iShares by BlackRock

KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

iShares US Equity Buyback Achievers UCITS ETF

A sub-fund of iShares IV plc

USD (Acc) Share Class

ISIN: IE00BQT3VN15 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)

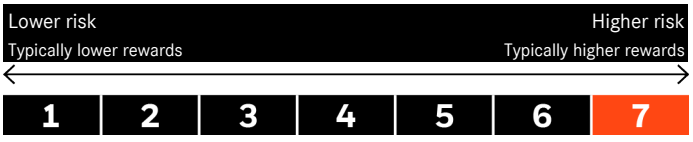
Manager: BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited

Objectives and Investment Policy

- The Share Class is a share class of a Fund which 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 NASDAQ US Buyback Achievers™ Select Index, the Fund's benchmark index (the "Index").
- The Share Class, via the Fund is passively managed and invests in equity securities (e.g. shares) that, so far as possible and practicable, make up the Index.
- The Index aims to measure the performance of shares of companies listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market® (NASDAQ®), the New York Stock Exchange or NYSE MKT which undertake share buyback programmes for financially sound reasons. A share buyback is when a company repurchases its own shares from existing shareholders thereby reducing the number of shares in the market. Financially sound reasons to carry out buybacks are generally considered to include: a company buying back its shares while the directors of that company believe that the shares are undervalued (i.e. the share price does not fully reflect their underlying value) or buying back its shares to adjust its capital structure (i.e. changing the proportion of debt to equity) to reduce its overall combined costs of equity and debt which may lead to an improved performance in its share price.
- The Index methodology aims to identify companies that undertake buybacks for financially sound reasons by firstly applying a buyback filter (to identify companies that have carried out a buyback of at least 5% of their shares in issue in the 12 months preceding an Index rebalance. Subsequently the companies must meet either the valuation filter or the debt filter. The valuation filter identifies companies which in the 12 months preceding an Index rebalance have a share price relative to the value of the shareholder equity on the balance sheet lower than the sector average. The debt filter identifies companies which in the 12 months preceding an Index rebalance have a debt to equity ratio lower than the sector average to select companies that are not financing buybacks through incurring excessive debt. Finally, companies are weighted based on their buyback ratio (i.e. by calculating the percentage reduction in shares in issuance over the 12 months preceding an Index rebalance and ranking them accordingly).
- The Fund uses optimising techniques to achieve a similar return to its Index. These techniques may include the strategic selection of certain securities that make up the Index or other securities which provide similar performance to certain constituent securities. These may also include the use of financial derivative instruments (FDIs) (i.e. investments the prices of which are based on one or more underlying assets). FDIs may be used for direct investment purposes. The use of FDIs is expected to be limited for this Share Class.
- The Fund may also engage in short-term secured lending of its investments to certain eligible third parties to generate additional income to off-set the costs of the Fund.
- Recommendation: This Fund is suitable for medium to long term investment, though the Fund may also be suitable for shorter term exposure to the Index.
- Your shares will be accumulating shares (i.e. income will be included in their value).
- Your shares will be denominated in US Dollar, the Fund's base currency.
- The shares are listed on one or more stock exchanges and may be traded in currencies other than their base currency. The performance of your shares may be affected by this currency difference. In normal circumstances, only authorised participants (e.g. select financial institutions) may deal in shares (or interests in shares) directly with the Fund. Other investors can deal in shares (or interests in shares) daily through an intermediary on stock exchange (s) on which the shares are traded.

For more information on the Fund, Share Class, risks and charges, please see the Fund's prospectus, available on the product pages at www.blackrock.com

Risk and Reward Profile



- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Share Class.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- The Share Class is rated seven due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Share Class or expose the Share Class to losses.
  - 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 was created to select companies which undertake share buy backs for financially sound reasons, there is no guarantee that all companies selected bought back their shares for financial sound reasons or that there will be a subsequent increase in value of the company's remaining shares.
- Particular risks not adequately captured by the risk indicator include:
  - 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.

The benchmark is the intellectual property of the index provider. The Share Class is not sponsored or endorsed by the index provider. Please refer to the Fund's prospectus for full disclaimer.

Charges

The charges are used to pay the costs of running the Share Class, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

*Not applicable to secondary market investors. Investors dealing on a stock exchange will pay fees charged by their stock brokers. Such charges are publicly available on exchanges on which the shares are listed and traded, or can be obtained from stock brokers.

*Authorised participants dealing directly with the Fund will pay related transaction costs including, on redemptions, any applicable capital gains tax (CGT) and other taxes on underlying securities.

The ongoing charges figure is based on the fixed annualised fee charged to the Share Class in accordance with the Fund's prospectus. This figure excludes portfolio trade related costs, except costs paid to the depositary and any entry/exit charge paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

** To the extent the Fund undertakes securities lending to reduce costs, the Fund will receive 62.5% of the associated revenue generated and the remaining 37.5% will be received by BlackRock as the securities lending agent. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Fund, this has been excluded from the ongoing charges.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry Charge	None*
Exit Charge	None*

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before proceeds of your investments are paid out.

Charges taken from the Share Class over each year	
Ongoing Charges	0.55%**
Charges taken from the Share Class under certain conditions	
Performance Fee	None

Past Performance

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The chart shows the Share Class's annual performance in USD for each full calendar year over the period displayed in the chart. It is expressed as a percentage change of the Share Class's net asset value at each year-end. The Fund was launched in 2015. The Share Class was launched in 2015. Performance is shown after deduction of ongoing charges. Any entry/exit charges are excluded from the calculation.

† Benchmark:Nasdaq US Buyback Achievers™ Select Index (USD)

Historic performance to 31 December 2020



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fund	19.3	15.5	-15.0	27.3	9.5
Benchmark †	19.7	16.0	-14.7	27.6	9.9

Practical Information

- The depositary of the Fund is State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited.
- Further information about the Fund and the Share Class can be obtained from the latest annual report and half-yearly reports of iShares IV plc. These documents are available free of charge in English and certain other languages. These can be found, along with other information, such as details of the key underlying investments of the Share Class and share prices, on the iShares website at www.ishares.com or by calling +44 (0)845 357 7000 or from your broker or financial adviser.
- Investors should note that the tax legislation that applies to the Fund and Share Class may have an impact on the personal tax position of your investment.
- The Fund is a sub-fund of iShares IV plc, an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. The Fund has one or more share classes. This document is specific to the Fund and Share Class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the umbrella.
- iShares IV plc may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Fund's prospectus.
- The indicative intra-day net asset value of the Share Class is available at http://deutsche-boerse.com and/or http://www.reuters.com.
- Under Irish law, iShares IV plc has segregated liability between its sub-funds (i.e. the Fund's assets will not be used to discharge the liabilities of other sub-funds within iShares IV plc). In addition, the Fund's assets are held separately from the assets of other sub-funds. Assets and liabilities specific to a share class would be attributable to only that share class, however there is no segregation of liabilities between share classes under Irish law.
- Switching of shares between the Fund and other sub-funds within iShares IV plc is not available to investors. Only Authorised Participants dealing directly with the Fund may switch shares between share classes of the Fund subject to meeting certain conditions in the Fund's prospectus.
- The Remuneration Policy of the Management Company, which describes how remuneration and benefits are determined and awarded, and the associated governance arrangements, is available at www.blackrock.com/Remunerationpolicy or on request from the registered office of the Management Company.