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15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**To:** Shareholders of iShares Global High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF (the "**Fund**")  
ISIN: IE00B74DQ490, IE000KB8X7I9, IE00091SR7N7,  
IE00BJSFQX44, IE00BYWZO440, IE00BJSFR200, IE00BKBF4J08

Dear Shareholder,

The Directors of iShares plc (the "**Company**") wish to inform you of certain changes that will be made by the index provider, S&P Dow Jones Indices Limited ("**S&P**"), to the Markit iBoxx Global Developed Markets Liquid High Yield Capped Index, (the "**Index**"), the benchmark index of the Fund. As a result of the changes to the Index, the Fund's offering documents, including the Company's prospectus and KIID/KID, will be amended as described below.

The changes to the Index are anticipated to take effect on or around 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 (the "**Effective Date**"). The Fund is expected to reflect these changes from on or around 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

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The changes will not affect the manner in which the Fund is managed, nor will it affect the Fund's operations, performance or costs. You are not required to do anything as a result of this notification.

### **Changes to the Fund's Index Methodology**

S&P is amending the methodology of the Index to remove the 10% cap on the exposure to bonds issued under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933 (of the United States) (“**Rule 144A**”) that are reportable on the Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (“**TRACE**”), a reporting system operated by the US Financial Industry Regulatory Authority that collects and disseminates real-time trade data for eligible fixed-income securities (“**TRACE-Eligible 144As**”). Rule 144A provides an exemption from certain SEC registration requirements for certain qualifying securities provided they are sold only among qualified institutional buyers (as defined under applicable US laws). Rule 144A is designed to allow such securities to be traded more freely among large institutional investors.

Following the removal of the cap, the investible universe of the Index will expand over a phased period to include a greater proportion of TRACE-Eligible 144As.

The Company believes that S&P’s amendment to the Index methodology leads to a more representative high yield bond exposure, bringing the Index and the Fund more in line with current market expectations.

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Further details regarding the Index (including its constituents) and its current methodology are available on the index provider's website at: <https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/search/?query=&AssetFamily=all-fixed-income>. The changes to the Index outlined in this letter are expected to be implemented on or around the Effective Date.

### **Changes to the Fund's offering documents**

In line with the update to the Index methodology as described above, the Company's prospectus will be updated to reflect enhancements to the Index. The changes to be made to the prospectus are set out in the Appendix to this letter.

It is anticipated that the Company's prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (the "**KIID**") or Key Information Document (the "**KID**") (as applicable) to the Fund will be updated on or around the Effective Date to reflect the changes described in this letter, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland.

The updated prospectus and KIID/KID (as applicable) will be available on [www.ishares.com](http://www.ishares.com). It is not expected that there will be any change to the Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator or anticipated tracking error of the Fund as a result of the changes to the Index.

### **Costs**

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited, as manager of the Company, will pay the costs of the shareholder notification, and any

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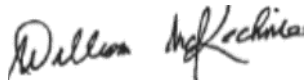
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additional operational costs (excluding realignment costs) and legal costs related to the proposed changes that would otherwise have been incurred by the Fund. The transaction costs of realignment will form part of the Index rebalances across the phased period. They are estimated to be an additional 1bp per rebalancing period and will be borne by the Fund.

### **Further information**

Please contact [info@iShares.com](mailto:info@iShares.com) if you have any queries concerning the changes outlined in this letter.

Yours faithfully



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Director  
For and on behalf of  
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## APPENDIX

Current prospectus disclosure	New prospectus disclosure
<p><u><b>Benchmark Index</b></u></p> <p>The Markit iBoxx Global Developed Markets Liquid High Yield Capped Index measures the performance of fixed rate, high yield corporate bonds across global developed markets. The Benchmark Index is market-value weighted with a 3% issuer cap and a 10% cap for both 144A bonds without registration rights or with a registration period greater than one year and issues of securities pursuant to Regulation S of the 1933 Act that are not listed on a Regulated Market. The maximum original time to maturity for bonds within the Benchmark Index is 15 years, and the minimum time to maturity is 1.5 years for new bonds to be included. All bonds must have a minimum maturity of 1 year to remain in the Benchmark Index and be rated by at least one of three rating services: Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Service, or Standard &amp; Poor's Rating Services. The Benchmark Index currently includes sub-investment grade corporate bonds denominated in US Dollar, Euro, Sterling and Canadian dollar. The Benchmark Index is market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a monthly basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at <a href="http://www.markit.com/Documentation/Product/IBoxx">http://www.markit.com/Documentation/Product/IBoxx</a>.</p>	<p><u><b>Benchmark Index</b></u></p> <p>The Markit iBoxx Global Developed Markets Liquid High Yield Capped Index measures the performance of fixed rate, high yield corporate bonds across global developed markets. The Benchmark Index is market-value weighted with a 3% issuer cap and a 10% cap <u><b>on (i) bonds issued pursuant to Rule 144A of the 1933 Act that are not reportable on TRACE and that do not have SEC registration rights or that have a SEC registration period greater than one year and (ii) bonds issued pursuant to Regulation S of the 1933 Act that are not listed on a Regulated Market.</b></u> The maximum original time to maturity for bonds within the Benchmark Index is 15 years, and the minimum time to maturity is 1.5 years for new bonds to be included. All bonds must have a minimum maturity of 1 year to remain in the Benchmark Index and be rated by at least one of three rating services: Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investors Service, or Standard &amp; Poor's Rating Services. The Benchmark Index currently includes sub-investment grade corporate bonds denominated in US Dollar, Euro, Sterling and Canadian dollar. The Benchmark Index is market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a monthly basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at <a href="http://www.markit.com/Documentation/Product/IBoxx">http://www.markit.com/Documentation/Product/IBoxx</a>.</p>

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