







March 2024

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-Mar-2024. All other data as at 05-Apr-2024.

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### **FUND OVERVIEW**

The fund aims to achieve a return on your investment which reflects the return of the MSCI USA Small Cap ESG Enhanced Focus CTB Index.

On 1st June 2022, the benchmark changed from MSCI USA Small Cap Index to MSCI USA Small Cap ESG Enhanced Focus CTB Index. The change will be reflected in the benchmark data.

### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Provides exposure to sub-set of equity securities within the MSCI USA Small Cap Index and adopts optimisation process which aims to exceed decarbonisation targets and other minimum standards for an EU Climate Transition Benchmark
- Excludes Companies that are involved with controversial, conventional, and nuclear weapons, civilian firearms, thermal coal, tobacco, or unconventional oil and gas, and Companies that are classified as violating the United Nations Global Compact principles, have a 'Red' MSCI ESG Controversies score.
- Adopts a binding and significant ESG optimisation approach to sustainable investing.
  This means that the Fund will integrate ESG information into its investment process to
  optimise exposure to issuers to achieve a higher ESG rating and reduce exposure to
  carbon emissions compared to the Parent Index while meeting optimisation
  constraints

### **RISK INDICATOR**

Lower Risk Higher Risk

Potentially Lower Rewards Potentially Higher Rewards

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**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:**

- Shares in smaller companies typically trade in less volume and experience greater price variations than larger companies.
- 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.
- 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.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

### **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

ISIN: IE00B3VWM098

Share Class Launch Date: 01-Jul-2009

Share Class Currency: USD
Total Expense Ratio: 0.43%
Use of Income: Accumulating

Net Assets of Share Class (M): 1,697.36 USD

### **KEY FACTS**

Asset Class: Equity

Benchmark: MSCI USA Small Cap ESG

Enhanced Focus CTB Index

Fund Launch Date: 01-Jul-2009

Net Assets of Fund (M): 1,697.36 USD

SFDR Classification: Article 8

**Domicile:** Ireland

Methodology: Optimised
Issuing Company: iShares VII plc
Product Structure: Physical

ISA Eligibility : Yes
SIPP Available : Yes
UK Reporting Status : Yes

### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

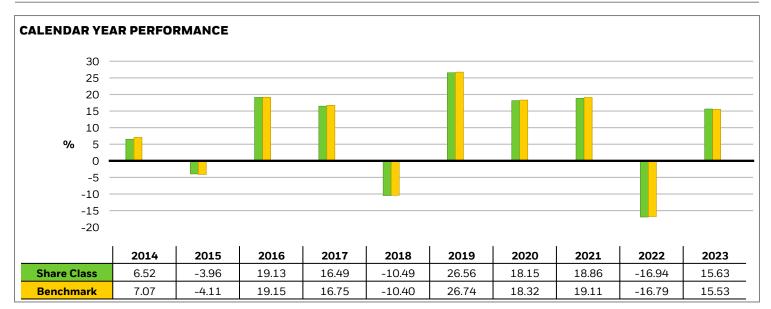
Price to Book Ratio: 2.14x
Price to Earnings Ratio: 18.19x

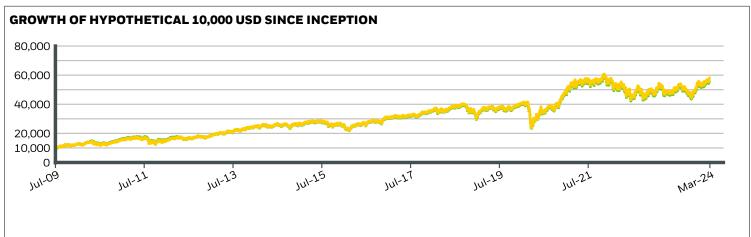
**3y Beta:** 1.00

Number of Holdings: 1,630



## U.S. Dollar (Accumulating) iShares VII plc





CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE									
		CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	<b>1</b> y	Зу	5у	Since Inception	
Share Clas	s 3.73	5.87	20.10	5.87	18.18	2.36	9.31	12.53	
Benchmar	<b>k</b> 3.74	5.92	20.15	5.92	18.15	2.46	9.44	12.70	

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

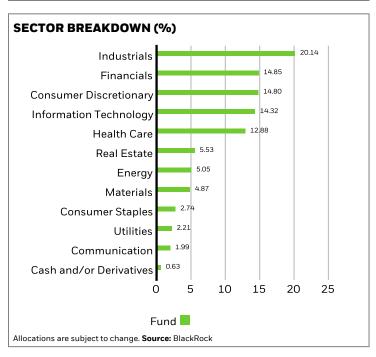
Share Class iShares MSCI USA Small Cap ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF U.S. Dollar (Accumulating)

Benchmark MSCI USA Small Cap ESG Enhanced Focus CTB Index

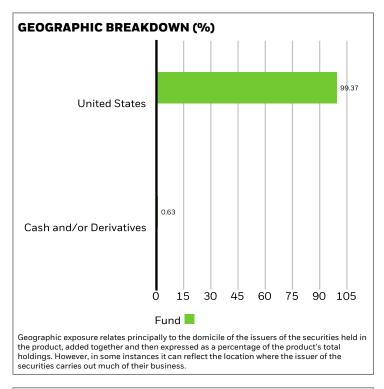


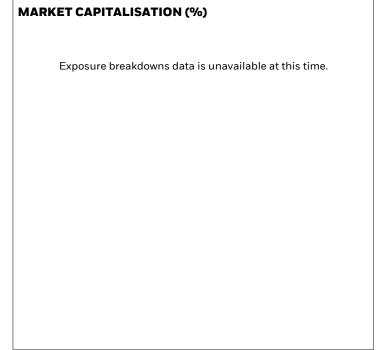
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TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	
FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST RE	0.86%
DT MIDSTREAM INC	0.69%
EMCOR GROUP INC	0.67%
ACUITY BRANDS INC	0.65%
HARLEY DAVIDSON INC	0.56%
SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET INC	0.55%
SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC	0.53%
BADGER METER INC	0.51%
TECHNIPFMC PLC	0.51%
MICROSTRATEGY INC CLASS A	0.50%
Total of Portfolio	6.03%
Holdings are subject to change.	



TRADING INFORMA	TION		
Exchange	London Stock Exchange	SIX Swiss Exchange	Bolsa De Valores De Colombia
Ticker	CUSS	CSUSS	CUSS
Bloomberg Ticker	CUSS LN	CSUSS SW	-
RIC	CUSS.L	CSUSS.S	-
SEDOL	B53N420	B3VWM09	-
Listing Currency	USD	USD	COP
This product is also I Italiana,Deutsche Boers		Mexicana De	Valores,Borsa







### U.S. Dollar (Accumulating) iShares VII plc

### 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	99.98%	MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	Α
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	98.69%	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.92
Funds in Peer Group	1,452	Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity US Sm&Mid Cap
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	99.75%	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	85.33
MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C)	> 2.5° - 3.0° C	MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage	97.80%

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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### **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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