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#### iShares VI Public Limited Company

(Registered in Ireland as an umbrella type investment company with variable capital and having segregated liability between its funds)

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

of
iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF
ISIN(s):
Dist: IE00B8JDT196
Acc: IE00BKPT2T41
(the "Sub-fund")

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# iSHARES VI PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY (the "Company")

08 March 2024

Dear Shareholder

#### **Extraordinary General Meeting**

Attached is the notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Sub-fund to be held at **9.30 am** on **Wednesday 10 April 2024** (the "**EGM**") and a form of proxy.

As the Company uses the International Central Securities Depositary (ICSD) model of settlement and Citivic Nominees Limited is the sole registered shareholder of shares in the Sub-fund under the ICSD settlement model, physical attendance of investors, who are not registered shareholders, does not take place at general meetings of the Sub-fund or of the Company and investors in the Sub-fund are encouraged to vote their shares via proxy and send voting instructions through the relevant ICSD or the relevant participant in an ICSD (such as a local central securities depositary). If any investor has invested in the Sub-fund through a broker/dealer/other intermediary, the investor should contact this entity or its relevant proxy voting agent to provide voting instructions.

#### **Ordinary Resolution**

The Ordinary Resolution proposes to change the benchmark index of the Sub-fund, and therefore the investment objective and policy of the Sub-fund. Details of the proposed changes are set out below and in the Appendix hereto.

If the changes are approved by the shareholders in the Sub-fund at the EGM they will be effected on, or around, 24th April 2024, with the exact date to be announced through the regulatory news service on the London Stock Exchange website and to be published in an appropriate manner in each of the other jurisdictions in which the Sub-fund's shares are listed on a stock exchange (the "Effective Date"). It is expected that it will take approximately 5 working days from the Effective Date for the Investment Manager to realign the Sub-fund's portfolio with the proposed new benchmark index to effectively manage transaction costs. During this period, the Sub-fund may continue to hold securities which do not comply with the SRI requirements and/or ESG ratings of the Sub-fund's proposed new benchmark index until such time as it is possible and practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the position.

Existing Benchmark Index	Proposed New Benchmark Index

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J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond	J.P. Morgan ESG EMBI Global Diversified IG
Global Diversified Investment Grade	Index
Index	

#### Rationale for the benchmark index change

It is proposed to change the benchmark index of the Sub-fund from J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Global Diversified Investment Grade Index (the "Existing Benchmark Index") to J.P. Morgan ESG EMBI Global Diversified IG Index (the "**Proposed New Benchmark Index**"), (the "**Proposal**"). The rationale for the Proposal is that the Directors are of the view that the methodology of the Proposed New Benchmark Index represents a better proposition for investors seeking a sustainable ESG investment solution. The Proposed New Benchmark Index excludes quasi-sovereign issuers not in compliance with United Nations Global Compact principles. Quasi-sovereign issuers that are involved in weapons, oil sands, thermal coal and tobacco are also excluded. The Proposed New Benchmark Index applies an ESG methodology to tilt its constituents towards sovereign and quasi-sovereign issuers with a better ESG rating, based on their ESG credentials, and to underweight and/or remove issuers with an inferior ESG rating according to a threshold set by the index provider.

As a result of this exclusionary criteria and weighting process, it is expected that there will be some differences in the constituent weights in the Proposed New Benchmark Index compared with the Existing Benchmark Index. Further details regarding the Proposed New Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at http://www.jpmorgan.com/pages/jpmorgan/investbk/solutions/research/indices/composition

If the Proposal is approved, the Sub-fund will be classified as an Article 8 fund for the purposes of the Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR) following the Effective Date and once the portfolio of the Sub-fund has been realigned to the Proposed New Benchmark Index .

For further information on the Proposed New Benchmark Index please refer to the Appendix.

#### Anticipated tracking error and risk profile

The anticipated tracking error of the Sub-fund is expected to change following the transition to the Proposed New Benchmark Index. The risk profile of the Sub-fund is expected to remain the same. Key figures comparing the two benchmark indices are highlighted below, but should not be construed as a guarantee of future performance.

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	Existing Benchmark Index	Proposed New Benchmark Index
Number of constituents in the index	528	405
Anticipated Tracking Error	Up to 0.55%	Up to 0.70%
Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator	4	4
Summary Risk Indicator	3	3

Data: number of constituents in the index as at 29 February 2024. Characteristics are subject to change.

Sources: BlackRock

#### **Change of Sub-fund name**

If the Proposal is approved, the name of the Sub-fund will change to "J.P. Morgan ESG \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF" following the Effective Date and subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland.

Existing Sub-Fund Name	Proposed Sub-Fund Name
J.P. Morgan \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF	J.P. Morgan ESG \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF

#### **Costs**

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited, as manager of the Company, will pay the costs of mailing shareholders, holding the EGM (and any adjournment thereof) and any additional operational costs (excluding realignment and portfolio restructuring costs) and legal costs related to the Proposal, that would otherwise be incurred by the Sub-fund.

If the Proposal is approved, realignment and portfolio restructuring costs are estimated to be up to 15 bps and will be borne by the Sub-fund.

The Total Expense Ratio of the Sub-Fund will not change as a result of the Proposal.

#### Recommendation

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The Directors believe that the resolution to be proposed at the EGM is in the best interests of shareholders of the Sub-fund as a whole and, accordingly, the Directors recommend that shareholders vote in favour of the resolution.

#### **Publication of results**

The result of the EGM will be announced through the regulatory news service on the London Stock Exchange website and will be published in an appropriate manner in each of the other jurisdictions in which the Company is listed on a stock exchange. The results will also be available at www.ishares.com and by telephone on +44 (0) 845 357 7000 on the day following the EGM (or any adjournment thereof).

Yours faithfully

William Mylechine

Chairman

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#### **Appendix**

Proposed amendments to the Existing Benchmark Index and investment objective and policy of the Sub-fund, subject to any changes as may be approved by the Central Bank of Ireland, are highlighted below in bold, underlined text:

Current	Investment	Objective	and	Proposed	Investment	Objective	and
Benchmar	k Description			Benchmarl	k Description		
			(changes ir	n bold and und	erlined text)		

#### 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 J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified Investment Grade.

#### Investment Policy

In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of fixed income securities that, as far as possible and practicable, consists of the component securities of the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified Investment Grade, 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 Fund's investments will, at the time of purchase, comply with the credit rating requirements of the Fund's Benchmark Index, which is investment grade. While it is intended that the Fund's investments will comprise investment grade issues that make up the Benchmark Index, issues may be downgraded in certain circumstances from time to time. In such event the Fund may hold non-investment grade issues until such time as the noninvestment grade issues cease to form part of the Fund's Benchmark Index (where applicable) and it is possible and practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the position. Currency of iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

#### Benchmark Index

#### 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 J.P. Morgan **ESG EMBI** Global Diversified **IG Index.** 

#### Investment Policy

In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of fixed

income securities that, as far as possible and practicable, consists of the component securities of the J.P. Morgan **ESG EMBI** Global Diversified **IG 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's direct investments will only be in securities of issuers that comply with the index provider's socially responsible investment ("SRI") requirements and/or environmental, social and governance ("ESG") ratings.

The Fund's investments will, at the time of purchase, comply with the credit rating requirements of the Fund's Benchmark Index, which is investment grade. While it is intended that the Fund's investments will comprise investment grade issues that make up the Benchmark Index, issues may be downgraded in certain circumstances from time to time. In such

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The J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified Investment Grade measures performance of a sub-set of investment grade US Dollar denominated, fixed and/or floating rate emerging market bonds, issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities, which the index provider has determined are part of the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (the "Parent Index"). Quasi-sovereign entities are entities whose securities are either 100% owned or 100% guaranteed by their respective governments. To be eligible for inclusion in the Benchmark Index, the bonds must (i) be classified as investment grade (BBBequivalent or higher) using the middle rating of S&P, Moody's and Fitch (where a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when a rating from only one agency is available, that rating is used); (ii) be denominated in US Dollar; (iii) have a minimum amount outstanding of USD\$500 million; and (iv) have at least two and a half years until maturity. Benchmark Index is comprised of only those countries that meet JP Morgan's criteria for an emerging market and each country is capped at 10%. Fixed rate, floating rate, capitalizing (i.e. bonds in which a percentage of coupon payments, rather than being paid out, is converted into capital, meaning the principal amount outstanding is increased over the bond's life) and amortizing (i.e. bonds which, in addition to the coupon payments, make partial repayment of the principal, meaning NM1123U-3241946-45/222 71109786v11 46 the principal amount outstanding is decreased over the bond's life) bonds qualify for inclusion in the Benchmark Index. Convertible bonds, inflation-linked instruments and instruments where the amount of coupon or redemption payment is linked to an exchange rate, are not eligible for inclusion in the Benchmark Index. The Benchmark Index rebalances on a monthly basis, in accordance with the index provider's methodology. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index website https://www.jpmorgan.com/insights/research/index-

research/composition

event the Fund may hold non-investment grade issues until such time as the non-investment grade issues cease to form part of the Fund's Benchmark Index (where applicable) and it is possible and practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the

The Fund's direct investments will, at the time of purchase, comply with the SRI and/or ESG rating requirements of the Fund's Benchmark Index. The Fund may continue to hold securities which no longer comply with the SRI and/or 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 J.P. Morgan **ESG** \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

#### Benchmark Index

The J.P. Morgan **ESG EMBI** Global Diversified **IG Index** measures the performance of a sub-set of investment grade US Dollar denominated, fixed and/or floating rate emerging market bonds, issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities, which the index provider has determined are part of the J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (the "Parent Index") and that meet the index provider's SRI/ESG ratings, based on a series of exclusionary and ratings based criteria.

The Benchmark Index includes both fixed and floating-rate instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities from index eligible countries. Quasi-sovereign entities are entities whose securities are either 100% owned by their respective governments or subject to a 100% guarantee that does not rise to the level of constituting the full faith and credit by such governments. To be eligible for inclusion in the Benchmark Index, the bonds must (i) be classified as investment grade (BBB- equivalent or higher) using the middle rating of S&P, Moody's and Fitch (where a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when a rating from only one agency is available, that rating is used); (ii) be denominated in US Dollar; (iii) have a minimum amount outstanding of USD\$500 million; and (iv) have at least two and a half years until maturity.

The Benchmark Index is comprised of only those countries that meet JP Morgan's criteria for an emerging market and each country is capped at 10%.

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Fixed rate, floating rate, capitalizing (i.e. bonds in which a percentage of coupon payments, rather than being paid out, is converted into capital, meaning the principal amount outstanding is increased over the bond's life) and amortizing (i.e. bonds which, in addition to the coupon payments, make partial repayment of the principal, meaning the principal amount outstanding is decreased over the bond's life) bonds qualify for inclusion in the Benchmark Index.

Convertible bonds, inflation-linked instruments and instruments where the amount of coupon or redemption payment is linked to an exchange rate, are not eligible for inclusion in the Benchmark Index.

In addition, the Benchmark Index applies the following ESG screens and exclusionary criteria:

The index provider uses an ESG methodology which involves scoring the ESG credentials of issuers within the Parent Index which, in turn, determine an issuer's weighting in the Benchmark Index. The ESG scores range from 0-100 (the "ESG Score") with 100 being classified as the best possible score. The ESG Score determines what ESG rating band the issuers are allocated (the "ESG Rating Band").

The Benchmark Index excludes: (a) quasisovereign issuers that the index provider determines (i) have involvement (based on revenue and as defined by the index provider) in the following sectors: oil sands, thermal coal, tobacco, controversial weapons, small arms or military contracting; and (ii) are classified as violators of 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; and (b) sovereign and quasi-sovereign issuers with an ESG Score below a threshold set by the index provider, resulting in their inclusion in ESG Rating Band 5.

Each issuer within the Parent Index will be assigned an ESG Rating Band between 1 and 5 depending on their ESG Score. Issuers are then assigned a weight in the Benchmark Index, relative to their weighting in the Parent Index depending on the band into which they fall. The ESG Rating Bands function as a multiplier (i.e. Band 1 inherits 100% of their value from the Parent Index, Band 2 inherits 80% of their value from the Parent Index etc.). Securities which fall into ESG Rating Band 5 will be excluded from the Benchmark Index and not eligible for

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# inclusion for the next 12 months. The Benchmark Index rebalances on a monthly basis, in accordance with the index provider's methodology, to take account of changes to the investable universe of the Parent Index in addition to applying the ESG ratings and exclusionary screenings described above. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at https://www.jpmorgan.com/insights/research/index-research/composition

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#### **iSHARES VI PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

#### NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF

#### iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF

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If you are in any doubt about the course of action to take, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other professional advisor.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting (the "**EGM**") of the Shareholders of iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF (the "**Sub-fund**") will be held at the offices of BlackRock, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 2 Ballsbridge Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on **10 April 2024** at 9.30am (or any adjournment thereof) for the purposes of transacting the following business:

To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution of the Subfund:

#### Resolution

1. "That the investment objective and policy of iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF (the "**Sub-fund**") be changed to reflect the change of the benchmark index of the Sub-fund to the J.P. Morgan ESG EMBI Global Diversified IG Index "

By order of the Board

Apex Group Corporate Administration Services Ireland Limited

Dated 08 March 2024

Notes applicable to the EGM:

Quorum

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1. The required quorum at the EGM is one shareholder present in person or by proxy. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the appointed time for the meeting, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the following week at the same time and place. At the adjourned meeting, if a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, then the meeting, if convened otherwise than by resolution of the Directors, shall be dissolved, but if the meeting shall have been convened by resolution of the Directors, any Member or Members present at the meeting shall be a quorum.

#### Entitlement to attend and vote

- 2. Please note that you are only entitled to attend and vote at the EGM (or any adjournment thereof) if you are a registered shareholder. As sub-funds in the Company use the International Central Securities Depositary (ICSD) model of settlement and Citivic Nominees Limited is the sole registered shareholder of shares in the sub-funds under the ICSD settlement model, investors in the Sub-fund should submit their voting instructions through the relevant ICSD or the relevant participant in an ICSD (such as a local central securities depositary). If any investor has invested in the Sub-fund through a broker/dealer/other intermediary, the investor should contact this entity or its relevant proxy voting agent to provide voting instructions.
- 3. The Company specifies that only those members registered in the Register of Members of the Company at 6.00 pm on 08 April 2024 or, if the EGM is adjourned, at 6.00 pm on the day that is two days prior to the adjourned meeting (the "record date"), shall be entitled to attend, speak, ask questions and vote at the EGM, or if relevant, any adjournment thereof and may only vote in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at that time. Changes to the Register of Members after the record date shall be disregarded in determining the right of any person to attend and/or vote at the EGM or any adjournment thereof.
- 4. An affiliate of the Manager and Investment Manager ("BlackRock Corporate"), intends to vote a single share that it holds in the Sub-Fund in respect of the resolution(s) at this extraordinary general meeting. BlackRock Corporate will only vote its share in favour of a resolution that the Directors determines is in the best interest of the Sub-Fund as a whole. BlackRock Corporate will not vote its share in circumstances where (a) the outcome of the vote would have a direct financial benefit on the BlackRock Group, (b) a potential conflict of interest cannot be mitigated, and/or (c) BlackRock Corporate is in possession of material non-public information relating to the Sub-Fund.
- 5. At this meeting, the resolutions(s) will be decided on a poll and each share in the Sub-Fund being voted will carry one vote (see note 9 below). If any other investor validly votes its shares (see note 1 above), the single share voted by BlackRock Corporate will be capable of being outvoted. For example, if BlackRock Corporate votes a single share in favour of a resolution but another investor votes at least a single share against, the resolution will not be passed by BlackRock Corporate's vote by itself.

#### **Appointment of proxies**

6. A form of proxy is enclosed with this Notice of the EGM for use by registered shareholders. As mentioned above, investors in the Sub-fund who are not registered shareholders should submit

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their voting instructions through the relevant ICSD or the relevant participant in an ICSD (such as a local central securities depositary, broker or nominee), instead of using the form of proxy. To be effective, the form of proxy duly completed and executed, together with a copy of the power of attorney or other authority under which it is executed must be deposited by registered shareholders at the offices of the office of the Company Secretary, Apex Group Corporate Administration Services Ireland Limited, Block 5, Irish Life Centre, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1, Ireland, so as to be received no later than 24 hours before the time appointed for the EGM or any adjournment thereof or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than at or on the same day as the EGM or adjourned EGM) at least 24 hours before the taking of the poll at which it is to be used. Any alteration to the form of proxy must be initialled by the person who signs it.

- 7. In addition to note 4 above and subject to the Articles of Association of the Company and provided it is received at least 24 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the EGM or any adjournment thereof or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than at or on the same day as the EGM or adjourned EGM) at least 24 hours before the taking of the poll at which it is to be used, the appointment of a proxy may also be submitted electronically to <a href="mailto:cosecfunds@apexgroup.com">cosecfunds@apexgroup.com</a> entering the company name.
- 8. Registered shareholders have several ways of exercising their votes; (a) by attending the EGM in person or (b) by appointing a proxy to vote on their behalf. In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other registered holders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members in respect of the joint holding.

#### Voting rights and total number of issued shares in the Sub-fund

- 9. At the EGM, the resolution(s) put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a poll. On a poll every shareholder shall have one vote for every share of which he is the shareholder.
- 10. Where a poll is taken at an EGM any member, present or by proxy, holding more than one share is not obliged to cast all his/her votes in the same way.
- Ordinary resolutions require to be passed by a simple majority of members voting in person or by proxy. Special resolutions require a majority of not less than 75% of votes cast by those who vote either in person or in proxy to be passed.
- 12. On any other business which may properly come before the EGM, or any adjournment thereof, and whether procedural or substantive in nature (including without limitation any motion to amend a resolution or adjourn the meeting) not specified in this Notice of EGM, the proxy will act at his/her discretion.

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# iShares J.P. Morgan \$ EM Investment Grade Bond UCITS ETF (ISIN(s): IE00B8JDT196, IE00BKPT2T41) (the "Sub-fund")

#### FORM OF PROXY

*I/We
of
(See Note A) being a Shareholder of the Sub-fund hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting (or failing him any one director of the Company or failing one of them any representative of Apex Group Corporate Administration Services Ireland Limited, Block 5, Irish Life Centre, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1, Ireland or any representative of BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited of 1st Floor, 2 Ballsbridge Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland)
or*(see Note C) as *my/our proxy to
vote for *me/us and on *my/our behalf at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Sub-fund to be held at the offices of BlackRock, 1st Floor, 2 Ballsbridge Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 9.30am and at any adjournment thereof.

Please indicate with an "X" in the space below how you wish your votes to be cast in respect of the Resolution. If no specific direction as to voting is given the proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his discretion.

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RESOLUTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
That the, investment			
objective and policy			
of iShares J.P. Morgan			
\$ EM Investment			
Grade Bond UCITS			
ETF (the " <b>Sub-fund</b> ")			
be changed to reflect			
the change of the			
benchmark index of			
the Sub-fund to the			
J.P. Morgan ESG EMBI			
Global Diversified IG			
Index.			

Signed	/ For and on behalf of	

### PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME OR THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION YOU ARE EXECUTING THIS FORM ON BEHALF OF AND YOUR ADDRESS UNDERNEATH

 (Print Name)
 (Print address)

#### Notes:

- (a) A shareholder must insert his full name and registered address in type or block letters. In the case of joint accounts, the names of all holders must be stated.
- (b) As the Sub-fund uses the International Central Securities Depositary (ICSD) model of settlement and Citivic Nominees Limited is the sole registered shareholder of shares in the Sub-fund under the ICSD settlement model, investors in the Sub-fund should submit their voting instructions through the relevant ICSD or the relevant participant in an ICSD (such as a local central securities depositary, broker or nominee) instead of submitting this Form of Proxy to the Company Secretary.

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<sup>\*</sup>Delete as appropriate

- (c) If you desire to appoint a proxy other than the Chairman of the meeting, a director of the Company or any representative of Apex Group Corporate Administration Services Ireland Limited as the Company Secretary, or any representative of BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited as the Manager then please insert his/her name and address in the space provided.
- (d) The Form of Proxy must:
  - (i) in the case of an individual shareholder be signed by the shareholder or his attorney; and
  - (ii) in the case of a corporate shareholder be given either under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an attorney or by a duly authorised officer of the corporate shareholder.
- (e) To be valid, the Form of Proxy must be received by the Company Secretary at Apex Group Corporate Administration Services Ireland Limited, Block 5, Irish Life Centre, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1, Ireland not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting. Citivic Nominees Limited may send their signed Form of Proxy by e-mail to <a href="mailto:cosecfunds@apexgroup.com">cosecfunds@apexgroup.com</a>. Any proxy form deposited less than 24 hours before the time of the meeting may only be treated as valid at the discretion of the Directors.
- (f) A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Sub-fund but must attend the meeting in person, or any adjourned meeting, to represent you.

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