PRODUCT: iShares ESG Screened Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK) (the "Fund")
MANAGER: BlackRock Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager")
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This Fund does not have a UK sustainable investment label. Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. The Fund does not use a sustainability label because whilst the Fund tracks an index which applies environmental, social or governance ("ESG") criteria (as described below), the Fund does not have a specific sustainability goal. This is because the Fund follows a passive strategy and the index which the Fund tracks may not meet the criteria of any sustainability label.

The Fund name currently disclosed in this document is effective from 17 December 2024. Prior to this date, the Fund name was "iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index Fund (UK)".

Sustainability Approach

The Fund tracks the performance of the ICE ESG Global Corporate Ex GBP Index (the "**Benchmark Index**"). The Benchmark Index aims to reflect the performance of a sub-set of fixed-income securities within the ICE Global Corporate Excluding British Pound Index (the "**Parent Index**") which remain after the index provider has excluded securities using pre-defined ESG screens, as described below. These ESG criteria may not apply to investments held by the Fund for efficient portfolio management and liquidity purposes which are not included in the Benchmark Index (including derivatives, money market instruments, deposits and units in collective investment schemes). However, exposure to such assets will not exceed 20% of the Fund's total assets.

The Benchmark Index excludes issuers based on their involvement in certain activities deemed by the index provider to have negative environmental or social outcomes. Issuers are excluded from the Benchmark Index based on their involvement in the following business lines/activities (or related activities): (i) thermal coal; (ii) oil sands; (iii) oil and gas; (iv) tobacco; (v) cluster weapons; (vi) depleted uranium; (vii) biological and chemical weapons; (viii) white phosphorus; (ix) small arms; and (x) nuclear weapons.

The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers which are classified as violating the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles.

The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers with a 'severe' Sustainalytics controversy rating. A controversy rating measures an issuer's involvement (or alleged involvement) in serious controversies based on an assessment of an issuer's operations and/or products which are deemed to have a negative ESG impact.

The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers which have a 'high' ESG risk rating. The ESG risk rating evaluates the degree of a company's unmanaged material ESG risk by assessing a company's exposure to, and management of, the ESG issues that are considered most material for that company from a financial perspective.

Where data is unavailable in respect of an issuer's ESG risk rating, that issuer will also be excluded from the Benchmark Index. Where data is unavailable in respect of an issuer's controversy rating or its involvement in the restricted activities described above, that issuer is still eligible for inclusion in the Benchmark Index.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including their constituents and the ESG methodology for the Benchmark Index (including any specific revenue thresholds)) are available on the index provider's website at: <u>https://indices.theice.com/</u>.

Sustainability Metrics

The ESG criteria described above were met through the Fund closely tracking the Benchmark Index. The following table provides information about the performance of these ESG criteria during the reference period which is from 1 March 2024 to 31 August 2024. The figures presented are based on the data as at the end of each quarter during this reference period, which are averaged to produce the single figure shown in the table below.

Sustainability Metric	Description	Fund	Parent Index
Exclusion of issuers involved in certain restricted activities (as described above)	% market value exposure to issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental or social outcomes	0.00%	7.90%
Exclusion of issuers classified as violating UNGC Principles	% market value exposure to companies classified as violating UNGC Principles	0.00%	0.40%
Exclusion of issuers with a 'severe' Sustainalytics controversy rating	% market value exposure to issuers with a 'severe' Sustainalytics controversy rating	0.00%	0.20%
Exclusion of issuers with a 'high' ESG risk rating	% market value exposure to issuers with a 'high' ESG risk rating	0.00%	14.20%

Additional Information

Pre-contractual disclosure: Please see the Fund's prospectus, which is available by searching the name of the Fund on the following website: www.blackrock.com/uk/education/library.

Product-level sustainability report: Not currently available.

Sustainability entity report: Not currently available.

Other non-sustainability related information: Please see the Fund's key investor information document, which is available by searching the name of the Fund on the following website: <u>https://www.blackrock.com/uk/solutions/library/gls-library-uk?materialType=kiid</u>.