





### U.S. Dollar (Distributing) iShares II plc

March 2024

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Assets information as at: 31/03/2024. All other data as at 07/04/2024. For qualified investors and qualified clients only.

### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The Fund aims to achieve a return on your investment, through a combination of capital growth and income, which reflects the return of the MSCI World High Dividend Yield ESG Reduced Carbon Target Select Index.

On 1st June 2022, the benchmark changed from MSCI World High Dividend Yield Index to MSCI World High Dividend Yield ESG Reduced Carbon Target Select Index. The change will be reflected in the benchmark data.

### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Exposure to companies with higher dividend yield and quality characteristics within the MSCI World Index whilst seeking to achieve a carbon reduction and environmental, social and governance (ESG) score improvement
- Explicitly excludes issuers involved in controversial, conventional and nuclear weapons, civilian firearms, tobacco, thermal coal, oil sands and those classified as violating the United Nations Global Compact Principles or involved in very severe ESG controversies
- 3. Designed for investors looking for a sustainable approach to higher dividend yield and quality investing

### **RISK INDICATOR**

Lower Risk

Potentially Lower Rewards

Potentially Higher Rewards

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**CAPITAL AT RISK:** The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

### **KEY RISKS:**

- 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.
- Index Methodology Risk: Although the benchmark index aims to seek exposure to securities with high quality characteristics from within the Parent Index, there is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved.
- 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. Investors should therefore make a personal ethical assessment of the benchmark index's ESG screening prior to investing in the Fund. Such ESG screening may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.
- 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.

### **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

ISIN: IEOOBYYHSQ67

Share Class Launch Date: 12/06/2017

Share Class Currency: USD Total Expense Ratio: 0.38% Use of Income: Distributing

Net Assets of Share Class (M): 702.14 USD

#### **KEY FACTS**

Asset Class: Equity

**Benchmark:** MSCI World High Dividend Yield ESG Reduced Carbon Target Select Index (USD)

Fund Launch Date: 12/06/2017

Distribution Frequency: Semi-Annual
Net Assets of Fund (M): 840.50 USD

SFDR Classification: Article 8

Domicile: Ireland

Methodology: Replicated
Issuing Company: iShares II plc
Product Structure: Physical

#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

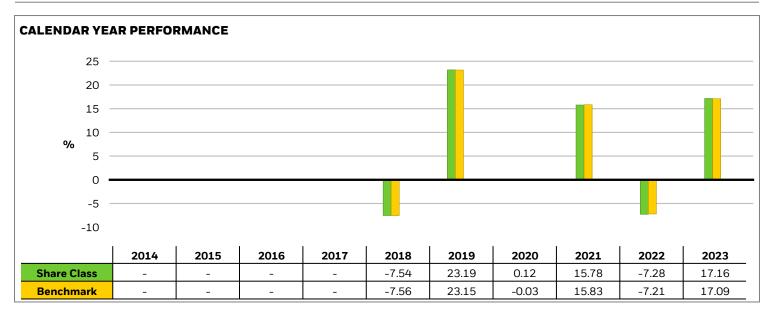
Trailing 12-month Yield: 2.63% Price to Book Ratio: 2.86x Price to Earnings Ratio: 18.31x

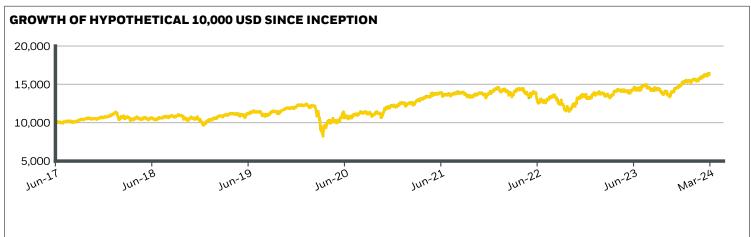
**3y Beta:** 1.00

Number of Holdings: 180



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CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE									
		CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
		1m	3m	6m	YTD	<b>1</b> y	Зу	5у	Since Inception
Share Cl	lass	3.17	6.11	17.53	6.11	16.78	7.94	8.33	7.58
Benchm	ark	3.21	6.16	17.63	6.16	16.79	7.98	8.31	7.57

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in USD, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in USD. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. **Source:** BlackRock

Share Class iShares MSCI World Quality Dividend ESG UCITS ETF U.S. Dollar (Distributing)

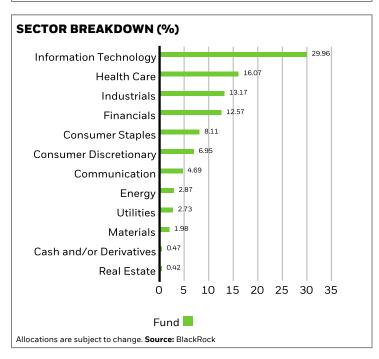
Benchmark MSCI World High Dividend Yield ESG Reduced Carbon Target Select Index (USD)



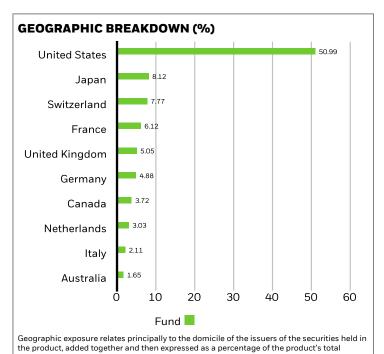
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TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	
MICROSOFT CORP	3.82%
APPLIED MATERIAL INC	2.67%
QUALCOMM INC	2.62%
APPLE INC	2.61%
SAP	2.58%
ABBVIE INC	2.47%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	2.29%
TEXAS INSTRUMENT INC	2.23%
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	2.14%
AMGEN INC	2.13%
Total of Portfolio	25.56%
Holdings are subject to change.	



TRADING INFORMATION						
Exchange	London Stock Exchange	Xetra	London Stock Exchange			
Ticker	WQDV	QDVW	WQDS			
Bloomberg Ticker	WQDV LN	QDVW GY	WQDS LN			
RIC	WQDV.L	QDVW.DE	WQDS.L			
SEDOL	BYYHSQ6	BYV3KL6	BYQMVB5			
Listing Currency	USD	EUR	GBP			



holdings. However, in some instances it can reflect the location where the issuer of the

securities carries out much of their business.





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### SUSTAINABILITY CHARACTERISTICS

Sustainability Characteristics can help investors integrate non-financial, sustainability considerations into their investment process. These metrics enable investors to evaluate funds based on their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. This analysis can provide insight into the effective management and long-term financial prospects of a fund.

The metrics below have been provided for transparency and informational purposes only. The existence of an ESG rating is not indicative of how or whether ESG factors will be integrated into a fund. The metrics are based on MSCI ESG Fund Ratings and, unless otherwise stated in fund documentation and included within a fund's investment objective, do not change a fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe, and there is no indication that an ESG or Impact focused investment strategy or exclusionary screens will be adopted by a fund. For more information regarding a fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

MSCI ESG % Coverage	100.00%	MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	АА
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	99.59%	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	8.22
Funds in Peer Group	483	Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Global Income
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	99.47%	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	52.15
MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C)	> 2.0° - 2.5° C	MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage	99.47%

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Mar 2024**, based on holdings as of **29 Feb 2024**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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#### **GLOSSARY**

**SFDR Classification: Article 8:** Products that promote environmental or social characteristics and promote good governance practices. **Article 9:** Products that have sustainable investments as an objective and follow good governance practices. **Other:** Products that do not meet the criteria to be classified as Article 8 or 9.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC):** The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C): Implied Temperature Rise (ITR) is used to provide an indication of alignment to the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement for a company or a portfolio. ITR employs open source 1.55°C decarbonization pathways derived from the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS). These pathways can be regional and sector specific and set a net zero target of 2050. We make use of this feature for all GHG scopes. A net zero emissions economy is one that balances emissions and removals. Because the ITR metric is calculated in part by considering the potential for a company within the fund's portfolio to reduce its emissions over time, it is forward looking and prone to limitations. As a result, BlackRock publishes MSCI's ITR metric for its funds in temperature range bands. The bands help to underscore the underlying uncertainty in the calculations and the variability of the metric.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

**Price to Earnings:** A valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings in the current forecast year, calculated as current share price divided by current earnings per share.

MSCI ESG % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score, and MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage.

**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

**MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Implied Temperature Rise data is available. The MSCI Implied Temperature Rise metric is displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10):** The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES): Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

**Price to Book Ratio:** represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share.

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