

#### KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# iShares MSCI World Small Cap ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF

A sub-fund of iShares III plc

USD (Acc) Share Class

ISIN: IE000T9EOCL3 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)
Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

# Objectives and Investment Policy

- ▶ The Share Class is a share class of a Fund which aims to achieve a return on your investment, through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's assets, which reflects the return of the MSCI World Small Cap ESG Enhanced Focus CTB Index, the Fund's benchmark index ("Index").
- ▶ The Share Class, via the Fund, is passively managed, and aims to invest so far as possible and practicable in equity securities (e.g. shares) that make up the Index.
- ▶ The Index measures the performance of a sub-set of small capitalisation stocks across developed markets globally within the MSCI World Small Cap Index ("Parent Index") which excludes issuers from the Parent Index based on the index provider's environmental, social and governance (ESG) exclusionary criteria. Market capitalisation is the share price of a company multiplied by the number of shares issued. The remaining constituents are then weighted by the index provider using an optimisation process which aims to exceed decarbonisation and other minimum standards for an EU Climate Transition Benchmark (as further described in the Fund's prospectus) and to maximise exposure to issuers with higher ESG ratings, whilst targeting a similar risk profile and capping the tracking error of the Index, each in relation to the Parent Index.
- ► Companies may be excluded from the Parent Index if they are involved with controversial, conventional and nuclear weapons, civilian firearms, thermal coal, tobacco or unconventional oil and gas. Companies that are classified as violating the United Nations Global Compact principles, have a 'Red' MSCI ESG Controversies score, or have not been assessed by the index provider for an ESG controversies score or an ESG rating, are also excluded from the Index.
- ▶ The Fund may obtain limited exposure to securities not considered to satisfy these ESG criteria.
- ► The Fund adopts a binding and significant ESG optimisation approach to sustainable investing. This means that the Fund will integrate ESG information into its investment process to optimise exposure to issuers to achieve a higher ESG rating and reduce exposure to carbon emissions compared to the Parent Index while meeting optimisation constraints.
- ▶ The Fund uses optimising techniques to achieve a similar return to its Index. These techniques may include the strategic selection of certain securities that make up the Index or other securities which provide similar performance to certain constituent securities. These may also include the use of financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets). FDIs may be used for direct investment purposes. The Fund may engage in short-tern securities lending.
- ▶ Recommendation: This Fund is suitable for medium to long term investment, though the Fund may also be suitable for shorter term exposure to the Index.
- ▶ Your shares will be accumulating shares (i.e. income will be included in their value).
- ▶ Your shares will be denominated in US Dollar, the Fund's base currency.
- ► The shares are listed on one or more stock exchanges and may be traded in currencies other than their base currency. The performance of your shares may be affected by this currency difference. In normal circumstances, only authorised participants (e.g. select financial institutions) may deal in shares (or interests in shares) directly with the Fund. Other investors can deal in shares (or interests in shares) daily through an intermediary on stock exchange (s) on which the shares are traded. Indicative net asset value is published on relevant stock exchanges websites.

For more information on the Fund, Share Class, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at www.blackrock.com

# Risk and Reward Profile



- ► The risk indicator was calculated incorporating simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Share Class.
- ▶ The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- ► The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- The Share Class is rated six due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Share Class or expose the Share Class to losses.
  - Shares in smaller companies typically trade in less volume and experience greater price variations than larger companies.

- The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
- The benchmark index only excludes companies engaging in certain activities inconsistent with ESG criteria if such activities exceed the thresholds determined by the index provider. Such ESG screening may reduce the potential investment universe and this may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.
- ▶ Particular risks not adequately captured by the risk indicator include:
  - Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Share Class to financial loss.
  - Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

# Charges

The charges are used to pay the costs of running the Share Class, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

\*Not applicable to secondary market investors. Investors dealing on a stock exchange will pay fees charged by their stock brokers. Such charges are publicly available on exchanges on which the shares are listed and traded, or can be obtained from stock brokers.

\*Authorised participants dealing directly with the Fund will pay related transaction costs including, on redemptions, any applicable capital gains tax (CGT) and other taxes on underlying securities.

The ongoing charges figure is based on the fixed annualised fee charged to the Share Class in accordance with the Fund's prospectus. This figure excludes portfolio trade related costs, except costs paid to the depositary and any entry/exit charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

\*\* To the extent the Fund undertakes securities lending to reduce costs, the Fund will receive 62.5% of the associated revenue generated and the remaining 37.5% will be received by BlackRock as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Fund, this has been excluded from the ongoing charges.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge	None*
Exit Charge	None*

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before proceeds of your investments are paid out.

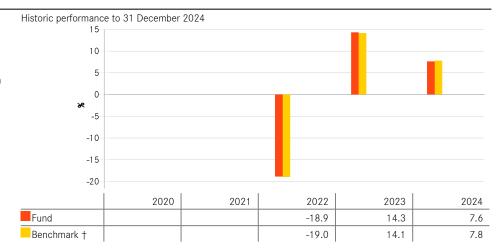
Charges taken from the Share Class over each year		
Ongoing Charges	0.35%**	
Charges taken from the Share Class under certain conditions		
Performance Fee	None	

### Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The chart shows the Share Class's annual performance in USD for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Share Class's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 2021. The Share Class was launched in 2021. Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

† Benchmark:MSCI World Small Cap ESG Enhanced Focus Index (USD) (USD)



# **Practical Information**

- ▶ The depositary of the Fund is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.
- ► Further information about the Fund and the Share Class can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of iShares III plc. These documents are available free of charge in English and certain other languages. These can be found, along with other information, such as details of the key underlying investments of the Share Class and share prices, on the iShares website at www.ishares.com or by calling +44 (0)845 357 7000 or from your broker or financial adviser.
- ▶ Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund and Share Class may have an impact on the personal tax position of your investment.
- ▶ The Fund is a sub-fund of iShares III plc, an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. The Fund has one or more share classes. This document is specific to the Fund and Share Class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the umbrella.
- ▶ iShares III plc may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Fund's prospectus.
- ▶ The indicative intra-day net asset value of the Share Class is published on relevant stock exchanges websites.
- ▶ Under Irish law, iShares III plc has segregated liability between its sub-funds (i.e. the Fund's assets will not be used to discharge the liabilities of other sub-funds within iShares III plc). In addition, the Fund's assets are held separately from the assets of other sub-funds. Assets and liabilities specific to a share class would be attributable to only that share class, however there is no segregation of liabilities between share classes under Irish law.
- ▶ Switching of shares between the Fund and other sub-funds within iShares III plc is not available to investors. Only Authorised Participants dealing directly with the Fund may switch shares between share classes of the Fund subject to meeting certain conditions in the Fund's prospectus.
- ▶ The Remuneration Policy of the Management Company, which describes how remuneration and benefits are determined and awarded, and the associated governance arrangements, is available at www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy or on request from the registered office of the Management Company.

