases and redemptions of Fund shares because each Fund generally sells and redeems its shares directly through transactions that are in-kind and/or for cash, with a deadline for placing cash-related transactions no later than the close of the primary markets for the Fund's portfolio securities. However, each Fund has taken certain measures (e.g., imposing transaction fees on purchases and redemptions of Creation Units and reserving the right to reject purchases of Creation Units under certain circumstances) to minimize the potential consequences of frequent cash purchases and redemptions by Authorized Participants, such as increased tracking error, disruption of portfolio management, dilution to the Fund, and/or increased transaction costs. Further, the vast majority of trading in Fund shares occurs on the secondary market, which does not involve each Fund directly, and such trading is unlikely to cause many of the harmful effects of frequent cash purchases or redemptions of Fund shares.

The national securities exchange on which each Fund's shares are listed is open for trading Monday through Friday and is closed on weekends and the following holidays (or the days on which they are observed): New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Each Fund's primary listing exchange is Cboe BZX.

Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act generally restricts investments by investment companies, including foreign and unregistered investment companies, in the securities of other investment companies. For example, a registered investment company (the "Acquired Fund"), such as the Fund, may not knowingly sell or otherwise dispose of any security issued by the Acquired Fund to any investment company (the "Acquiring Fund") or any company or companies controlled by the Acquiring Fund if, immediately after such sale or disposition: (i) more than 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of the Acquired Fund is owned by the Acquiring Fund and any company or companies controlled by the Acquiring Fund, or (ii) more than 10% of the total outstanding voting stock of the Acquired Fund is owned by the Acquiring Fund and other investment companies and companies controlled by them. Although SEC rules may permit registered investment companies and unit investment trusts ("Investing Funds") that enter into an investment agreement with the Trust to invest in iShares funds beyond the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act subject to certain terms and conditions, the Fund does not permit such investments. Accordingly, Investing Funds must adhere to the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act when investing in the Fund. In addition, foreign investment companies are permitted to invest in the Fund only up to the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1), subject to any applicable SEC no-action relief.

Book Entry. Shares of the Funds are held in book-entry form, which means that no stock certificates are issued. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its nominee is the record owner of, and holds legal title to, all outstanding shares of each Fund.

Investors owning shares of the Funds are beneficial owners as shown on the records of DTC or its participants. DTC serves as the securities depository for shares of the Funds. DTC participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other institutions that directly or indirectly maintain a custodial relationship with DTC. As a beneficial owner of shares, you are not entitled to receive physical delivery of stock certificates or to have shares registered in your name, and you are not considered a registered owner of shares. Therefore, to exercise any right as an owner of shares, you must rely upon the procedures of DTC and its participants. These procedures are the same as those that apply to any other securities that you hold in book-entry or "street name" form.

Share Prices. The trading prices of a Fund's shares in the secondary market generally differ from the Fund's daily NAV and are affected by market forces such as the supply of and demand for ETF shares and shares of underlying securities held by the Funds, economic conditions and other factors.

Determination of Net Asset Value. The NAV of each Fund normally is determined once daily Monday through Friday, generally as of the close of regular trading hours of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on each day that the NYSE is open for trading, based on prices at the time of closing, provided that any Fund assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing market rates on the date of valuation as quoted by one or more data service providers. The NAV of each Fund is calculated by dividing the value of the net assets of a Fund (*i.e.*, the value of its total assets, which includes the values of the Underlying Fund shares in which the Fund invests, less total liabilities) by the total number of outstanding shares of the Fund, generally rounded to the nearest cent.

The value of the securities and other assets and liabilities held by each Fund is determined pursuant to BFA's valuation policies and procedures. BFA has been designated by the Board as the valuation designee for the Fund pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act.

Equity securities and other equity instruments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at market value, which is generally determined using the last reported official closing price or, if a reported closing price is not available, the last traded price on the exchange or market on which the security or instrument is primarily traded at the time of valuation. Shares of underlying open-end funds (including money market funds) are valued at net asset value. Shares of underlying exchange-traded closed-end funds or other ETFs are valued at their most recent closing price.

Generally, trading in non-U.S. securities and money market instruments is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of regular trading hours of the NYSE. The values of such securities used in computing the NAV of the Funds are determined as of such times.

When market quotations are not readily available or are believed by BFA to be unreliable, BFA will fair value a Fund's investments in accordance with its policies and procedures. BFA may conclude that a market quotation is not readily available or is unreliable if a security or other asset or liability does not have a price source due to its lack of trading or other reasons, if a market quotation differs significantly from recent price quotations or otherwise no longer appears to reflect fair value, where the security or other asset or liability is thinly traded, when there is a significant event subsequent to the most recent market quotation, or if the trading market on which a security is listed is suspended or closed and no appropriate alternative trading market is available. A "significant event" is deemed to occur if BFA determines, in its reasonable business judgment prior to or at the time of pricing a Fund's assets or liabilities, that the event is likely to cause a material change to the last exchange closing price or closing market price of one or more assets held by, or liabilities of, a Fund.

Fair value represents a good faith approximation of the value of an asset or liability. The fair value of an asset or liability held by a Fund is the amount the Fund might reasonably expect to receive from the current sale of that asset or the cost to extinguish that liability in an arm's-length transaction. Valuing a Fund's investments using fair value pricing will result in prices that may differ from current market valuations and that may not be the prices at which those investments could have been sold during the period in which the particular fair values were used.

Dividends and Distributions.

General Policies. Dividends from net investment income, if any, generally are declared and paid at least once a year by each Fund. Each Fund generally distributes its net capital gains, if any, to shareholders annually. Distributions of net realized securities gains, if any, generally are declared and paid once a year, but the Trust may make distributions on a more frequent basis for each Fund. The Trust reserves the right to declare special distributions if, in its reasonable discretion, such action is necessary or advisable to preserve its status as a RIC or to avoid imposition of income or excise taxes on undistributed income or realized gains.

Dividends and other distributions on shares of each Fund are distributed on a *pro rata* basis to beneficial owners of such shares. Dividend payments are made through DTC participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners then of record with proceeds received from a Fund.

Dividend Reinvestment Service. No dividend reinvestment service is provided by the Trust. Broker-dealers may make available the DTC book-entry Dividend Reinvestment Service for use by beneficial owners of a Fund for reinvestment of their dividend distributions. Beneficial owners should contact their broker to determine the availability and costs of the service and the details of participation therein. Brokers may require beneficial owners to adhere to specific procedures and timetables. If this service is available and used, dividend distributions of both income and realized gains will be automatically reinvested in additional whole shares of a Fund purchased in the secondary market.

Note on Tax Information. *The following sections summarize some of the consequences under current U.S. federal tax law of an investment in the Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. You may also be subject to state and local taxation on Fund distributions and sales of shares. Certain states and localities may exempt from tax distributions attributable to interest from U.S. federal government obligations. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in shares of the Fund under all applicable tax laws.*

Taxes. As with any investment, you should consider how your investment in shares of the Funds will be taxed. The tax information in this Prospectus is provided as general information, based on current law. You should consult your own tax professional about the tax consequences of an investment in shares of the Funds.

Unless your investment in Fund shares is made through a tax-exempt entity or tax-deferred retirement account, such as an IRA, in which case your distributions generally will be taxable when withdrawn, you need to be aware of the possible tax consequences when a Fund makes distributions or you sell Fund shares.

Taxes on Distributions. Distributions from a Fund's net investment income (other than qualified dividend income), including distributions of income from securities lending and distributions out of a Fund's net short-term capital gains, if any, are taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions by a Fund of net long-term capital gains, if any, in excess of net short-term capital losses (capital gain dividends) are taxable to you as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long you have held a Fund's shares. Distributions by a Fund that qualify as qualified dividend income are taxable to you at long-term capital gain rates. Long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income are generally eligible for taxation at a maximum rate of 15% or 20% for non-corporate shareholders, depending on whether their income exceeds certain threshold amounts. In addition, a 3.8% U.S. federal Medicare contribution tax is imposed on "net investment income," including, but not limited to, interest, dividends, and net gain, of U.S. individuals with income exceeding \$200,000 (or \$250,000 if married and filing jointly) and of estates and trusts.

Dividends will be qualified dividend income to you if they are attributable to qualified dividend income received by a Fund. Generally, qualified dividend income includes dividend income from taxable U.S. corporations and qualified non-U.S. corporations, provided that a Fund satisfies certain holding period requirements in respect of the stock of such corporations and has not hedged its position in the stock in certain ways. Substitute dividends received by a Fund with respect to dividends paid on securities lent out will not be qualified dividend income. For this purpose, a qualified non-U.S. corporation means any non-U.S. corporation that is eligible for benefits under a comprehensive income tax treaty with the U.S., which includes an exchange of information program, or if the stock with respect to which the dividend was paid is readily tradable on an established U.S. securities market. The term excludes a corporation that is a passive foreign investment company.

Dividends received by a Fund from a RIC generally are qualified dividend income only to the extent such dividend distributions are made out of qualified dividend income received by such RIC. The Funds do not expect that a significant portion of their distributions will consist of qualified dividend income or be eligible for the dividends received deduction. Additionally, it is expected that dividends received by a Fund from a REIT and distributed to a shareholder generally will be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income. However, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2026, the Fund may report dividends eligible for a 20% "qualified business income" deduction for non-corporate U.S. shareholders to the extent the Fund's income is derived from ordinary REIT dividends, reduced by allocable Fund expenses.

For a dividend to be treated as qualified dividend income, the dividend must be received with respect to a share of stock held without being hedged by a Fund, and with respect to a share of a Fund held without being hedged by you, for 61 days during the 121-day period beginning at the date which is 60 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend or, in the case of certain preferred stock, 91 days during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date.

In general, your distributions are subject to U.S. federal income tax for the year when they are paid. Certain distributions paid in January, however, may be treated as paid on December 31 of the prior year.

Short term capital gains earned by an Underlying Fund will be ordinary income when distributed to the Fund and will not be offset by the Fund's capital losses. Because each Fund is expected to invest in its respective Underlying Funds, each Fund's realized losses on sales of shares of an Underlying Fund may be indefinitely or permanently deferred as "wash sales". Capital loss carryforwards of an Underlying Fund, if any, would not offset net capital gains of the Fund.

If a Fund's distributions exceed current and accumulated earnings and profits, all or a portion of the distributions made in the taxable year may be recharacterized as a return of capital to shareholders. Distributions in excess of a Fund's minimum distribution requirements, but not in excess of a Fund's earnings and profits, will be taxable to shareholders and will not constitute nontaxable returns of capital. A return of capital distribution generally will not be taxable but will reduce the shareholder's cost basis and result in a higher capital gain or lower capital loss when those shares on which the distribution was received are sold. Once a shareholder's cost basis is reduced to zero, further distributions will be treated as capital gain, if the shareholder holds shares of a Fund as capital assets.

Dividends, interest and capital gains earned by an Underlying Fund with respect to securities issued by non-U.S. issuers may give rise to withholding and other taxes imposed by non-U.S. countries. Tax conventions between certain countries and the U.S. may reduce or eliminate such taxes. If more than 50% of the total assets of an Underlying Fund at the close of a year consists of non-U.S. stocks or securities (generally, for this purpose, depository receipts, no matter where traded, of non-U.S. companies are treated as "non-U.S.") (and 50% of the total assets of a Fund at the close of the year consists of foreign securities, or, at the close of each quarter, shares of Underlying Funds), a Fund may "pass through" to you certain non-U.S. income taxes (including withholding taxes) paid by the Fund or an Underlying Fund.

For purposes of foreign tax credits for U.S. shareholders of each Fund, foreign capital gains taxes may not produce associated foreign source income, thereby limiting a U.S. person's ability to use such credits.

If you are neither a resident nor a citizen of the U.S. or if you are a non-U.S. corporation (other than a pass-through entity to the extent owned by U.S. persons), a Fund's ordinary income dividends (which include distributions of net short-term capital gains) will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax, unless a lower treaty rate applies, provided that withholding tax will generally not apply to any gain or income realized by a non-U.S. shareholder in respect of any distributions of long-term capital gains or upon the sale or other disposition of shares of a Fund.

Separately, a 30% withholding tax is currently imposed on U.S.-source dividends, interest and other income items paid to (i) foreign financial institutions, including non-U.S. investment funds, unless they agree to collect and disclose to the IRS information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. account holders and (ii) certain other foreign entities, unless they certify certain information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. owners. To avoid withholding, foreign financial institutions will need to (i) enter into agreements with the IRS that state that they will provide the IRS information, including the names, addresses and taxpayer identification numbers of direct and indirect U.S. account holders, comply with due diligence procedures with respect to the identification of U.S. accounts, report to the IRS certain information with respect to U.S. accounts maintained, agree to withhold tax on certain payments made to non-compliant foreign financial institutions or to account holders who fail to provide the required information, and determine certain other information concerning their account holders, or (ii) in the event that an applicable intergovernmental agreement and implementing legislation are adopted, provide local revenue authorities with similar account holder information. Other foreign entities may need to report the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner or provide certifications of no substantial U.S. ownership unless certain exceptions apply.

If your Fund shares are loaned out pursuant to a securities lending arrangement, you may lose the ability to treat Fund dividends paid while the shares are held by the borrower as qualified dividend income. In addition, you may lose the ability to use foreign tax credits passed through by the Fund if your Fund shares are loaned out pursuant to a securities lending agreement.

If you are a resident or a citizen of the U.S., by law, backup withholding at a 24% rate will apply to your distributions and proceeds if you have not provided a taxpayer identification number or social security number and made other required certifications.

Taxes When Shares Are Sold. Currently, any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Fund shares is generally treated as a long-term gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year. Any capital gain or loss realized upon a sale of Fund shares held for one year or less is generally treated as short-term gain or loss, except that any capital loss on the sale of shares held for six months or less is treated as long-term capital loss to the extent that capital gain dividends were paid with respect to such shares. Any such capital gains, including from sales of Fund shares or from capital gain dividends, are included in "net investment income" for purposes of the 3.8% U.S. federal Medicare contribution tax mentioned above.

Treatment of the FLEX Options. A Fund's investments in offsetting positions with respect to the Underlying ETF may be "straddles" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The straddle rules may affect the character of gains (or losses) realized by a Fund, and losses realized by a Fund on positions that are part of a straddle may be deferred under the straddle rules, rather than being taken into account in calculating taxable income for the taxable year in which the losses are realized. In addition, certain carrying charges (including interest expense) associated with positions in a straddle may be required to be capitalized rather than deducted currently. Certain elections that a Fund may make with respect to its straddle positions may also affect the amount, character and timing of the recognition of gains or losses from the affected positions.

The tax consequences of straddle transactions to a Fund are not entirely clear in all situations under currently available authority. The straddle rules may increase the amount of short-term capital gain realized by a Fund, which is taxed as ordinary income when distributed to U.S. shareholders in a non-liquidating distribution. Because application of the straddle rules may affect the character of gains or losses, defer losses and/or accelerate the recognition of gains or losses from the affected straddle positions, if a Fund makes a non-liquidating

distribution of its short-term capital gain, the amount which U.S. shareholders must treat as ordinary income may be increased or decreased substantially as compared to a Fund that did not engage in such transactions.

The FLEX Options included in the portfolio are exchange-traded options. Under Section 1256 of the Internal Revenue Code, certain types of exchange-traded options are treated as if they were sold (i.e., "marked to market") at the end of each year. The Funds do not believe that the positions held by the Funds will be subject to Section 1256, which means that the positions will not be marked to market, but the positions will be subject to the straddle rules.

The foregoing discussion summarizes some of the consequences under current U.S. federal tax law of an investment in a Fund. It is not a substitute for personal tax advice. You may also be subject to state and local taxation on Fund distributions and sales of shares. Consult your personal tax advisor about the potential tax consequences of an investment in shares of a Fund under all applicable tax laws.

Creations and Redemptions. Prior to trading in the secondary market, shares of the Funds are "created" at NAV by market makers, large investors and institutions only in block size Creation Units or multiples thereof. Each "creator" or authorized participant (an "Authorized Participant") has entered into an agreement with the Funds' Distributor. An Authorized Participant is a member or participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC, which has a written agreement with each Fund or one of its service providers that allows such member or participant to place orders for the purchase and redemption of Creation Units.

A creation transaction, which is subject to acceptance by the Distributor and a Fund, generally takes place when an Authorized Participant deposits into the Fund a designated portfolio of securities, assets or other positions (a "creation basket"), and an amount of cash (including any cash representing the value of substituted securities, assets or other positions), if any, which together approximate the holdings of the Fund in exchange for a specified number of Creation Units. Similarly, shares can be redeemed only in Creation Units, generally for a designated portfolio of securities, assets or other positions (a "redemption basket") held by the Fund and an amount of cash (including any portion of such securities for which cash may be substituted). Each Fund generally offers Creation Units partially for cash, but may, in certain circumstances, offer Creation Units solely for cash or solely in-kind. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares are not redeemable by a Fund. Creation and redemption baskets may differ and a Fund will accept "custom baskets." More information regarding custom baskets is contained in the Funds' SAI.

The prices at which creations and redemptions occur are based on the next calculation of NAV after a creation or redemption order is received in an acceptable form under the authorized participant agreement.

Only an Authorized Participant may create or redeem Creation Units with a Fund. Authorized Participants may create or redeem Creation Units for their own accounts or for customers, including, without limitation, affiliates of a Fund.

In the event of a system failure or other interruption, including disruptions at market makers or Authorized Participants, orders to purchase or redeem Creation Units either may not be executed according to a Fund's instructions or may not be executed at all, or the Fund may not be able to place or change orders.

To the extent a Fund engages in in-kind transactions, the Fund intends to comply with the U.S. federal securities laws in accepting securities for deposit and satisfying redemptions with redemption securities by, among other means, assuring that any securities accepted for deposit and any securities used to satisfy redemption requests will be sold in transactions that would be exempt from registration under the 1933 Act. Further, an Authorized Participant that is not a "qualified institutional buyer," as such term is defined in Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, will not be able to receive restricted securities eligible for resale under Rule 144A.

Creations and redemptions must be made through a firm that is either a member of the Continuous Net Settlement System of the National Securities Clearing Corporation or a DTC participant that has executed an agreement with the Distributor with respect to creations and redemptions of Creation Unit aggregations. Information about the procedures regarding creation and redemption of Creation Units (including the cut-off times for receipt of creation and redemption orders) is included in the Funds' SAI.

Because new shares may be created and issued on an ongoing basis, at any point during the life of a Fund a "distribution," as such term is used in the 1933 Act, may be occurring. Broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some activities on their part may, depending on the circumstances, result in their being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner that could render them statutory underwriters subject to the prospectus delivery and liability provisions of the 1933 Act. Any determination of whether one is an underwriter must take into account all the relevant facts and circumstances of each particular case.

Broker-dealers should also note that dealers who are not "underwriters" but are participating in a distribution (as contrasted to ordinary secondary transactions), and thus dealing with shares that are part of an "unsold allotment" within the meaning of Section 4(a)(3)(C) of the 1933 Act, would be unable to take advantage of the prospectus delivery exemption provided by Section 4(a)(3) of the 1933 Act. For delivery of prospectuses to exchange members, the prospectus delivery mechanism of Rule 153 under the 1933 Act is available only with respect to transactions on a national securities exchange.

Householding. Householding is an option available to certain Fund investors. Householding is a method of delivery, based on the preference of the individual investor, in which a single copy of certain shareholder documents can be delivered to investors who share the same address, even if their accounts are registered under different names. Please contact your broker-dealer if you are interested in enrolling in householding and receiving a single copy of prospectuses and other shareholder documents, or if you are currently enrolled in householding and wish to change your householding status.

Distribution

The Distributor or its agent distributes Creation Units for each Fund on an agency basis. The Distributor does not maintain a secondary market in shares of the Funds. The Distributor has no role in determining the policies of any Fund or the securities that are purchased or sold by any Fund. The Distributor's principal address is 50 Hudson Yards, New York, NY 10001.

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Financial Highlights

Financial highlights for the Funds are not available because, as of the effective date of this Prospectus, the Funds have not commenced operations and therefore have no financial highlights to report.

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