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10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**To:** Shareholders of iShares Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology UCITS ETF (the “**Fund**”) ISIN: IE00BGL86Z12

**Re: Changes to the methodology of the Fund’s benchmark index**

Dear Shareholder,

The board of Directors of iShares IV plc (the “**Company**”) wish to advise you that the index provider of STOXX Global Electric Vehicles & Driving Technology index, the benchmark index of the Fund (the “**Benchmark Index**”) will be making changes to the Benchmark Index (as described below) with effect on or around 24 June 2024 (the “**Effective Date**”).

The Directors believe that these changes are in the best interests of Shareholders in the Fund.

The changes being made will not have a material adverse effect on the manner in which your investment is managed. You are not required to do anything as a result of this notification.

A new version of the Company’s prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or Key Information Document (KID) as applicable will be published on or around the Effective Date, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland and will be available on [www.ishares.com](http://www.ishares.com). Shareholders should please refer to the Company’s prospectus for full details of the change covered in this letter.

### **Changes to the methodology of the Fund’s benchmark index**

The Benchmark Index was launched in 2018 to track companies involved in the electric vehicles and driving technologies space. This market has evolved since the launch of the index, and the index provider, STOXX, is therefore updating certain

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elements of the index methodology to ensure constituents are more directly linked to the index theme.

The index provider is simplifying the constituent selection criteria of the Benchmark Index by updating the list of eligible FactSet Revere Business Industry Classification System (RBICS) sectors to more closely reflect the increased maturity of the electric vehicles market.

Furthermore, the index provider is changing the Parent Index from the STOXX Global Target Market Index to the STOXX World AC All Cap Index. The change aims to broaden coverage and increase access to markets that are not covered by the STOXX Global Target Market Index.

The changes seek to result in an index with more constituents directly aligned with the electric vehicles and driving technology theme.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website accessible via the following link: [https://www.stoxx.com/document/News/2024/April/Results\\_of\\_Market\\_Constitution\\_STOXX%20Global%20Electric%20Vehicles%20and%20Driving%20Technology%20Index.pdf](https://www.stoxx.com/document/News/2024/April/Results_of_Market_Constitution_STOXX%20Global%20Electric%20Vehicles%20and%20Driving%20Technology%20Index.pdf).

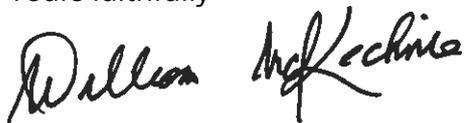
## Costs

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited, as manager of the Company, will pay the costs of the shareholder notification, and any additional operational costs (excluding realignment costs) and legal costs related to the proposed changes that would otherwise have been incurred by the Fund. To mitigate transaction costs in relation to the index methodology changes, the implementation of the changes will coincide with the annual rebalance on 24 June 2024. The transactional costs associated with the index changes are estimated to be up to 4 bps, and they will be borne by the Fund. The Total Expense Ratio of the Fund will not change as a result of the changes described in this letter.

## Further information

You are not required to do anything as a result of this notification. Please contact [info@ishares.com](mailto:info@ishares.com) if you have any queries concerning the change to the Company.

Yours faithfully



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Director  
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## Appendix

**Proposed amendments to the investment objective and policy and benchmark description of the Fund subject to any changes as may be approved by the Central Bank of Ireland are highlighted below in bold, underlined text:**

<b>Current Investment Objective and Benchmark Description</b>	<b>Proposed Investment Objective and Benchmark Description (changes in bold and underlined)</b>
<p><u>Investment Objective</u> The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investors with a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the return of the STOXX Global Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology Index.</p> <p><u>Investment Policy</u> In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as possible and practicable consists of the component securities of the STOXX Global Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology Index, the Fund’s Benchmark Index. The Fund intends to use optimisation techniques in order to achieve a similar return to the Benchmark Index and it is therefore not expected that the Fund will hold</p>	<p><u>Investment Objective</u> The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investors with a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the return of the STOXX Global Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology Index.</p> <p><u>Investment Policy</u> In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as possible and practicable consists of the component securities of the STOXX Global Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology Index, the Fund’s Benchmark Index. The Fund intends to use optimisation techniques in order to achieve a similar return to the</p>

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It is intended that the Fund's direct investments will only be in securities of issuers that comply with the index provider's environmental, social and governance ("ESG") requirements.

The Fund's direct investments will, at the time of purchase, comply with the ESG requirements of the Fund's Benchmark Index. The Fund may continue to hold securities which no longer comply with the ESG requirements of the Fund's Benchmark Index until such time as the relevant securities cease to form part of the Benchmark Index and it is possible and practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the position.

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The STOXX Global Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (the “Parent Index”). The Benchmark Index is comprised of issuers of eligible emerging and developed markets which the index provider has determined derive revenues from electric vehicles and assisted-driving technologies, which includes companies involved in the manufacturing of electric and autonomous vehicles, battery suppliers for electric vehicles, and other suppliers in the electric and autonomous vehicles manufacturers’

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supply chain and excludes issuers from the Parent Index based on the index provider's criteria set out below. The index provider uses data generated from independent research providers to identify issuers most exposed to the Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology thematic trends.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Benchmark Index, companies must (i) have a 3-month median daily traded volume (MDTV) greater than €1 million (EUR); (ii) have a free float market capitalisation greater than €200 million (EUR); (iii) generate (I) at least 50% of their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from one or more of the following sectors: electric vehicle manufacturers, electric vehicle battery suppliers and/or an electric vehicle manufacturers' supply chain; or (II) more than 0% of their annual revenue in respect of Heavy Duty and High-End Batteries manufacturing; as determined by the index provider from time to time (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

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