



March 2024

Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns and Net Asset information as at: 31-Mar-2024. All other data as at: 16-Apr-2024.

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#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

- The Fund 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 equity market in Japan.
- The Fund is passively managed and invests in equity securities (e.g. shares) listed and traded on regulated markets in Japan.
- The return of the Fund will be compared with the return on an index which will initially be the MSCI Japan Index (with net dividends), the Fund's benchmark index.

### **RISK INDICATOR**

Lower Risk
Potentially Lower Rewards

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**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:**

- Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies.
   This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political, sustainability-related or regulatory events.
- 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.
- 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.

## **RATINGS**



#### **KEY FACTS**

Asset Class: Equity

**Benchmark:** MSCI Developed - Japan Net

Dividends (USD)

Fund Launch Date: 01-Dec-2005

Share Class Launch Date: 13-May-2009

**Share Class Currency :** USD **Use of Income :** Distributing

Net Assets of Fund (M): 2,042.43 USD

Morningstar Category: Japan Large-Cap Equity

SFDR Classification: Other

**Domicile:** Ireland **ISIN:** IE00B1W56N49

Management Company: BlackRock Asset

Management Ireland Limited

## \* or currency equivalent FEES AND CHARGES

Annual Management Fee: 0.15%

Ongoing Charge: 0.18%

Performance Fee: 0.00%

#### **DEALING INFORMATION**

Minimum Initial Investment: 1,000,000 USD \*

Settlement: Trade Date + 3 days

**Dealing Frequency:** Daily, forward pricing basis

\* or currency equivalent

### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Price to Book Ratio: 1.79x

Price to Earnings Ratio: 18.49x

Standard Deviation (3y): 15.67

**3y Beta:** 1.00

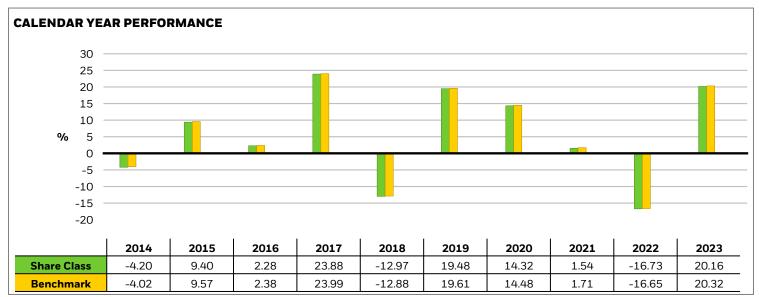
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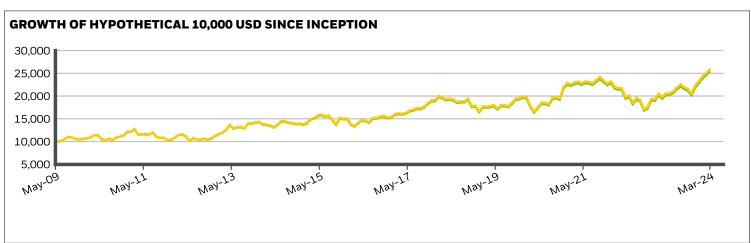
## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

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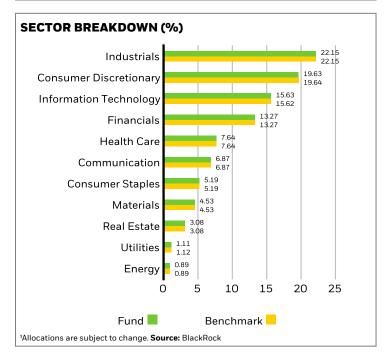
CUMULATIVE & ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE											
			UMULATIVE (%	ANNUALISED (% p.a.)							
		1m	3m	6m	YTD	1у	3у	5у	Since Inception		
Shar	e Class	3.01	10.97	20.02	10.97	25.65	3.55	7.63	6.55		
Bend	chmark	3.02	11.01	20.10	11.01	25.78	3.69	7.77	6.70		

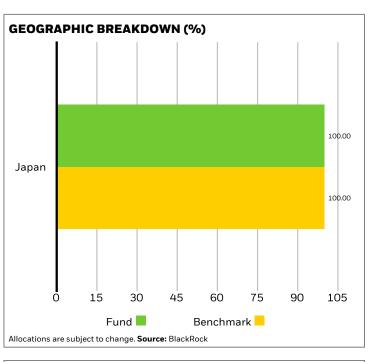
The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy. Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in USD, hedged share class benchmark performance 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

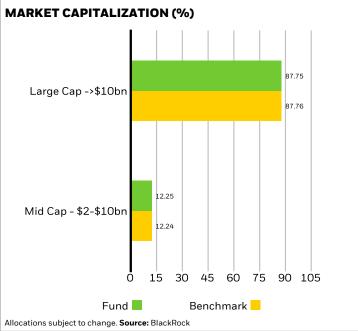
Share Class iShares Japan Index Fund (IE)Inst U.S. Dollar
Benchmark MSCI Developed - Japan Net Dividends (USD)



TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)	
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	6.72%
TOKYO ELECTRON LTD	3.08%
MITSUBISHI UFJ FINANCIAL GROUP INC	2.84%
SONY GROUP CORP	2.71%
KEYENCE CORP	2.27%
HITACHI LTD	2.12%
MITSUBISHI CORP	2.00%
SHIN ETSU CHEMICAL LTD	1.98%
SUMITOMO MITSUI FINANCIAL GROUP IN	1.87%
RECRUIT HOLDINGS LTD	1.59%
Total of Portfolio	27.18%
Holdings subject to change	









### 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	98.94%	MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	AA
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	68.47%	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	7.34
Funds in Peer Group	869	Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Japan
MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	98.90%	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	72.27
MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C)	> 2.0° - 2.5° C	MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage	98.90%

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Mar 2024**, 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.

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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.

**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.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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