

# iShares Currency Hedged MSCI ACWI ex U.S. ETF

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### Annual Shareholder Report — July 31, 2024



This annual shareholder report contains important information about iShares Currency Hedged MSCI ACWI ex U.S. ETF (the “Fund”) for the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at [blackrock.com/fundreports](https://blackrock.com/fundreports). You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

#### What were the Fund costs for the last year? (based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
iShares Currency Hedged MSCI ACWI ex U.S. ETF	\$3 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.03% <sup>(a)</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> Excludes fees and expenses incurred indirectly as a result of investments in underlying funds.

#### How did the Fund perform last year?

- Slowing inflationary pressures and hopes of interest rate cuts drove global equities higher for the reporting period even as geopolitical strife and trade tensions increased.
- Market strength was driven by enthusiasm for artificial intelligence, propelling information technology stocks to record highs.
- While the European Central Bank cut its primary lending rate, the Bank of Japan increased interest rates. Japan’s central bank also engaged in buying the Japanese yen in open markets to pause the currency’s decline.
- Market sentiment swung late in the period, shifting away from information technology stocks amid growing uncertainty about economic growth, geopolitics, and the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

#### What contributed to performance?

Japanese equities, which comprise approximately 15% of the Fund on average, contributed the most to the Fund’s return during the reporting period. The country’s stock market accelerated to new highs, helped by ongoing corporate reforms and the Bank of Japan ending its negative interest rate policy. This interest rate increase helped Japanese banks increase lending profits and net interest margins (the difference between interest revenue and interest expenses of a financial firm). Indian stocks contributed, helped by growing market confidence, an infrastructure boom, and positive economic data. In the industrials sector, automotive stocks benefited from record-high car sales.

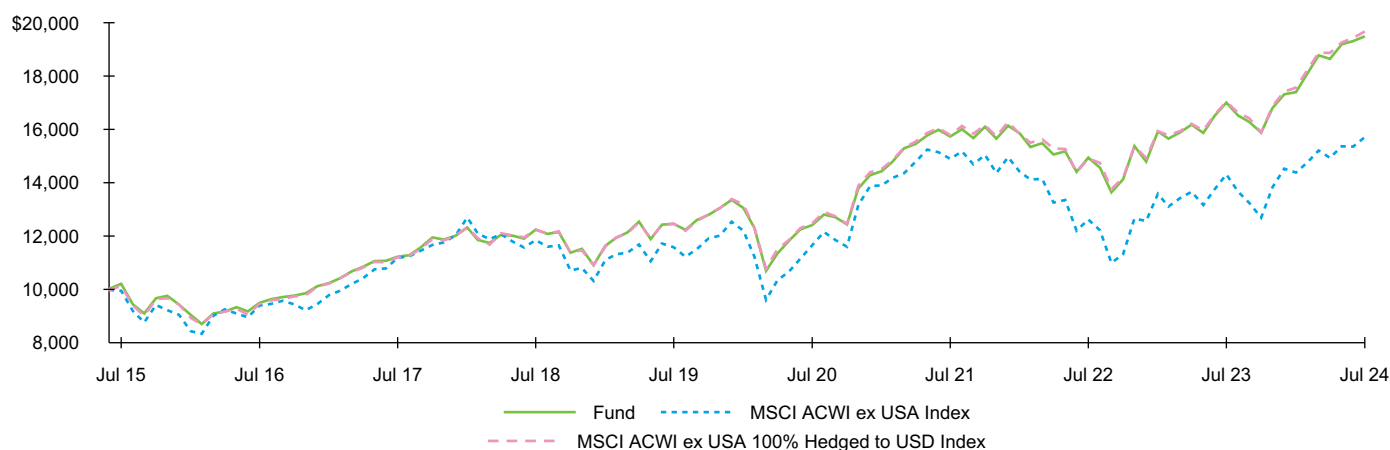
#### What detracted from performance?

Detractors from the Fund’s return during the reporting period were driven by Chinese stocks, which represent approximately 8% of the Fund on average. In particular, a push by several U.S. lawmakers to ban lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles worked against these firms. In Hong Kong, casino stocks declined amid tightened regulations and deteriorating U.S.-China relations.

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#### Fund performance

Cumulative performance: June 29, 2015 through July 31, 2024  
Initial investment of \$10,000



See “Average annual total returns” for additional information on fund performance.

## Average annual total returns

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Fund Inception
Fund NAV .....	14.62%	9.37%	7.62%
Fund Market .....	14.45	9.36	7.61
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index .....	9.75	6.29	5.10
MSCI ACWI ex USA 100% Hedged to USD Index .....	15.45	9.55	7.73

The Fund has added the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index in response to new regulatory requirements.

The inception date of the Fund was June 29, 2015. The first day of secondary market trading was July 1, 2015.

**Past performance is not an indication of future results.** Performance results do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption or sale of fund shares. Visit [iShares.com](https://www.ishares.com) for more recent performance information.

## What did the Fund invest in?

(as of July 31, 2024)

### Portfolio composition

Investment Type	Percent of Net Assets
Investment Companies .....	100.1%
Short-term Investments .....	44.8
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts, net cumulative depreciation .....	(1.2)
Other assets less liabilities .....	(43.7)

### Sector allocation (of the underlying fund)<sup>(a)</sup>

Sector	Percent of Total Investments <sup>(b)</sup>
Financials .....	22.1%
Industrials .....	13.8
Information Technology .....	13.5
Consumer Discretionary .....	10.9
Health Care .....	9.7
Consumer Staples .....	7.4
Materials .....	7.0
Energy .....	5.4
Communication Services .....	5.2
Utilities .....	3.2
Real Estate .....	1.8

<sup>(a)</sup> The underlying fund is iShares MSCI ACWI ex U.S. ETF.

<sup>(b)</sup> Excludes money market funds.

## Additional Information

If you wish to view additional information about the Fund, including but not limited to financial statements, the Fund's prospectus, and proxy voting policies and procedures, please visit [blackrock.com/fundreports](https://www.blackrock.com/fundreports). For proxy voting records, visit [blackrock.com/proxyrecords](https://www.blackrock.com/proxyrecords).

## Householding

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