# PASSIVE

# iShares € Corp Bond ex-Financials 1-5yr ESG UCITS ETF Euro (Distributing)

iShares III plc

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# March 2024

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-Mar-2024. All other data as at 05-Apr-2024. This document is marketing material. For Investors in the UK. Investors should read the KIID/PRIIPs document and prospectus prior to investing, and should refer to the prospectus for the funds full list of risks.

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The fund is passively managed and aims to achieve a return on your investment, through a combination of capital growth and income on the Fund's assets, which reflects the return of the Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate ex-Financials 1-5 Year Sustainable SRI Index, the Fund's benchmark index (Index).

On 19th April 2022, the benchmark changed from Bloomberg Euro Corporate ex-Financials 1-5 Bond Index to Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate ex-Financials 1-5 Year Sustainable SRI Index. The change will be reflected in the benchmark data.

### **KEY BENEFITS**

- The Index measures the performance of a sub-set of fixed-rate, investment-grade Euro denominated securities issued by industrial and utility corporations in the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Index (Parent Index) that meet the index provider's environmental, social and governance (ESG), socially responsible investment (SRI) and other criteria.
- 2. Issuers may be excluded if they are involved in alcohol, tobacco, gambling, adult entertainment, genetically modified organisms, nuclear power, civilian firearms, conventional weapons, nuclear weapons, controversial weapons, thermal coal and fossil fuels.
- 3. The Fund will adopt a best-in-class approach to sustainable investing. This means that it is expected that the Fund will invest in the best issuers from an ESG/SRI perspective (based on the ESG and SRI criteria of the Index) within each relevant sector of activities covered by the Index

### **RISK INDICATOR**

#### **Lower Risk**

# Higher Risk

Potentially Lower Rewards

Potentially Higher Rewards



**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:**

- Credit risk, changes to interest rates and/or issuer defaults will have a significant impact on the performance of fixed income securities. Potential or actual credit rating downgrades may increase the level of risk.
- 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.
- Credit Risk: The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION** 

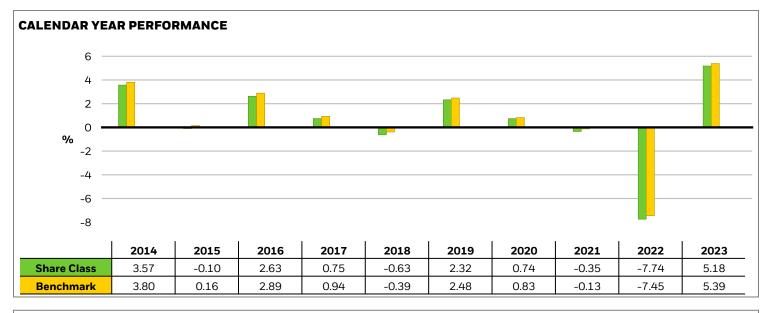
**ISIN**: IE00B4L5ZY03 Share Class Launch Date: 25-Sep-2009 Share Class Currency : EUR Total Expense Ratio: 0.20% Use of Income : Distributing Net Assets of Share Class (M): 1,091.68 EUR **KEY FACTS** Asset Class : Fixed Income Benchmark : Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate ex-Financials 1-5 Year Sustainable SRI Index Fund Launch Date: 25-Sep-2009 Distribution Frequency: Semi-Annual Net Assets of Fund (M): 1,138.33 EUR SFDR Classification : Article 8 Domicile : Ireland Methodology: Sampled Issuing Company : iShares III plc Product Structure : Physical ISA Eligibility : Yes SIPP Available : Yes UK Reporting Status : Yes

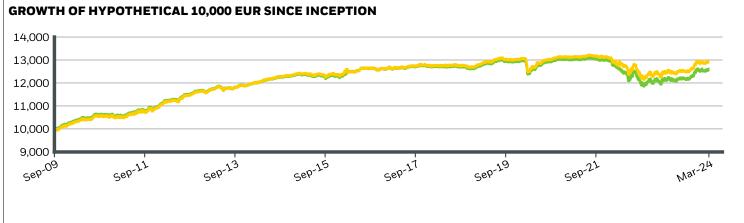
### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Effective Duration : 2.77 yrs Standard Deviation (3y) : 3.59% Yield To Maturity : 3.43 Trailing 12-month Yield : 1.68% Average Weighted Maturity : 2.90 3y Beta : 1.00 Number of Holdings : 840

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UMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE								
	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	ly	Зу	5у	Since Inception
Share Class	0.70	0.06	3.45	0.06	4.01	-1.08	-0.33	1.61
Benchmark	0.72	0.11	3.55	0.11	4.22	-0.84	-0.13	1.80

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 EUR, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in EUR. 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 Benchmark

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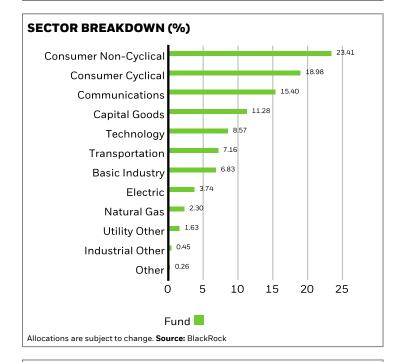
Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate ex-Financials 1-5 Year Sustainable SRI Index



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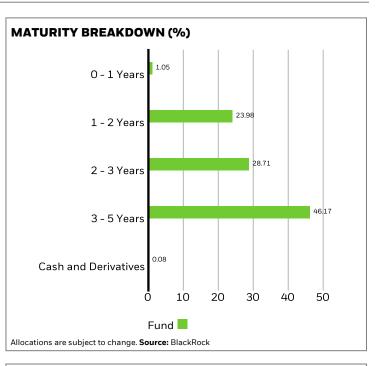


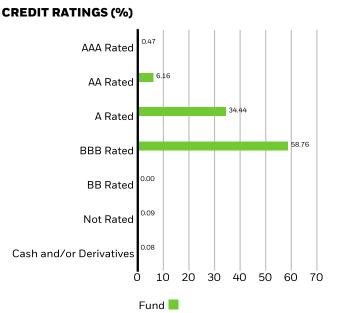
IOFISSUERS	
MERCEDES-BENZ INTERNATIONAL FINANCE BV	2.01%
ORANGE SA	1.90%
RCI BANQUE SA	1.83%
BMW FINANCE NV	1.80%
SANOFI SA	1.42%
SIEMENS FINANCIERINGSMAATSCHAPPIJ N.V.	1.40%
VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT SA	1.29%
TELEFONICA EMISIONES SAU	1.28%
AT&T INC	1.12%
MEDTRONIC GLOBAL HOLDINGS SCA	1.09%
Total of Portfolio	15.14%
Holdings subject to change	



## TRADING INFORMATION

Exchange	Deutsche Boerse Xetra	SIX Swiss Exchange			
Ticker	EUNS	EEX5			
Bloomberg Ticker	EUNS GY	EEX5 SW			
RIC	EUNS.DE	EEX5.S			
SEDOL	BVG2QJ7	B707957			
Listing Currency	EUR	EUR			





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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	99.93%	MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	AA
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	52.07%	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	7.38
Funds in Peer Group	290	Fund Lipper Global Classification	Bond EUR Corporates
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	99.92%	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	138.50
MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C)	> 2.0° - 2.5° C	MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage	95.58%

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.

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.

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**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.

**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.

**Yield to Maturity:** Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the discount rate that equates the present value of bond's cash flows with its market price (including accrued interest). The fund YTM is the weighted average of fund's individual bond holding YTMs based upon Net Asset Value ('NAV'). The measure does not include fees and expenses. For callable bonds, YTM is the Yield-to-Worst.

**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.

**Effective Duration:** Effective duration is a measure of a fund's interestrate sensitivity. Put simply, the longer a fund's duration, the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. So a fund with a duration of 10 years is twice as volatile as a fund with a five-year duration.

**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.

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