

# iShares MSCI USA Small Cap ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF USD (Acc)

## December Factsheet

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns, Net Asset information as at: 31-Dec-2023

All other data as at: 05-Jan-2024

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

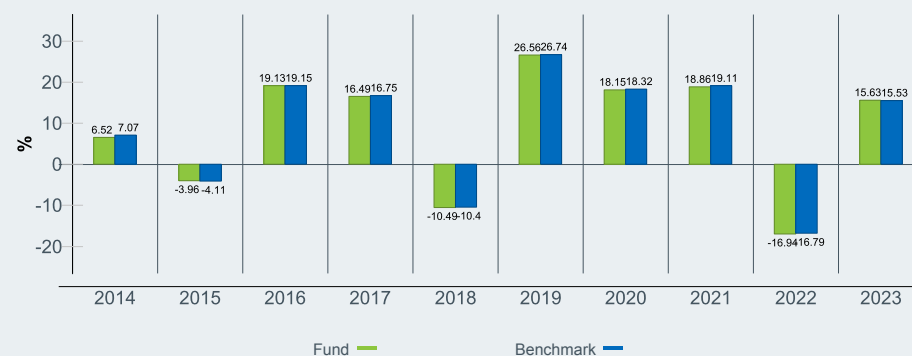
- 1 Provides exposure to sub-set of equity securities within the MSCI USA Small Cap Index and adopts optimisation process which aims to exceed decarbonisation targets and other minimum standards for an EU Climate Transition Benchmark
- 2 Excludes Companies that are involved with controversial, conventional, 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.
- 3 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

**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. Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily. 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 Fund to financial loss.

### GROWTH OF HYPOTHETICAL 10,000 USD SINCE INCEPTION



### Calendar Year Returns



**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 FACTS

|                         |                                                    |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Asset Class             | Equity                                             |
| Fund Base Currency      | USD                                                |
| Share Class Currency    | USD                                                |
| Fund Launch Date        | 01-Jul-2009                                        |
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| Benchmark               | MSCI USA Small Cap ESG<br>Enhanced Focus CTB Index |
| ISIN                    | IE00B3VWM098                                       |
| Total Expense Ratio     | 0.43%                                              |
| Distribution Type       | Accumulating                                       |
| Domicile                | Ireland                                            |
| Methodology             | Optimised                                          |
| Product Structure       | Physical                                           |
| Rebalance Frequency     | Quarterly                                          |
| UCITS                   | Yes                                                |
| Use of Income           | Accumulating                                       |
| Management Company      | iShares VII plc                                    |

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Net Assets of Fund        | USD 1,463,678,913 |
| Net Assets of Share Class | USD 1,463,678,913 |
| Number of Holdings        | 1,625             |
| Shares Outstanding        | 3,020,414         |
| Benchmark Ticker          | NU748775          |
| Fund Type                 | UCITS             |

### TOP HOLDINGS (%)

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST RE | 0.91 |
| DT MIDSTREAM INC                   | 0.65 |
| WILLIAMS SONOMA INC                | 0.54 |
| ACUITY BRANDS INC                  | 0.51 |
| JANUS HENDERSON GROUP PLC          | 0.48 |
| AXALTA COATING SYSTEMS LTD         | 0.44 |
| FLEX LTD                           | 0.44 |
| EMCOR GROUP INC                    | 0.44 |
| SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET INC         | 0.44 |
| BADGER METER INC                   | 0.44 |
|                                    | 5.29 |

Holdings are subject to change.

**The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.** Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in USD, hedged fund benchmark performance is displayed in USD. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. Performance data is based on the net asset value (NAV) of the ETF which may not be the same as the market price of the ETF. Individual shareholders may realize returns that are different to the NAV performance. 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

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

|                         | Fund  |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Industrials             | 18.91 |
| Financials              | 15.38 |
| Consumer Discretionary  | 14.62 |
| Information Technology  | 14.32 |
| Health Care             | 13.08 |
| Real Estate             | 6.37  |
| Materials               | 4.92  |
| Energy                  | 4.79  |
| Consumer Staples        | 2.55  |
| Utilities               | 2.29  |
| Communication           | 2.22  |
| Cash and/or Derivatives | 0.54  |

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

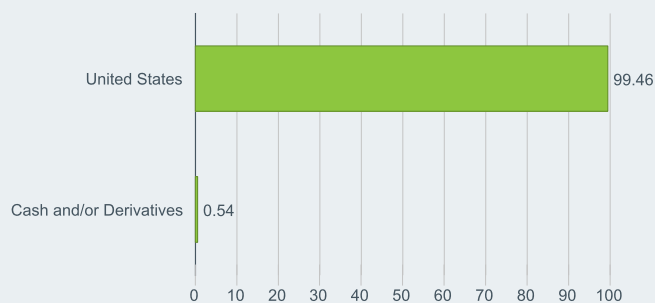
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|-------------------------------|--------|
| Price to Earnings (TTM) Ratio | 14.64x |
| Price to Book Ratio           | 2.17x  |

## DEALING INFORMATION

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Exchange         | SIX Swiss Exchange |
| Ticker           | CSUSS              |
| Bloomberg Ticker | CSUSS SW           |
| RIC              | CSUSS.S            |
| SEDOL            | B3VWM09            |
| Trading Currency | USD                |

This product is also listed on: Bolsa Mexicana De Valores,Borsa Italiana,  
London Stock Exchange,Deutsche Boerse Xetra

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)



Geographic exposure relates principally to the domicile of the issuers of the securities held in the product, added together and then expressed as a percentage of the product's total holdings. However, in some instances it can reflect the location where the issuer of the securities carries out much of their business.

**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.

|                                                 |                      |                                                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)</b>           | A                    | <b>MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)</b>                                | 6.88   |
| <b>MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile</b> | 97.98%               | <b>MSCI ESG % Coverage</b>                                          | 99.98% |
| <b>Fund Lipper Global Classification</b>        | Equity US Sm&Mid Cap | <b>MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)</b> | 90.60  |
| <b>Funds in Peer Group</b>                      | 1,437                |                                                                     |        |

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Dec 2023**, based on holdings as of **30 Nov 2023**. 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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## GLOSSARY

**Total Expense Ratio (TER):** A measure of the total costs associated with managing and operating a fund. The TER consists primarily of the management fee plus other expenses such as trustee, custody, or operating expenses. It is expressed as a percentage of the fund's total net asset value.

**Distribution yield:** The distribution yield represents the ratio of distributed income over the last 12 months to the fund's current Net Asset Value.

**Product Structure:** Indicates whether the fund buys the actual underlying securities in the index (i.e. Physical) or whether the fund gains exposure to those securities by buying derivatives, such as swaps (known as 'Synthetic'). Swaps are a form of contract that promises to provide the return of the security to the fund, but the fund does not hold the actual security. This can introduce a risk that the counterparty defaults on the "promise" or contract.

**Methodology:** Indicates whether the product is holding all index securities in the same weight as the index (replicating) or whether an optimized subset of index securities is used (optimized/sampled) in order to efficiently track index performance.

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