



# iShares £ Ultrashort Bond ESG UCITS ETF British Pound (Distributing) iShares IV plc



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Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns, Net Asset information as at: 30-Apr-2024. All other data as at: 06-May-2024. This document is marketing material. For the Investors in LatAm. 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 seeks to track the performance of an index composed of GBP denominated ESG (environmental, social and governance) screened ultrashort investment grade corporate bonds.

## **KEY BENEFITS**

- 1. Diversified exposure to very short maturity investment grade corporate bonds issued in  $$\mathsf{GBP}$$
- 2. The Fund explicitly excludes issuers involved in: controversial, conventional or nuclear weapons, civilian firearms, tobacco, adult entertainment, alcohol, gambling, nuclear power, genetically modified organisms, oil sands, thermal coal, unconventional oil and gas and fossil fuel. The index only includes bonds from issuers with MSCI ESG ratings of BBB or higher.
- 3. The Fund adopts a best-in-class approach to sustainable investing by allocating in the best issuers from an ESG (environmental, social and governance) perspective, based on the ESG criteria of the Index benchmark.

#### **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:**

- 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 : IE00BJP26F04
Share Class Launch Date : 16-Mar-2020
Share Class Currency : GBP
Total Expense Ratio: 0.09%
Use of Income : Distributing
Net Assets of Share Class (M): 153.59 GBP
KEY FACTS
Asset Class : Fixed Income
<b>Benchmark :</b> iBoxx MSCI ESG GBP Liquid Investment Grade Ultrashort (GBP)
Fund Launch Date : 16-Mar-2020
Distribution Type : Semi-Annual
Net Assets of Fund (M): 153.59 GBP
SFDR Classification : Article 8
Domicile : Ireland
Methodology : Sampled
Issuing Company : iShares IV plc
Product Structure : Physical
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS
Effective Duration : 0.27 Years
Weighted Average Maturity : 1.16 Years
Standard Deviation (3y): 0.72%

Yield To Maturity : 5.46

Trailing 12-month Yield: 4.41%

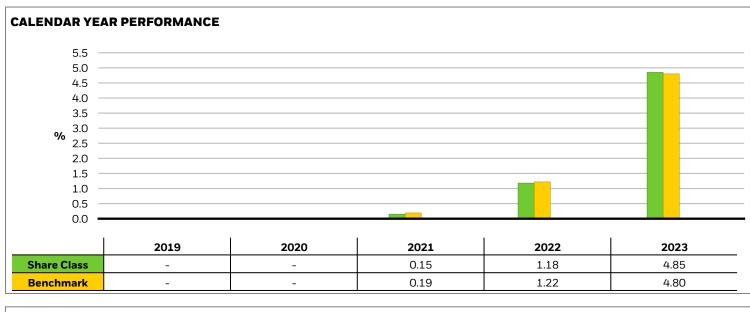
3y Beta: 1.02

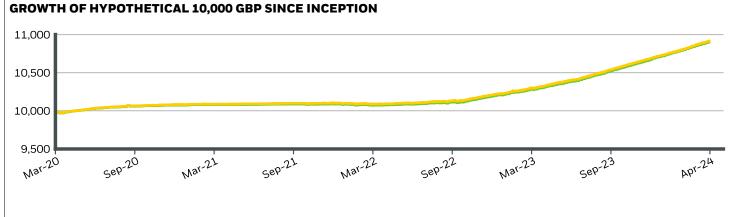
Number of Holdings: 120

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CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE								
	CUMULATIVE (%)					ANNUALISED (% p.a.)		
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	<b>1</b> y	Зу	5у	Since Inception
Share Class	0.45	1.38	2.90	1.86	5.55	2.65	-	2.11
Benchmark	0.43	1.40	2.83	1.86	5.49	2.66	-	2.14

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 GBP, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in GBP. 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 £ Ultrashort Bond ESG UCITS ETF British Pound (Distributing)

Benchmark

iBoxx MSCI ESG GBP Liquid Investment Grade Ultrashort (GBP)

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4.69% 4.09% 4.04%

3.99% 3.95% 3.92% 3.90%

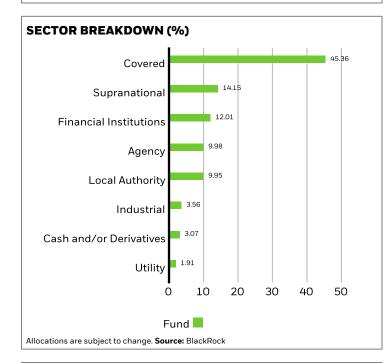
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3.11% 2.87% **38.19%** 



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EL	JROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK
CA	ANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE
BA	ANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
BA	ANK OF MONTREAL
N	ATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD
SA	ANTANDER UK PLC
KF	FW
R	DYAL BANK OF CANADA

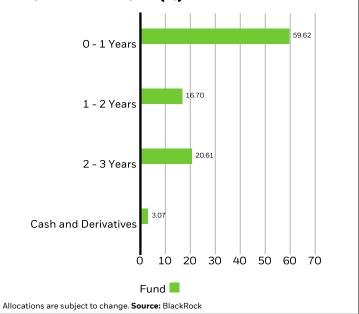
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ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
TORONTO-DOMINION BANK/THE
NORTH-RHINE WESTPHALIA STATE OF
Total of Portfolio
Holdings subject to change

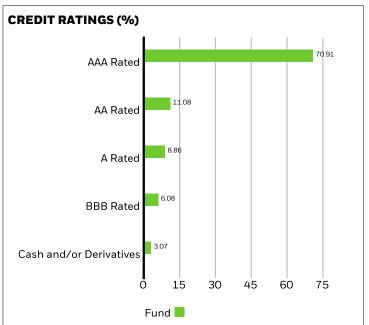


# TRADING INFORMATION

Exchange		London Stock Exchange		
Ticker		UESD		
	Bloomberg Ticker	UESD LN		
	RIC	UESD.L		
	SEDOL	BJP26F0		
Listing Currency		GBP		

# **MATURITY BREAKDOWN (%)**





Credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the fund are received from S&P, Moody's and Fitch and converted to the equivalent S&P major rating category. This breakdown is provided by BlackRock and takes the median rating of the three agencies when all three agencies rate a security the lower of the two ratings if only two agencies rate a security and one rating if that is all that is provided. Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. Below investment-grade is represented by a rating of BB and below. Ratings and portfolio credit quality may change over time.

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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	99.63%	MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	AA
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	98.66%	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	8.18
Funds in Peer Group	24	Fund Lipper Global Classification	Bond GBP Short Term
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	93.49%	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	16.57

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of 21 Apr 2024, based on holdings as of 31 Mar 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.

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

**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 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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