

# iShares MSCI Asia ex Japan Climate Action ETF

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# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The iShares MSCI Asia ex Japan Climate Action ETF seeks to track the investment results of an index that selects the top 50% companies in each GICS® sector\*\* on the basis of their relative climate transition risk and steps taken to mitigate these risks.

## WHY ICU / ICM ?

- 1 Exposure across all sectors: Obtain exposure to companies that may be better positioned relative to their sector peers to manage the transition to a lowcarbon economy.
- 2 Focus on current climate metrics and forward-looking initiatives: Invest in the top screened 50% of companies within their sectors based on a methodology that incorporates current emissions intensity, emissions reduction targets, green business revenue, and/or climate risk management.\*
- 3 Build a sustainable core: Use as a portfolio building block seeking Asian ex Japan large- and mid-cap companies.

### **FUND DETAILS**

Asset Class Equity
Inception Date 11/09/2023
Benchmark MSCI AC Asia ex Japan

Climate Action Index

Number of Holdings 584
Net Assets 454,289,466 USD
Management Fee (in 0.18

%)

NAV (USD) 1.01 Trustee HSBC Institutional Trust

Services (Singapore)

Limited

Units Outstanding 449,250,000

Domicile Singapore

Base Currency U.S. Dollar

Bloomberg MXASCANU

Benchmark Ticker

Manager: BlackRock (Singapore Limited (company registration number: 200010143N)

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR **MANUFACTURING** 6.18 ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD 4.22 TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD 4.09 RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD 2.99 **INFOSYS LTD** 1.97 ICICI BANK LTD 1.83 MEDIATEK INC 1.62 **MEITUAN** 1.44 HDFC BANK LTD 1.33 TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD 1.32 Total of Portfolio 26.99

Holdings are subject to change.

#### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%) Fund 21.12% Information Technology Financials 19.90% Cons. Discretionary 15.61% Communication 10.79% Industrials 7.36% Health Care 5.19% Materials 4.92% Cons. Staples 4.80%

Allocations are subject to change. Source: BlackRock

Energy Real Estate

Utilities

Cash and/or Derivatives

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (	%)
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	Fund		
China	28.27%		
India	26.09%		
Taiwan	20.24%		
S. Korea	9.08%		
Hong Kong	5.11%		
Singapore	4.28%		
Thailand	2.55%		
Malaysia	1.95%		
Indonesia	1.66%		
Philippines	0.82%		
Cash and/or Derivatives	0.47%		
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TRADING INFORMATION						
Exchange		Singapore Exchange				
Board Lots						
Trading Currency	USD	SGD				
Stock Code (USD)	ICU	ICM				
Bloomberg Ticker	ICU SP	ICU SP				
ISIN	SGXC39575946	SGXC39575946				
Sedol	BRT7M82	BRT7M82				

\*See <a href="https://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth-docs/MSCI">https://www.msci.com/eqb/methodology/meth-docs/MSCI</a> Climate Action Indexes Methodology 20230306.pdf for comprehensive descriptions of these screens applied by the index provider.

4.10%

3.50%

2.74%

0.47%

\*\* Source: MSCI; as of 13 June 2023. GICS is the global industry classification standard jointly developed by MSCI and S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-	А	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.05
CCC)		MSCI ESG % Coverage	100.00%
MSCI ESG Quality Score -	14.98%	MSCI Weighted Average	225.38
Peer Percentile		Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/	
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Asia Pacific ex Japan	\$M SALES)	
Funds in Peer Group	681		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Feb 2024**, based on holdings as of **31 Jan 2024**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds) of the fund's gross weight must come from securities with ESG coverage by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating a fund's gross weight; the absolute values of short positions are included but treated as uncovered), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old, and the fund must have at least ten securities.

#### **ESG GLOSSARY:**

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

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

Funds in Peer Group: The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG 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. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

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 (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds).

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.

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.

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