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Dear Shareholder

The Directors of iShares IV plc (the "Company") wish to advise you of certain changes that will be made by the index provider, STOXX Limited ("STOXX"), to the benchmark indices of iShares Ageing Population UCITS ETF ("AGED"), iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF ("RBOT"), iShares Digital Security UCITS ETF ("LOCK"), iShares Digitalisation UCITS ETF ("DGTL"), iShares Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology UCITS ETF ("ECAR"), iShares Healthcare Innovation UCITS ETF ("HEAL") and iShares Smart City Infrastructure UCITS ETF ("CITY"), each a fund of the Company (each a "Fund", together the "Funds"). It is anticipated that the changes will take effect on or about 22 June 2020 (the "Effective Date").

You are being contacted because you are invested in one of the Funds. You are not required to take any action as a result of receiving this communication.

Background

STOXX will be amending the methodologies (the "Index Methodologies") used to construct the following benchmark indices of the Funds:

STOXX Global Ageing Population Index (the "AGED Index");

STOXX Global Automation & Robotics Index (the "RBOT Index");

STOXX Global Digital Security Index (the "LOCK Index");

STOXX Global Digitalisation Index; (the "DGTL Index")

STOXX Global Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology Index (the "ECAR Index");

STOXX Global Breakthrough Healthcare Index (the "HEAL Index"); and

STOXX Global Smart City Infrastructure Index (the "CITY Index").

(together, the "Indices")

Summary of changes

The amendment to the Index Methodologies will take effect on or about the Effective Date. STOXX has determined that the following changes will be applied to the Index Methodologies:

1. Alternative weighting approach

An equal-weight weighting scheme is currently applied to the Indicies, which has the effect of increasing tracking error of the Funds due to the fact that smaller, and therefore typically less liquid, companies are assigned a higher weight in the Indices, relative to their market capitalisation.

To rectify this issue and increase liquidity within the Indices, the Indices will adopt an adjusted equal-weight weighting scheme, whereby, companies will be weighted according to their adjusted equal-weight. This will ensure that the weight of smaller companies within the Indices is therefore limited to five times what their weight would have been were it calculated in accordance with their respective free-float market capitalisation. Market capitalisation is the share price of a company multiplied by the number of shares available to international investors.

Further information in respect of this change can be found at the following links:

https://www.stoxx.com/document/Resources/MarketConsultation/Market%20Consultation%20Thematic%20Indices.pdf

https://www.stoxx.com/document/Resources/MarketConsultation/Client Information Result STOXX Market Consultation Thematic Indices 20200428.pdf

2. Incorporation of business involvement screens/exclusions

Indices that do not currently take environmental, social and governance ('ESG') considerations into account, will now seek to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary and ratings-based criteria. Going forward, the AGED Index, HEAL Index, RBOT Index, DGTL Index, LOCK Index and ECAR Index (as well as the CITY Index which already has these screens/exclusions within its methodology) will seek to exclude issuers which are identified by STOXX (using data and analysis generated by one or more independent research providers) to be involved in the following business lines/activities (or related activities): Controversial Weapons, Weapons (Small Arms and Military Contracting), Unconventional Oil & Gas (Arctic Oil and Gas Exploration, Oil Sands and Shale Energy), Conventional Oil & Gas, Thermal Coal, Nuclear Power and Tobacco. Such Indices will also seek to exclude issuers based on ESG principles,

which measure each issuer's involvement in major ESG controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles.

For the avoidance of doubt, no such change is required to CITY, as this Fund already takes such ESG considerations into account.

Next Steps

The Company's prospectus will be updated to reflect, where applicable the new names of the Indices, to amend the investment policies of the Funds to reflect the incorporation of ESG requirements and to amend the "Benchmark Index" description of the Funds to bring it in line with the proposed changes to the Index Methodologies. In addition, in respect of CITY, the "Benchmark Index" description will be amended for consistency and clarification purposes.

It is anticipated that the Company's prospectus will be updated as set out in the Schedule on the Effective Date, or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland and may be subject to further amendment. The final version of the Company's prospectus will be available on the www.blackrock.com on or around the Effective date.

The anticipated tracking error has changed as a result of the changes of the Index Methodology, as set out below and in Sub-funds' prospectus, however the change will not affect the current SRRI.

Fund	Current Anticipated Tracking Error (bps)	New Anticipated Tracking Error (bps)	Current SRRI	New SRRI
iShares Ageing Population UCITS ETF	45	30	5	5
iShares Digitalisation UCITS ETF	50	30	5	5
iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF	40	40	6	6
iShares Healthcare Innovation UCITS ETF	60	30	6	6
iShares Digital Security UCITS ETF	45	40	5	5
iShares Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology UCITS ETF	85	40	6	6
Smart City Infrastructure	50	40	5	5

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 and portfolio restructuring costs) and legal costs related to the proposed changes that would otherwise have been incurred by the Funds. The Total Expense Ratio will not change as a result of the proposed change to the Indices.

Please contact info@iShares.com if you have any queries concerning the changes outlined in this letter.

Yours faithfully

Director

for and on behalf of iShares IV plc

SCHEDULE

iShares Ageing Population UCITS ETF

Current prospectus disclosure	New prospectus disclosure	
<u>Investment Objective</u>	<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 iSTOXX® FactSet Ageing Population Index.	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 Ageing Population Index.	
Investment Policy	Investment Policy	
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 iSTOXX® FactSet Ageing Population Index, this 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold	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 Ageing Population Index, this 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold	
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The Base Currency of iShares Ageing Population UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

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

Benchmark Index

The iSTOXX® FactSet Ageing Population Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (TMI) ("Parent Index") which derive significant revenues from the growing needs of the world's ageing population (defined as people aged 60 years or above) in accordance with the STOXX Factset Revere Hierarchy methodology, with each security being equally weighted within the Benchmark Index.

Companies included in the Benchmark Index must generate at least 50% of their annual revenues from one or multiple predefined sectors relevant to the ageing population theme. The sectors are at a hierarchical depth of 6, which means that the index methodology looks down through six layers of sub-sectors in order to provide a focused exposure to the specific theme.

As at 30 June 2016, there are 54 different sectors which currently include categories such as: biopharmaceuticals, life and health insurance, biotechnology, hospital facilities and travel. If a company's aggregate revenue received from the pre-defined sectors drops below 45% it will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the next rebalance. The

The Fund's 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.

The Base Currency of iShares Ageing Population UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Ageing Population 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 developed and emerging market countries globally from the Parent Index which the index provider has determined derive significant revenues from the growing needs of the world's ageing population (defined as people aged 60 years or above) and excludes issuers from the Parent Index based on the index provider's criteria set out below. The index provider uses data generated from

threshold for incumbent constituents is lower to ensure unnecessary turnover is not induced.

independent research providers to identify issuers most exposed to the ageing population thematic trends.

To be eligible for inclusion in the Benchmark

The Benchmark Index includes the small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted equally, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

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 at least 50% of their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from sectors associated with the ageing population theme (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed annually from the Benchmark Index at the time of the quarterly rebalance in June.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria. The Benchmark Index seeks to exclude issuers from the Parent Index based on their involvement in the following business lines/activities (or related activities):

The Benchmark Index rebalances on an annual basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

controversial weapons, weapons (such as small arms and military contracting), tobacco, nuclear power, thermal coal, conventional oil and gas, unconventional oil and gas. The index provider defines constitutes what "involvement" in each restricted activity. This may be based on percentage of revenue, a defined total revenue threshold, or another connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received. The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on ESG principles which measure each involvement in issuer's severe ESG

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controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles.

Further details are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

The Benchmark Index includes small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted according to adjusted equal weights, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

The Benchmark Index is adjusted equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis in June. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the annual rebalance. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter.

Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the screening process

above results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, until the number constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80. The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF

Current prospectus disclosure	New prospectus disclosure	
<u>Investment Objective</u>	<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 iSTOXX® FactSet Automation & Robotics Index.	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 Automation & Robotics Index.	

Investment Policy

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 iSTOXX® FactSet Automation & Robotics Index, this 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

The Base Currency of iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

The iSTOXX® FactSet Automation & Robotics Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (TMI) ("Parent Index") which derive significant revenues from automation & robotics in accordance with the STOXX Factset Revere Hierarchy methodology, with each security being equally

Investment Policy

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 Automation & Robotics Index, this 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

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

The Fund's 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

weighted within the Benchmark Index. The automation & robotics theme provides exposure to companies globally that are developing technology in the fields of automation and robotics. The adoption of these types of technologies by businesses and consumers presents a potential for long-term growth for companies that have a substantial focus on them.

practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the position.

The Base Currency of iShares Automation & Robotics UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Companies included in the Benchmark Index specific theme.

must generate at least 50% of their annual revenues from one or multiple predefined sectors relevant to the automation & robotics theme. The sectors are at a hierarchical depth of 6, which means that the index methodology looks down through six layers of sub-sectors in order to provide a focused exposure to the

As at 30 June 2016, there are 35 different sectors which currently include categories such as: artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, manufacturing robotics and wearable technology. If a company's aggregate revenue received from the predefined sectors drops below 45% it will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the next rebalance. The threshold for incumbent constituents is lower to ensure unnecessary turnover is not induced.

The Benchmark Index includes the small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted equally, effectively removing the influence of the size of each

Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Automation & Robotics Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities of eligible developed and emerging markets companies globally within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (the "Parent Index"). The Benchmark Index is comprised of issuers from the Parent Index which the index provider has determined derive significant revenues from automation and robotics providing exposure to companies globally that are developing technology in the fields of automation and robotics 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 automation and robotics 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 at least 50% of their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from sectors associated with the automation and robotics theme (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv)

constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed annually from the Benchmark Index at the time of the quarterly rebalance in June.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria. The Benchmark Index seeks to exclude issuers from the Parent Index based on their involvement in the following business lines/activities (or related activities):

The Benchmark Index rebalances on an annual basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

controversial weapons, weapons (such as small arms and military contracting), tobacco, nuclear power, thermal coal, conventional oil and gas, unconventional oil and gas. The index provider defines what constitutes "involvement" in each restricted activity. This may be based on percentage of revenue, defined total revenue threshold, or another connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received. The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on ESG principles which measure each issuer's involvement ESG in severe controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles. Further details are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

The Benchmark Index includes small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted according to adjusted equal weights, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each

index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

The Benchmark Index is adjusted equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis in June. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the annual rebalance. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter.

Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the screening process above results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, until the number of constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

iShares Digital Security UCITS ETF

Current prospectus disclosure	New prospectus disclosure	
<u>Investment Objective</u>	<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 Digital Security Index.	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 Digital Security Index.	
<u>Investment Policy</u>	<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 Digital Security 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 each and every underlying constituent of the	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 Digital Security 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 each and every underlying constituent of the	

Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

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The Base Currency of iShares Digital Security UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

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

Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Digital Security Index measures the performance of a subset of equity securities within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (the "Parent Index"). The Benchmark Index comprises of companies which are engaged in the provision of cyber security focused solutions for transmission, safeguarding and/or handling of sensitive data and/or access to data centers. 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; (ii) have a free float market capitalisation greater than €200 million; (iii) generate at least 50% of their revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from one or more activities relating to digital security, as determined by the index provider from time to time (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible country, also determined by the index provider.

The Fund's 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.

The Base Currency of iShares Digital Security UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Digital Security Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities of eligible developed and emerging

The Benchmark Index rebalances on an annual basis. Any companies removed from the Parent Index will also be removed from the Benchmark Index at each rebalance. Any removed companies are not replaced. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing exercise. If the application of the Revenue Filter results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered in steps of 5%, to a minimum of 30%, until the number of constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80 (i.e. all stocks which pass the lowered threshold will be added to the Benchmark Index). No further capping applies between rebalancing reviews. The constituents of the Benchmark Index are weighted equally.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

market countries globally within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (the "Parent Index"). The Benchmark Index is comprised of issuers from the Parent Index which the index provider has determined derive significant revenues from the provision of cyber security focused solutions for the transmission, safeguarding and/or handling of sensitive data and/or access to data centers 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 digital security 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 at least 50% of their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from sectors associated with the digital security theme (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria. The Benchmark Index seeks to exclude issuers from the Parent Index based on their involvement in the following business lines/activities (or related activities): controversial weapons, weapons (small arms and military contracting), tobacco, nuclear power, thermal coal,

conventional oil and gas, unconventional oil and gas. The index provider defines what constitutes "involvement" in each restricted activity. This may be based on percentage of revenue, defined total revenue threshold, or another connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received.

The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on ESG principles which measure each issuer's involvement in severe ESG controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles.

Further details are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

The Benchmark Index includes small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted according to adjusted equal weights, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

The Benchmark Index is adjusted equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis in June. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the annual rebalance. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark

Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter.

Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the screening process above results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, until the number of constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

iShares Digitalisation UCITS ETF

Current prospectus disclosure New prospectus disclosure **Investment Objective Investment Objective** The investment objective of the Fund is to seek The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investors with a total return, taking to provide investors with a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the return of the iSTOXX® which reflects the return of the STOXX Global FactSet Digitalisation Index. Digitalisation Index. **Investment Policy Investment Policy** In order to achieve this investment objective, In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as possible and practicable consists of the possible and practicable consists of the component securities of the iSTOXX® FactSet component securities of the STOXX Global Digitalisation Index, this Fund's Benchmark Digitalisation Index, this 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 each and everv underlying constituent of Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

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The Base Currency of iShares Digitalisation UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

The iSTOXX® FactSet Digitalisation Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (TMI) ("Parent Index") which derive significant revenues from digitalisation in accordance with the STOXX Factset Revere Hierarchy methodology, with each security being equally weighted within the Benchmark Index. The digitalisation theme provides exposure to companies globally that offer digitally focused services which range from Fintech and contactless payments to online shopping and cyber security. The move to the 'digital world' and the increased adoption of digital technologies by users presents potential for long-term growth for companies that have a substantial focus on the digitalisation theme.

Companies included in the Benchmark Index must generate at least 50% of their annual revenues from one or multiple predefined sectors relevant to the digitalisation theme. The sectors are at a hierarchical depth of 6, which means that the index methodology looks down through six layers of sub-sectors in order to provide a focused exposure to the specific theme.

As at 30 June 2016, there are 47 different

all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

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

The Fund's 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.

The Base Currency of iShares Digitalisation UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Digitalisation Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities of eligible developed and emerging market countries within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (the "Parent Index"). The Benchmark Index is comprised of issuers from the Parent Index which the index provider has determined derive significant revenues from digitalisation providing exposure to companies globally that offer digitally focused services which range from Fintech and contactless payments to online shopping and

sectors which currently include categories such as: cybersecurity, retail and mobile convergence (i.e. distribution portals), cloud computing, and financial technology (e.g. robo advisors). If a company's aggregate revenue received from the pre-defined sectors drops below 45% it will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the next rebalance. The threshold for incumbent constituents is lower to ensure unnecessary turnover is not induced.

cyber security and excludes issuers from the Parent Index based on the index provider's criteria set out below. The move to the 'digital world' and the increased adoption of digital technologies by users presents potential for long-term growth for companies that have a substantial focus on the digitalisation theme. The index provider uses data generated from independent research providers to identify issuers most exposed to the digitalisation thematic trends.

The Benchmark Index includes the small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted equally, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

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 at least 50% of their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from sectors associated with the digitalisation theme (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed annually from the Benchmark Index at the time of the quarterly rebalance in June.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria. The Benchmark Index seeks to exclude issuers from the Parent Index based on their involvement in following business lines/activities (or related activities): controversial weapons, weapons (such as small arms and military contracting), tobacco, nuclear power, thermal coal, conventional oil and gas, unconventional oil and gas. The index provider defines what constitutes "involvement" in each restricted activity. This may be based on percentage of revenue,

The Benchmark Index rebalances on an annual basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the

index provider's website at defined total revenue threshold, or another connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received. The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on ESG principles which measure each

of the amount of revenue received. The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on ESG principles which measure each issuer's involvement in severe ESG controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles.

Further details are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

The Benchmark Index includes small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted according to adjusted equal weights, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

The Benchmark Index is adjusted equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis in June. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the annual rebalance. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer

eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter. Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the screening process above results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, until the number constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80. The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

iShares Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology UCITS ETF

Current prospectus disclosure New prospectus disclosure

Investment Objective

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.

Investment Policy

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 each and underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some which securities are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

The Base Currency of iShares Electric Vehicles

Investment Objective

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.

Investment Policy

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 each and every underlying constituent of Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

and Driving Technology UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

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

Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology Index measures the performance of a subset of equity securities within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (TMI) ("Parent Index"). The Benchmark Index is comprised of companies the index provider has determined are exposed to 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' supply chain. 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 at least 50% of their revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from one or more of the sectors: electronic vehicle following manufacturers, electronic vehicle battery suppliers and/or an electronic vehicle manufacturers' supply chain, as determined by the index provider from time to time (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible country, also determined by the index provider.

The Benchmark Index includes the small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents of the Benchmark Index are The Fund's 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.

The Base Currency of iShares Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

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' supply chain and excludes issuers from the Parent

weighted equally, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and midcapitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

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.

The Benchmark Index rebalances on an annual basis. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed annually from the Benchmark Index at the time of the rebalance in June. Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the Revenue Filter results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, until the number of constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80.

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 and/or an electric suppliers 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.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria. The Benchmark Index seeks to exclude issuers from the Parent Index based on their involvement in the following business lines/activities (or related activities): controversial weapons, weapons (such as small arms and military contracting), tobacco, nuclear power, thermal coal, conventional oil and gas, unconventional oil and gas. The index provider defines what constitutes "involvement" in each restricted

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at

https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

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Further details are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

The Benchmark Index includes small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted according to adjusted equal weights, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

The Benchmark Index is adjusted equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis in June. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the annual rebalance. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter.

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The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

iShares Healthcare Innovation UCITS ETF

Current prospectus disclosure	New prospectus disclosure

Investment Objective

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 iSTOXX® FactSet Breakthrough Healthcare Index.

Investment Policy

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 iSTOXX® FactSet Breakthrough Healthcare Index, this 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

The Base Currency of iShares Healthcare Innovation UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Investment Objective

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 Breakthrough Healthcare Index.

<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 Breakthrough Healthcare Index, this 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

It is intended that the Fund will only invest in securities of issuers that comply with the index provider's environmental, social and

Benchmark Index

The iSTOXX® FactSet Breakthrough Healthcare Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (TMI) ("Parent Index") which derive significant revenues from healthcare innovation in accordance with the STOXX Factset Revere Hierarchy methodology, with each security being equally weighted within the Benchmark Index. The healthcare innovation theme provides exposure to those companies globally focused on pushing the boundaries in medical treatment and technology. These companies aim to advance aspects of the healthcare industry, including drug treatment, patient care and diagnostic tools, and improve their effectiveness and efficiency.

Companies included in the Benchmark Index must generate at least 50% of their annual revenues from one or multiple predefined sectors relevant to the healthcare innovation theme. The sectors are at a hierarchical depth of 6, which means that the index methodology looks down through six layers of sub-sectors in order to provide a focused exposure to the specific theme.

As at 30 June 2016, there are 32 different sectors which currently include categories such as: personalised medicines (i.e. human genome), generic drugs (e.g. biosimilars), immunotherapy (e.g. stem cell treatment) and healthcare IT. If a company's aggregate revenue received from the pre-defined sectors drops below 45% it will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the next rebalance. The

governance ("ESG") requirements.

The Fund's 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.

The Base Currency of iShares Healthcare Innovation UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Breakthrough Healthcare 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 developed and emerging markets globally which the index provider has determined derive significant revenues from healthcare innovation providing exposure to those companies globally focused on pushing the boundaries in medical treatment and technology. These companies aim to advance aspects of the healthcare industry, including drug treatment, patient care and diagnostic tools, and improve their effectiveness and efficiency. The index provider uses data generated from independent research providers to identify issuers most exposed to

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The Benchmark Index includes the small, mid and large capitalisation constituents of the Parent Index but, at each rebalance, all index constituents are weighted equally, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

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 at least 50% of their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from sectors associated with the healthcare innovation theme (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed annually from the Benchmark Index at the time of the quarterly rebalance in June.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria.

The Benchmark Index rebalances on an annual basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

The Benchmark Index seeks to exclude issuers from the Parent Index based on their involvement in the following business lines/activities (or related activities): controversial weapons, weapons (such as small arms and military contracting), tobacco, nuclear power, thermal coal, conventional oil and gas, unconventional oil and gas. The index provider defines what constitutes "involvement" in each restricted activity. This may be based on percentage of revenue, defined total revenue threshold, or another connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received. The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on ESG principles which measure each involvement in issuer's severe ESG

controversies and how well they adhere to international norms and principles. Further details are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

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The Benchmark Index is adjusted equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis in June. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the annual rebalance. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter.

Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the screening process above results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's

methodology, until the number οf constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80. The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

iShares Smart City Infrastructure UCITS ETF

Current prospectus disclosure	New prospectus disclosure	
<u>Investment Objective</u>	<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 Smart City Infrastructure Index.	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 Smart City Infrastructure Index.	
<u>Investment Policy</u>	<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 Smart City Infrastructure 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some underlying securities which are not constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

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 Smart City Infrastructure 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 each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some underlying securities which are not constituents of the Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

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

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The Fund's 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 Base Currency of iShares Smart City Infrastructure UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

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Benchmark Index

The STOXX Global Smart City Infrastructure Index aims to reflect the performance of a subset of equity securities of eligible developed and emerging market countries globally within the STOXX Global Total Market Index (the "Parent Index"). The Benchmark Index is comprised of issuers from the Parent Index which the index provider determined deploy the physical structures and facilities (such as buildings, equipment and vehicles) required as urban development becomes intelligent and efficiency-focused, and excludes issuers from the Parent Index based on the index provider's criteria set out below. The Benchmark Index targets two global thematic trends: (i) smart cities; and (ii) infrastructure. The index provider uses data generated from independent research providers to identify issuers most exposed to the smart city and infrastructure global thematic trends from industry sub-sectors such as cellular site equipment, metal recycling providers, multi-type passenger transportation and water treatment agents manufacturing.

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 at least 50% of

Benchmark Index

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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 at least 50% of

their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from sectors associated with the smart city infrastructure theme (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria. The Benchmark Index excludes issuers from the Parent Index which are identified by the index provider (using data and analysis generated by one or more independent research providers) as either:

- (a) being involved with controversial weapons such as anti-personnel mines, biological and chemical weapons, cluster weapons, depleted uranium, nuclear weapons and white phosphorus weapons;
- (b) deriving revenues (above a threshold specified by the index provider) from the following: (i) the manufacturing and selling of assault weapons or small arms (non-assault weapons) for civilian use, the retail and distribution of assault weapons or small arms (non-assault weapons), the manufacturing and selling of key components of small arms; (ii) the manufacturing of tobacco products, the οf tobacco-related supply products/services or the distribution and retail sale of tobacco products; (iii) thermal coal extraction (including thermal coal mining and exploration); or (iv) unconventional energy sources such as oil

their annual revenue (45% for existing constituents of the Benchmark Index) from sectors associated with the smart city infrastructure theme (the "Revenue Filter"); and (iv) be domiciled in an eligible developed or emerging market country, also determined by the index provider.

In addition to the above, the Benchmark Index also seeks to exclude companies based on ESG exclusionary criteria. The Benchmark Index seeks to exclude issuers from the Parent Index based on their involvement in the following business lines/activities (or related activities): controversial weapons, weapons (such as small arms and military contracting), tobacco, nuclear power, thermal coal, conventional oil and gas, unconventional oil and gas. The index provider defines what constitutes "involvement" in each restricted activity. This may be based on percentage of revenue, defined total revenue threshold, or another connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received. The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on ESG principles which measure each involvement issuer's in severe ESG controversies. and or exposure to management of ESG risks, or a combination of the issuers ESG risk and controversy ratings. The Benchmark Index also excludes issuers based on how well they adhere to international norms and principles.

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and gas exploration in the Arctic regions, oil sand extraction or shale energy exploration or production;

- (c) having a certain level of power generation capacity (coal-fired electricity, heat, steam, or thermal coal electricity production (including issuers that own/operate coal-fired power plants));
- (d) being non-compliant with the United Nations Global Compact principles (which are widely accepted corporate sustainability principles that meet fundamental responsibilities in areas such as anti-corruption, human rights, labour and environmental); or
- (e) having: (i) a 'Severe' ESG Risk Rating based on the issuer's exposure to, and management of, material ESG issues from a financial perspective; (ii) a 'Severe' Controversy Rating based on the issuer's involvement in ESG related events; or (iii) a 'High' ESG Risk Rating combined with a 'Moderate', 'Significant' or 'High' Controversy Rating.

The ESG ratings take into account numerous metrics that capture key ESG related issues. Further details are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

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The Benchmark Index is adjusted equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis in June. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the annual rebalance. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter.

Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the screening process above results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, until the number of constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80.

The Parent Index is designed to provide

constituents are weighted equally, effectively removing the influence of the size of each constituent's market capitalisation. This means that, at each index rebalance, the Benchmark Index will have a larger weighting in smaller and mid capitalisation securities compared to its Parent Index.

representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis.

The Benchmark Index is equally weighted and rebalances on an annual basis. Companies which are no longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed from the Benchmark Index at the time of the quarterly rebalance of the Parent Index. In addition, on a quarterly basis, current constituents of the Benchmark Index are screened for their Controversy Rating, and issuers which are no longer eligible will be removed at the relevant quarter.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index and the Parent Index (including constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

Any removed companies are not replaced in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index aims to have a minimum number of 80 constituents at the time of each rebalancing. If the application of the Revenue Filter results in there being fewer than 80 constituents in the Benchmark Index, then the Revenue Filter is progressively lowered, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, until the number of constituents in the Benchmark Index is equal to or greater than 80.

The Parent Index is designed to provide representation of the equity markets in developed and emerging market countries globally. The Parent Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a quarterly basis. Companies which are no

longer eligible for the Parent Index will be removed annually from the Benchmark Index at the time of the quarterly rebalance in June.
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