

# **Annual Report for the Investment Fund**

iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE)



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### Notice

The investment fund named in this report is governed by German law. Fund units are bought on the basis of the currently valid prospectus and investment conditions, supplemented by the most recent annual report concerned and also by the semi-annual report if such a report exists that is more recent than the last annual report.

The annual and semi-annual reports were drawn up in German and translated into other languages.

Only the German version is legally binding.

#### Note on Licences

#### Legal information

The German iShares funds mentioned in this document are investment funds subject to the German Investment Code. These funds are managed by BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG and are regulated by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).

### For investors in Germany

The sales prospectuses of the funds issued in Germany are available free of charge electronically and in hard copy from BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Lenbachplatz 1, 80333 Munich, Germany, Tel.: +49 (0) 89 42729 - 5858, Fax: +49 (0) 89 42729 - 5958, info@iShares.de.

#### Risk warnings

The value of investments in all the iShares funds may fluctuate, and investors may not get back the amount invested. Past performance may not be repeated and is no guarantee of future returns. Investment risks from market and currency losses as well as high volatility and concentration risk cannot be excluded.

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### Additional Information for Investors in Austria

The sales prospectuses, including investment terms and conditions, annual reports and semi-annual reports can be obtained, without charge, from the Investment company. In some countries, the paying agent and distributor or the tax representatives also provide this information.

#### Tax Representative in Austria:

Ernst & Young Wagramer Str. 19 1220 Vienna, Austria

### Additional information for investors in countries outside Germany:

iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE)

#### Performance of the fund over the last three calendar years:

31.12.2018 - 31.12.2019 +34.54% 31.12.2019 - 31.12.2020 +11.96% 31.12.2020 - 31.12.2021 +34.05%



### Report of the Management Board

Dear Investors,

BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG can look back on a dynamic performance on the market for exchange-traded products (ETPs) in the 2022 reporting period. iShares benefited from this performance. At the European level, iShares generated net cash inflows of around USD 56.9 billion or EUR 51.2 billion in the first quarter of 2022 (first quarter 2021: USD 69.7 billion or EUR 59.4 billion). BlackRock is the world leader in ETFs under the iShares brand.

The range of iShares ETFs currently comprises 620 share classes admitted for sale in Germany. This gives investors in this country easy and diversified access to a variety of global markets and asset classes. Around one tenth (64) of these exchange-traded share classes are set up in Germany and can be recognised by the "(DE)" in the fund name.

As of 30 April 2022, the volume of German funds under management was USD 45,3 billion or EUR 43.0 billion. The volume of the 23 sub-funds admitted for public distribution was USD 9,8 billion or EUR 9.3 billion on the same date. This Annual Report provides you with detailed information about the performance of our index funds.

Hopes of a full normalization of economic activity in 2021 have not yet been fulfilled. Despite the development and provision of highly effective vaccines against Covid-19, impairments to mobility have persisted longer and, in some cases, more extensively in the industrialized countries than expected at the beginning of the year, while in emerging and developing countries vaccination progress is lagging far behind. Overall, the momentum of the economic recovery from the Covid pandemic remains disappointing. More recently, supply constraints have been a contributing factor. Where demand has surged again with the opening of lockdowns, in many cases this has been contrasted with constrained supply. Supply chains that were interrupted because of the pandemic and have not yet been fully restored everywhere, as well as empty markets for certain raw materials, energy sources and industrial intermediates such as semiconductors, continue to have a dampening effect on output. At the same time, manufacturing companies are finding it easier to pass on the resulting higher production prices to consumers, as the latter have involuntarily built-up high savings due to forced consumption cuts during the lockdowns and are also willing to pay higher prices after months of restraint. The result is an intensification of the expected inflationary push triggered by base effects, which is now likely to last longer than expected due to persistently disrupted supply and logistics capacities and to continue well into 2022. Further geopolitical risks will also make 2022 a more challenging year from an investor's perspective.

Institutional and private investors do not just value iShares ETFs as components of their portfolios for implementing their own investment ideas. As the funds become more widespread, the demand for ETF-based insurance solutions, ETF savings schemes and asset management products based on ETFs also grows. In this context, we have worked with partners to design models that offer suggestions for suitable asset allocations for investor types with different risk/reward profiles. In the reporting period, this included developing model portfolios for banks, various online brokers, and providers of digital asset management services, commonly known as robo-advisors. In the European ETF market, iShares is still excellently positioned as a provider from the onset. We continue to invest in excellent service and products that meet our customers' needs. We intend to further extend our market leadership by means of continuous and innovative expansion of our offering. The strategic competitive advantages of iShares ETFs include high market liquidity, tight bid/ask spreads, and highly accurate index replication.

For more information, please visit our website www.iShares.de or call us on +49 (0) 89 42729 - 5858.

We would like to thank you for your confidence and look forward to continued partnership and cooperation.

The Board of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG

Dirk Schmitz

Harald Klug

Peter Scharl

Birgit Ludwig



### **Fund Management Activity Report**

#### Investment objectives and policies

The iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE) investment fund is a passively managed exchange-traded fund (ETF) that tracks the performance of the Dow Jones Global Titans 50<sup>SM</sup> Index as closely as possible. The index measures the performance of 50 leading multinational companies from the S&P Global BMI. Index composition and weightings are selected based on test criteria such as free-float market capitalisation, revenue/income and net profit. The composition is reviewed annually and the components are rebalanced quarterly and capped at a maximum of 8%.

The iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE) is an optimising fund and can therefore engage in optimisation techniques. This may include, but is not limited to, the strategic selection of certain securities, rather than all of the securities that make up the index, or other assets which provide similar performance to individual index constituents. This may include the use of financial derivative instruments.

### Structure of the investment fund with regard to investment objectives and significant changes during the reporting period

The iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE) investment fund is a distributing fund. Income is distributed after offsetting against expenses as part of interim distributions or six weeks after the end of the financial year. The realised gains and losses result primarily from transactions with equities, which were carried out due to changes in the index, capital measures and the redemption of shares. Index changes published by the index provider were directly tracked in the fund.

New inclusions	
ASML Holding N.V. Aandelen op naam EO -,09	NL0010273215
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Registered Shares DL 1	US8835561023

Removals	
Amgen Inc. Registered Shares DL -,0001	US0311621009
GlaxoSmithKline PLC Registered Shares LS -,25	GB0009252882

### Material risks and events in the reporting period

### Effects of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19)

With regard to the still relevant COVID-19 pandemic, no further extraordinary measures to manage the relevant risks were required in the course of the financial year for the management of the investment fund apart from more intensive monitoring activities.

#### Market price risk

In order to achieve the investment objective of tracking the performance of the Dow Jones Global Titans 50 <sup>SM</sup> index as closely as possible in the reporting period, fund management pursued an exclusively passive investment approach. Accordingly, as part of the fund management activities affecting this investment fund, no risks were actively managed or entered into. In the period under review, the investment fund was subject to the general and specific market price risk arising from individual stocks. Throughout the reporting period, the investment fund implemented the individual selection of securities within the investment universe prescribed by the provider of the index. This meant that the investment fund was subject to a high absolute market price risk.

#### Currency risk

As prescribed by the index, the investment fund invested in multinational equities in the reporting period. Therefore there was a high level of risk for EUR investors.

### Liquidity risk

The assets held in the investment fund were liquid at all times, thus the liquidity risk can be regarded as low.

#### Operational risk

Operational risks for the investment fund are managed within the risk management system of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG.

The operational risks of the processes relevant to the investment fund are the subject of regular identification, analysis and monitoring. This is achieved, for example, through the use of instruments such as self-assessment, risk indicators and a loss database.

Business areas or processes which are relevant for this investment fund and which have been outsourced by BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG are subject to an outsourcing controlling process.

The investment fund did not incur any losses from operational risks in the reporting period.

In response to the increasing spread of COVID-19, the Company put in place more far-reaching emergency measures from mid-March 2020. These are continuously amended in line with political, economic and social countermeasures.



Russia-Ukraine conflict

Certain financial markets have fallen due primarily to geo-political tensions arising from Russia's incursion into Ukraine and the impact of the subsequent range of sanctions, regulations and other measures which impaired normal trading in Russian securities. The Company continues to monitor investment performance in line with the investment objectives, and the operations of the Fund and the publication of net asset values are continuing.



Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30/04/2022

	Market value	% of fund-
	in EUR	assets1)
I. Assets	1,034,524,912.06	100.05
1. Shares	1,030,736,867.94	99.68
Australia	11,193,664.50	1.08
Canada	9,288,773.14	0.90
France	7,876,964.18	0.76
Germany	13,662,813.78	1.32
Ireland	21,371,594.82	2.07
Japan	14,346,488.81	1.39
Korea, Republic Of	19,985,820.38	1.93
Netherlands	15,183,436.00	1.47
Switzerland	55,314,447.53	5.35
Taiwan, Province Of China	22,388,417.26	2.17
United Kingdom (UK)	21,374,862.83	2.07
United States	818,749,584.71	79.18
2. Derivatives	-58,022.18	-0.01
Forward contracts	-58,022.18	-0.01
3. Receivables	1,271,307.90	0.12
4. Bank deposits	2,326,758.40	0.23
5. Other assets	248,000.00	0.02
II. Liabilities	-521,369.95	-0.05
Liabilities arising from loans	-507.27	-0.00
Other liabilities	-520,862.68	-0.05
III. Fund assets	1,034,003,542.11	100.00

<sup>1)</sup> Rounding of percentages during the calculation may result in slight rounding differences.



### Statement of Net Assets as at 30/04/2022

Designation of class of security	ISIN	Market	Units, shares or currency in 1,000s	As at 30/04/2022	Purchases/ Additions	Sales/ Disposals		Price	Market value in EUR	% of the fund assets <sup>2)</sup>
Securities					in the repo	orting period			1,030,736,867.94	99.68
Exchange-traded securities									1,030,736,867.94	99.68
Shares									1,013,783,842.98	98.04
Abbott Laboratories Registered Shares o.N.	US0028241000		Units	120,646	67,012	47,904	USD	113.500	12,980,063.40	1.26
AbbVie Inc. Registered Shares DL -,01	US00287Y1091		Units	120,520	67,188	47,896	USD	146.880	16,779,917.13	1.62
Accenture PLC Reg.Shares Class A DL-,0000225	IE00B4BNMY34		Units	43,095	23,594	16,849	USD	300.360	12,269,786.49	1.19
Adobe Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	US00724F1012		Units	32,288	17,397	12,575	USD	395.950	12,118,518.12	1.17
Alphabet Inc. Reg. Shs Cap.Stk Cl. C DL-,001	US02079K1079		Units	16,244	9,234	9,496	USD	2,299.330	35,404,813.52	3.42
Alphabet Inc. Reg. Shs Cl. A DL-,001	US02079K3059		Units	17,591	9,927	9,566	USD	2,282.190	38,054,879.53	3.68
Amazon.com Inc. Registered Shares DL -,01	US0231351067		Units	29,822	16,978	11,064	USD	2,485.630	70,265,359.49	6.80
Apple Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	US0378331005		Units	555,041	367,814	422,154	USD	157.650	82,944,399.02	8.02
ASML Holding N.V. Aandelen op naam EO -,09	NL0010273215		Units	27,707	38,698	10,991	EUR	548.000	15,183,436.00	1.47
BHP Group Ltd. Registered Shares DL -,50	AU000000BHP4		Units	346,112	278,184	101,068	AUD	48.010	11,193,664.50	1.08
Chevron Corp. Registered Shares DL-,75	US1667641005		Units	131,356	73,306	52,374	USD	156.670	19,507,597.36	1.89
Cisco Systems Inc. Registered Shares DL-,001	US17275R1023		Units	287,620	157,591	111,953	USD	48.980	13,353,831.36	1.29
Citigroup Inc. Registered Shares DL -,01	US1729674242		Units	134,646	73,620	58,655	USD	48.210	6,153,165.73	0.60
Coca-Cola Co., The Registered Shares DL -,25	US1912161007		Units	265,127	148,077	105,260	USD	64.610	16,237,595.69	1.57
Exxon Mobil Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	US30231G1022		Units	288,607	160,035	114,070	USD	85.250	23,322,186.98	2.26
Intel Corp. Registered Shares DL -,001	US4581401001		Units	277,614	154,722	109,959	USD	43.590	11,470,867.35	1.11
Intl Business Machines Corp. Registered Shares DL -,20	US4592001014		Units	60,688	33,673	24,603	USD	132.210	7,605,629.32	0.74
Johnson & Johnson Registered Shares DL 1	US4781601046		Units	179,449	98,878	70,029	USD	180.460	30,696,581.99	2.97
JPMorgan Chase & Co. Registered Shares DL 1	US46625H1005		Units	201,451	108,032	81,407	USD	119.360	22,792,725.62	2.20
Mastercard Inc. Registered Shares A DL -,0001	US57636Q1040		Units	58,859	31,603	22,987	USD	363.380	20,274,115.89	1.96
McDonald's Corp. Registered Shares DL-,01	US5801351017		Units	51,024	28,638	20,359	USD	249.160	12,050,937.91	1.17
Medtronic PLC Registered Shares DL -,0001	IE00BTN1Y115		Units	92,008	50,753	36,032	USD	104.360	9,101,808.33	0.88
Merck & Co. Inc. Registered Shares DL-,01	US58933Y1055		Units	172,391	95,970	68,620	USD	88.690	14,492,965.84	1.40
Meta Platforms Inc. Reg.Shares Cl.A DL-,000006	US30303M1027		Units	157,390	85,426	65,827	USD	200.470	29,908,494.36	2.89
Microsoft Corp. Registered Shares DL-,00000625	US5949181045		Units	313,493	189,254	190,339	USD	277.520	82,468,891.95	7.98
Nestlé S.A. Namens-Aktien SF -,10	CH0038863350		Units	191,899	106,149	79,332	CHF	126.000	23,612,861.66	2.28
Netflix Inc. Registered Shares DL -,001	US64110L1061		Units	30,269	16,610	11,723	USD	190.360	5,461,875.47	0.53
Novartis AG Namens-Aktien SF 0,50	CH0012005267		Units	166,128	92,398	67,674	CHF	86.510	14,035,067.79	1.36
NVIDIA Corp. Registered Shares DL-,001	US67066G1040		Units	170,406	200,473	65,583	USD	185.470	29,958,949.36	2.90
Oracle Corp. Registered Shares DL -,01	US68389X1054		Units	107,459	62,852	61,757	USD	73.400	7,476,647.05	0.72
PayPal Holdings Inc. Reg. Shares DL -,0001	US70450Y1038		Units	79,543	43,699	31,264	USD	87.930	6,629,901.32	0.64
PepsiCo Inc. Registered Shares DL -,0166	US7134481081		Units	94,342	52,675	37,416	USD	171.710	15,355,667.22	1.49
Pfizer Inc. Registered Shares DL -,05	US7170811035		Units	382,652	214,307	151,369	USD	49.070	17,798,691.28	1.72
Philip Morris Internat. Inc. Registered Shares o.N.	US7181721090		Units	105,480	57,895	41,717	USD	100.000	9,998,575.86	0.97
Procter & Gamble Co., The Registered Shares o.N.	US7427181091		Units	163,330	88,687	66,461	USD	160.550	24,856,747.27	2.40
Roche Holding AG Inhaber-Aktien SF 1	CH0012032113		Units	1,860	1,243	982	CHF	392.800	713,493.12	0.07
Royal Bank of Canada Registered Shares o.N.	CA7800871021		Units	96,523	53,105	38,256	CAD	129.750	9,288,773.14	0.90
Salesforce Inc. Registered Shares DL -,001	US79466L3024		Units	67,153	40,420	25,868	USD	175.940	11,199,484.46	1.08
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. R.Sh(sp.GDRs144A/95) 25/SW 100	US7960508882		Units	13,940	7,487	5,347	USD	1,323.500	17,488,587.90	1.69
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. R.Shs(NV)Pf(GDR144A)/25 SW 100	US7960502018		Units	2,244	1,180	834	USD	1,174.000	2,497,232.48	0.24
Sanofi S.A. Actions Port. EO 2	FR0000120578		Units	77,851	43,187	31,048	EUR	101.180	7,876,964.18	0.76
SAP SE Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	DE0007164600		Units	73,995	40,698	29,397	EUR	97.560	7,218,952.20	0.70
Shell PLC Reg. Shares Class EO -,07	GB00BP6MXD84		Units	521,851	584,355	62,504	GBP	21.730	13,495,569.56	1.31
Siemens AG Namens-Aktien o.N.	DE0007236101		Units	54,711	30,740	22,328	EUR	117.780	6,443,861.58	0.62
Taiwan Semiconduct.Manufact.Co Registered Shares TA 10	TW0002330008		Units	1,294,000	672,000	462,000	TWD	538.000	22,388,417.26	2.17
Shales IA IV								NM08	822U-2398334-9/24	



Designation of class of security	ISIN	Market	Units, shares or currency in 1,000s	As at 30/04/2022	Purchases/ Additions in the rep	Sales/ Disposals orting period		Price	Market value in EUR	% of the fund assets <sup>2)</sup>
Tesla Inc. Registered Shares DL-,001	US88160R1014		Units	57,051	34,472	21,416	USD	870.760	47,090,115.61	4.55
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. Registered Shares DL 1	US8835561023		Units	26,876	36,996	10,120	USD	552.920	14,086,235.88	1.36
Toyota Motor Corp. Registered Shares o.N.	JP3633400001		Units	877,150	1,042,340	311,300	JPY	2,235.500	14,346,488.81	1.39
Unilever PLC Registered Shares LS -,031111	GB00B10RZP78		Units	178,023	98,002	70,734	GBP	37.190	7,879,293.27	0.76
VISA Inc. Reg. Shares Class A DL -,0001	US92826C8394		Units	113,052	61,426	45,552	USD	213.130	22,839,724.42	2.21
Walmart Inc. Registered Shares DL -,10	US9311421039		Units	96,395	56,059	39,130	USD	152.990	13,979,304.89	1.35
Walt Disney Co., The Registered Shares DL -,01	US2546871060		Units	124,123	68,755	48,640	USD	111.630	13,134,127.06	1.27
Other investment securities									16,953,024.96	1.64
Roche Holding AG Inhaber-Genußscheine o.N.	CH0012032048		Units	47,902	26,515	18,881	CHF	362.400	16,953,024.96	1.64
Derivatives									-58,022.18	-0.01
(The amounts marked with a minus sign are sold	positions.)									
Equity index derivatives									-58,022.18	-0.01
Receivables/liabilities										
Stock index futures									-58,022.18	-0.01
DJ Stoxx 50SM Future (STXX) Juni 22		EDT	Number	27			EUR		49,717.50	0.00
E-Mini NASDAQ-100 Index Future (NQ) Juni 22		NAE	Number	10			USD		-107,739.68	-0.01
Bank Accounts, Unsecuritised Money Market Instr	ruments and Money N	/larket Fun	ds						2,326,758.40	0.23
Bank accounts									2,326,758.40	0.23
EUR balances									515,317.09	0.05
Depository: State Street Bank International GmbH	l		EUR	515,317.09			%	100.000	515,317.09	0.05
Balances in Non-EU/EEA currencies									1,811,441.31	0.18
Depository: State Street Bank International GmbH	l		AUD	40,402.14			%	100.000	27,216.25	0.00
			CAD	122,605.38			%	100.000	90,934.71	0.01
			CHF	126,989.20			%	100.000	124,014.41	0.01
			JPY	2,585,639.00			%	100.000	18,917.55	0.00
			TWD	6,425,341.00			%	100.000	206,634.59	0.02
			USD	1,417,561.75			%	100.000	1,343,723.80	0.13
Other assets									1,519,307.90	0.15
Dividend claims			CAD	98,453.46					73,021.57	0.01
			JPY	17,534,876.00					128,292.06	0.01
			USD	582,179.89					551,855.31	0.05
Withholding tax reimbursement claims			CHF	446,230.29					435,777.11	0.04
			EUR	3,308.63					3,308.63	0.00
			JPY	309,617.00					2,265.28	0.00
Receivables arising from securities transactions			JPY	5,196,941.00					38,022.87	0.00
Receivables arising from FX spot transactions			EUR	38,765.07					38,765.07	0.00
Initial margin			EUR	248,000.00					248,000.00	0.02
Liabilities arising from loans									-507.27	-0.00
Loans in non-EU/EEA currencies									-507.27	-0.00
Depository: State Street Bank International GmbH			GBP	-426.24			%	100.000	-507.27	-0.00



Designation of class of security	ISIN	Market	Units, shares or currency in 1,000s	As at 30/04/2022	Purchases/ Additions in the repo	Sales/ Disposals orting period	Price	Market value in EUR	% of the fund assets <sup>2)</sup>
Other liabilities								-520,862.68	-0.05
Management fee			EUR	-428,634.42				-428,634.42	-0.04
Liabilities arising from FX spot transactions			JPY	-5,232,000.00				-38,279.37	-0.00
Received variation margin			EUR	-40,267.50				-40,267.50	-0.00
			USD	-6,890.00				-6,531.11	-0.00
Other liabilities			EUR	-7,150.28				-7,150.28	-0.00
Fund assets							EUR	1,034,003,542.11	100.00
Unit value							EUR	57.73	
Units in circulation							Units	17,910,000	
2) Rounding of percentages during the calculation	on may result in slig	ght rounding di	fferences.						

Transactions during the reporting period, insofar as these no longer appear in the assets listed: Securities purchases and sales, investment units and bonds (market allocation on the reporting date)

		Units,			
Designation of class of security	ISIN	shares or currency in 1,000s	Purchases/ Additions	Sales/ Disposals	Volume in 1,000
Securities	ISIN	11 1,0003	Additions	Disposais	111 1,000
Exchange-traded securities					
Shares					
Amgen Inc. Registered Shares DL -,0001	US0311621009	Units	13,926	47,042	
GlaxoSmithKline PLC Registered Shares LS -,25	GB0009252882	Units	127,298	414,738	
Kyndryl Holdings Inc. Registered Shares DL -,01	US50155Q1004	Units	12,206	12,206	
Organon & Co. Registered Shares DL -,01	US68622V1061	Units	14,456	14,456	
Shell PLC Reg. Shares Class A EO -,07	GB00B03MLX29	Units	152,801	388,191	
Shell PLC Reg. Shares Class B EO -,07	GB00B03MM408	Units	128,994	344,254	
Unlisted securities					
Shares					
BHP Group PLC Registered Shares DL -,50	GB00BH0P3Z91	Units	76,486	199,241	
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(Option premiums or volume of option transactions implemented in opening transactions, and information on purchases and sales for warrants)

### **Futures contracts**

Stock index futures

Purchased contracts: 15,807

Underlying(s): Nasdaq-100 Index, STXE 50 Index (Price) (EUR)



Profit and Loss Account (incl. Income Adjustment)		
for the period from 01/05/2021 to 30/04/2022		
I. Income		
Dividends from domestic issuers	EUR	350,878.96
2. Dividends from foreign issuers (before withholding tax)	EUR	15,254,613.27
3. Interest from domestic liquidity investments	EUR	-19,095.06
4. Deduction of foreign withholding tax	EUR	-3,648,517.13
5. Other income	EUR	8,165.91
Total income	EUR	11,946,045.95
II. Expenses		
1. Interest from borrowings	EUR	-687.45
2. Management fee	EUR	-5,305,085.24
3. Other expenses	EUR	-144,629.25
Total expenses	EUR	-5,450,401.94
III. Ordinary net income	EUR	6,495,644.01
IV. Disposals		
1. Realised gains	EUR	105,685,305.64
2. Realised losses	EUR	-3,547,558.61
Gain/loss on disposals	EUR	102,137,747.03
V. Annual realised results	EUR	108,633,391.04
Net change in unrealised gains	EUR	-4,317,473.86
2. Net change in unrealised losses	EUR	-30,071,241.67
VI. Annual unrealised results	EUR	-34,388,715.53
VII. Result for the financial year	EUR	74,244,675.51

Negative interest is included in "Interest from domestic liquidity investments". This can lead to a negative amount shown under "Interest from domestic liquidity investments".

### **Change in Fund Assets**

				2021/2022
I. Value of fund assets at the start of the financial year			EUR	816,149,896.40
Distribution for the previous year			EUR	-3,380,161.04
2. Interim distributions			EUR	-2,319,491.30
3. Cash inflow / outflow (net)			EUR	142,168,890.00
a) Proceeds received from sales of units	EUR	543,845,825.00		
b) Payments for redemption of units	EUR	-401,676,935.00		
4. Income adjustment/cost compensation			EUR	7,139,732.54
5. Result for the financial year			EUR	74,244,675.51
of which unrealised gains	EUR	-4,317,473.86		
of which unrealised losses	EUR	-30,071,241.67		
II. Value of fund assets at the end of the financial year			EUR	1,034,003,542.11



Use of income from the investment fund

Calculation of distribution (total and per unit)		total	per unit
I. Available for distribution	EUR	253,546,952.32	14.15
1. Carryforward from the previous year 3)	EUR	141,366,002.67	7.89
2. Realised net income for the financial year	EUR	108,633,391.04	6.06
3. Transfer from the investment fund 4)	EUR	3,547,558.61	0.20
II. Not used for distribution	EUR	-247,051,314.68	-13.79
1. Reinvested	EUR	-91,950,783.36	-5.13
2. Carryforward to new account	EUR	-155,100,531.32	-8.66
III. Total pay-out	EUR	6,495,637.64	0.36
Interim distribution	EUR	2,319,491.30	0.13
2. Final year-end distribution	EUR	4,176,146.34	0.23

<sup>3)</sup> Difference from the previous year because of income adjustment calculated on carryforwards. 4) Transfer in the amount of the realised losses of the financial year.

### Comparative overview of the last three financial years

Financial year		Fund assets at the end of the financial year	Unit value
2021/2022	EUR	1,034,003,542.11	57.73
2020/2021	EUR	816,149,896.40	52.62
2019/2020	EUR	575,662,454.35	41.53
2018/2019	EUR	301,473,762.56	39.15

Notes					
Information pursuant to the German Derivatives Ordinance [Derivateverordnung, DerivateV]:					
Information where derivatives are employed pursuant to Section 37 Para. 1 DerivateV:					
Level of exposure through derivatives:	EUR	3,443,120.56			
Counterparty to derivatives transactions:					
Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC					
		Market value of securities in EUR			
Total sum in connection with third-party derivatives for collateral:	EUR	0.00			

Pursuant to the Derivatives Ordinance, the utilisation of the market risk ceiling for this investment fund was calculated in accordance with the simple approach.



Notes

Other information

Number of fund units in circulation and value of a fund unit on the reporting date pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 1 of the German Capital Investment Accounting and Valuation Ordinance (KARBV)

Unit value EUR 57.73
Units in circulation Units 17,910,000

Information on the valuation process for assets pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 2 KARBV

### Security prices and market prices

The fund assets are valued on the basis of the following market prices:

Derivatives: Closing prices on the respective valuation dates
All securities: Closing prices on the respective valuation dates

The valuation of assets generally took place during the financial year and at the balance sheet date on the basis of the last traded stock exchange price.

Assets not admitted for trading on stock exchanges nor admitted to another regulated market or included in such market, or for which no tradable value is available, are valued at current market values, which shall be assessed with due care using appropriate valuation models and taking into consideration current market conditions.

Derivatives admitted for trading on a stock exchange or another regulated market are valued at the closing price on the relevant valuation date.

Money in bank accounts and existing receivables are valued at their current nominal value. Existing liabilities are reported at the amounts payable.

### Exchange Rate(s) or Conversion Factor(s) (bulk quoting) as at 29/04/2022

Australian Dollar	(AUD)	1.48449 = 1 Euro (EUR)
British Pound Sterling	(GBP)	0.84026 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Canadian Dollar	(CAD)	1.34828 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Japanese Yen	(JPY)	136.67935 = 1 Euro (EUR)
New Taiwan Dollar	(TWD)	31.09519 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Swiss Francs	(CHF)	1.02399 = 1 Euro (EUR)
US Dollar	(USD)	1.05495 = 1 Euro (EUR)

### Market key

### a) Futures exchanges

NAE Chicago - Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) - Index and Option Market (IOM)

EDT Eurex (Eurex Frankfurt/Eurex Zürich)



### Information on transparency and the total expense ratio (TER) pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 KARBV

Total expense ratio pursuant to Section 101 Para. 2 KAGB: 0.51%.

The total expense ratio expresses all costs and payments (not including transaction costs) borne by the investment fund during the year in relation to the average net asset value of the investment fund's assets.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of investment, a fixed fee of 0.50% p.a. based on the average net asset value and payable to the Investment Management Company has been agreed for the investment fund. This fixed fee covers services rendered by the Company, in particular the expenses of the depository, costs of legally required printing, mailings and publications associated with the investment fund, and for the auditing of the annual report. Of this amount, 0.0085% p.a. is due to the depository based on the average net asset value, and 0.0310% p.a. to third parties (printing and publication expenses, auditing and miscellaneous costs). The Company does not pay any fees to brokers.

The following expenses are not included in the fixed fee:

- a) Expenses resulting from the purchase and sale of assets (transaction costs);
- b) Customary bank custody fees, including the customary bank charges for the custody of foreign securities abroad and related taxes, if applicable:
- c) Expenses related to day-to-day account management:
- d) Expenses incurred in the assertion and enforcement of the legal claims of the investment fund; and
- e) Expenses for providing information to investors of the investment fund by means of a durable medium, with the exception of expenses for providing information in the case of fund mergers.

Details of the fee structure are provided in the current sales prospectus.

### Expenses paid and repayments received pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 c) KARBV

In the reporting period from 01/05/2021 to 30/04/2022, the Investment Management Company BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG received no repayment of fees or reimbursement of expenses paid from the investment fund to the depository or to third parties for the investment fund iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE).

#### Information concerning other income and other expenses pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 e) KARBV

Other income amounting to EUR 8,165.91 is broken down as follows:

a) Income from withholding tax refunds/claims: EUR 8,165.91

Other expenses amounting to EUR 144,629.25 is broken down as follows:

a) Safekeeping fees:	EUR	90,774.58
b) Deduction of domestic capital gains tax:	EUR	49,812.78
c) Other expenditure:	EUR	4,041.89

### Information concerning transaction costs pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 f) KARBV

The transaction costs pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 f) KARBV paid during the reporting period totalled EUR 161,872.12.

Transaction costs take into account all costs that were separately recognised or invoiced for the account of the investment fund and that are in direct connection with the purchase or sale of assets.

The share of the securities transactions executed during the period under review for account of the investment fund through brokers that are closely affiliated companies and persons was 0.00%. Their total amount was EUR 0.00.

#### Index fund information pursuant to Section 16 Para. 2 KARBV

Tracking error level at the end of the reporting period pursuant to Section 16 Para. 2 No. 1 KARBV

0.37 percentage points

Annual tracking difference level

-0.96 percentage points

The Dow Jones Global Titans 50<sup>SM</sup> performance index recorded a performance of 11.35% in the reporting period. Taking into account costs, distributions and taxes, iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE) recorded a performance of 10.39% during the same period.



### Information on staff remuneration pursuant to Section 101 Para. 4 KAGB

The below disclosures are made in respect of the remuneration policies of the BlackRock group ("BlackRock"), as they apply to BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG (the "Manager"). The disclosures are made in accordance with the Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities ("UCITS"), as amended, including in particular by Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the council of 23 July 2014, (the "Directive"), and the "Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive and AIFMD" issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

BlackRock's UCITS Remuneration Policy (the "UCITS Remuneration Policy") will apply to the EEA entities within the BlackRock group authorised as a manager of UCITS funds in accordance with the Directive, and will ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 14b of the Directive, and to UK entities within the BlackRock group authorised by the FCA as a manager of a UK UCITS fund.

The Manager has adopted the UCITS Remuneration Policy, a summary of which is set out below.

There were no significant changes to the established remuneration policy. No irregularities were detected as part of the annual audit.

#### **Remuneration Governance**

BlackRock's remuneration governance in EMEA operates as a tiered structure which includes: (a) the Management Development and Compensation Committee ("MDCC") which is the global, independent remuneration committee for BlackRock, Inc. and (b) the Manager's board of directors (the "Manager's Board"). These bodies are responsible for the determination of BlackRock's remuneration policies.

#### a) MDCC

The MDCC's purposes include:

- providing oversight of:
- BlackRock's executive compensation programmes;
- BlackRock's employee benefit plans; and
- such other compensation plans as may be established by BlackRock from time to time for which the MDCC is deemed as administrator;
- reviewing and discussing the compensation discussion and analysis included in the BlackRock, Inc. annual proxy statement with management and approving the MDCC's report for inclusion in the proxy statement;
- reviewing, assessing and making reports and recommendations to the BlackRock, Inc. Board of Directors (the 'BlackRock, Inc. Board') as appropriate on BlackRock's talent development and succession planning, with the emphasis on performance and succession at the highest management levels; and
- supporting the boards of the Company's EMEA regulated entities in meeting their remuneration-related obligations by overseeing the design and implementation of EMEA remuneration policy in accordance with applicable regulations.

The MDCC directly retains its own independent compensation consultant, Semler Brossy Consulting Group LLC, who has no relationship with BlackRock, Inc. or the BlackRock, Inc. Board that would interfere with its ability to provide independent advice to the MDCC on compensation matters.

The BlackRock, Inc. Board has determined that all of the members of the MDCC are "independent" within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which requires each meet a "non-employee director" standard.

The MDCC held 8 meetings during 2021. The MDCC charter is available on BlackRock, Inc.'s website (www.blackrock.com).

Through its regular reviews, the MDCC continues to be satisfied with the principles of BlackRock's compensation policy and approach.

### b) The Manager's Board

The Manager's Board has the task of supervising and providing oversight of the UCITS Remuneration Policy as it applies to the Manager and its Identified Staff.

### **Decision-making process**

Remuneration decisions for employees are made once annually in January following the end of the performance year. This timing allows full-year financial results to be considered along with other non-financial goals and objectives. Although the framework for remuneration decision-making is tied to financial performance, significant discretion is used to determine individual variable remuneration based on achievement of strategic and operating results and other considerations such as management and leadership capabilities.



No set formulas are established and no fixed benchmarks are used in determining annual incentive awards. In determining specific individual remuneration amounts, a number of factors are considered including non-financial goals and objectives and overall financial and investment performance. These results are viewed in the aggregate without any specific weighting, and there is no direct correlation between any particular performance measure and the resulting annual incentive award. The variable remuneration awarded to any individual(s) for a particular performance year may also be zero.

Annual incentive awards are paid from a bonus pool.

The size of the projected bonus pool, including cash and equity awards, is reviewed throughout the year by the MDCC and the final total bonus pool is approved after year-end. As part of this review, the MDCC receives actual and projected financial information over the course of the year as well as final year-end information. The financial information that the MDCC receives and considers includes the current year projected income statement and other financial measures compared with prior year results and the current year budget. The MDCC additionally reviews other metrics of BlackRock's financial performance (e.g., net inflows of AUM and investment performance) as well as information regarding market conditions and competitive compensation levels.

The MDCC regularly considers management's recommendation as to the percentage of preincentive operating income that will be accrued and reflected as a compensation expense throughout the year for the cash portion of the total annual bonus pool (the "accrual rate"). The accrual rate of the cash portion of the total annual bonus pool may be modified by the MDCC during the year based on its review of the financial information described above. The MDCC does not apply any particular weighting or formula to the information it considers when determining the size of the total bonus pool or the accruals made for the cash portion of the total bonus pool.

Following the end of the performance year, the MDCC approves the final bonus pool amount.

As part of the year-end review process the Enterprise Risk and Regulatory Compliance departments report to the MDCC on any activities, incidents or events that warrant consideration in making compensation decisions.

Individuals are not involved in setting their own remuneration.

#### Control functions

Each of the control functions (Enterprise Risk, Legal & Compliance, and Internal Audit) has its own organisational structure which is independent of the business units. The head of each control function is either a member of the Global Executive Committee ("GEC"), the global management committee, or has a reporting obligation to the board of directors of BlackRock Group Limited, the parent company of all of BlackRock's EMEA regulated entities, including the Manager.

Functional bonus pools are determined with reference to the performance of each individual function. The remuneration of the senior members of control functions is directly overseen by the MDCC.

### Link between pay and performance

There is a clear and well defined pay-for-performance philosophy and compensation programmes which are designed to meet the following key objectives as detailed below:

- appropriately balance BlackRock's financial results between shareholders and employees:
- attract, retain and motivate employees capable of making significant contributions to the long-term success of the business;
- align the interests of senior employees with those of shareholders by awarding BlackRock Inc.'s stock as a significant part of both annual and long-term incentive awards;
- control fixed costs by ensuring that compensation expense varies with profitability:
- link a significant portion of an employee's total compensation to the financial and operational performance of the business;
- promote sound and effective risk management across all risk categories, including sustainability risk;
- $\hbox{$\, \bullet$ discourage excessive risk-taking (sustainability related or otherwise); and}\\$
- ensure that client interests are not negatively impacted by remuneration awarded on a short-term, mid-term and/or long-term basis.

Driving a high-performance culture is dependent on the ability to measure performance against objectives, values and behaviours in a clear and consistent way. Managers use a 5-point rating scale to provide an overall assessment of an employee's performance, and employees also provide a self-evaluation. The overall, final rating is reconciled during each employee's performance appraisal. Employees are assessed on the manner in which performance is attained as well as the absolute performance itself.

In keeping with the pay-for-performance philosophy, ratings are used to differentiate and reward individual performance – but don't pre-determine compensation outcomes. Compensation decisions remain discretionary and are made as part of the year-end compensation process.



When setting remuneration levels other factors are considered, as well as individual performance, which may include:

- the performance of the Manager, the funds managed by the Manager and/or the relevant functional department;
- factors relevant to an employee individually; relationships with clients and colleagues; teamwork; skills; any conduct issues; and, subject to any applicable policy, the impact that any relevant leave of absence may have on contribution to the business);
- the management of risk within the risk profiles appropriate for BlackRock's clients;
- strategic business needs, including intentions regarding retention;
- · market intelligence; and
- · criticality to business.

A primary product tool is risk management and, while employees are compensated for strong performance in their management of client assets, they are required to manage risk within the risk profiles appropriate for their clients. Therefore, employees are not rewarded for engaging in high-risk transactions outside of established parameters. Remuneration practices do not provide undue incentives for short-term planning or short-term financial rewards, do not reward unreasonable risk and provide a reasonable balance between the many and substantial risks inherent within the business of investment management, risk management and advisory services.

BlackRock operates a total compensation model for remuneration which includes a base salary, which is contractual, and a discretionary bonus scheme.

BlackRock operates an annual discretionary bonus scheme. Although all employees are eligible to be considered for a discretionary bonus, there is no contractual obligation to make any award to an employee under its discretionary bonus scheme. In exercising discretion to award a discretionary bonus, the factors listed above (under the heading "Link between pay and performance") may be taken into account in addition to any other matters which become relevant to the exercise of discretion in the course of the performance year.

Discretionary bonus awards for all employees, including executive officers, are subject to a guideline that determines the portion paid in cash and the portion paid in BlackRock, Inc. stock and subject to additional vesting/clawback conditions. Stock awards are subject to further performance adjustment through variation in BlackRock, Inc.'s share price over the vesting period. As total annual compensation increases, a greater portion is deferred into stock. The MDCC adopted this approach in 2006 to substantially increase the retention value and shareholder alignment of the compensation package for eligible employees, including the executive officers. The portion deferred into stock vests into three equal instalments over the three years following grant.

Supplementary to the annual discretionary bonus as described above, equity awards may be made to select individuals to provide greater linkage with future business results. These long-term incentive awards have been established individually to provide meaningful incentive for continued performance over a multi-year period recognising the scope of the individual's role, business expertise and leadership skills.

Selected senior leaders are eligible to receive performance-adjusted equity-based awards from the "BlackRock Performance Incentive Plan" ("BPIP"). Awards made from the BPIP have a three-year performance period based on a measurement of As Adjusted Operating Margin\* and Organic Revenue Growth\*\*.

Determination of pay-out will be made based on the firm's achievement relative to target financial results at the conclusion of the performance period. The maximum number of shares that can be earned is 165% of the award in those situations where both metrics achieve pre-determined financial targets. No shares will be earned where the firm's financial performance in both of the above metrics is below a pre-determined performance threshold. These metrics have been selected as key measures of shareholder value which endure across market cycles.

A limited number of investment professionals have a portion of their annual discretionary bonus (as described above) awarded as deferred cash that notionally tracks investment in selected products managed by the employee. The intention of these awards is to align investment professionals with the investment returns of the products they manage through the deferral of compensation into those products. Clients and external evaluators have increasingly viewed more favourably those products where key investors have "skin in the game" through significant personal investments.

### **Identified Staff**

The UCITS Remuneration Policy sets out the process that will be applied to identify staff as Identified Staff, being categories of staff of the Manager, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Manager or of the funds it manages.

The list of Identified Staff will be subject to regular review, being formally reviewed in the event of, but not limited to:

- · organisational changes;
- · new business initiatives;
- changes in significant influence function lists;
- · changes in role responsibilities; and
- revised regulatory direction.

<sup>\*</sup>As Adjusted Operating Margin: As reported in BlackRock's external filings, reflects adjusted Operating Income divided by Total Revenue net of distribution and servicing expenses and amortisation of deferred sales



### **Quantitative Remuneration Disclosure**

The Manager is required under the Directive to make quantitative disclosures of remuneration. These disclosures are made in line with BlackRock's interpretation of currently available regulatory guidance on quantitative remuneration disclosures. As market or regulatory practice develops BlackRock may consider it appropriate to make changes to the way in which quantitative remuneration disclosures are calculated. Where such changes are made, this may result in disclosures in relation to a fund not being comparable to the disclosures made in the prior year, or in relation to other BlackRock fund disclosures in that same year.

Disclosures are provided in relation to (a) the staff of the Manager; (b) staff who are senior management; and (c) staff who have the ability to materially affect the risk profile of the Fund, including individuals who, although not directly employed by the Manager, are assigned by their employer to carry out services directly for the Manager.

All individuals included in the aggregated figures disclosed are rewarded in line with BlackRock's remuneration policy for their responsibilities across the relevant BlackRock business area. As all individuals have a number of areas of responsibilities, only the portion of remuneration for those individuals' services attributable to the Fund is included in the aggregate figures disclosed.

Members of staff and senior management of the Manager typically provide both UCITS and non-UCITS related services in respect of multiple funds, clients and functions of the Manager and across the broader BlackRock group. Therefore, the figures disclosed are a sum of each individual's portion of remuneration attributable to the Manager according to an objective apportionment methodology which acknowledges the multiple-service nature of the Manager. Accordingly the figures are not representative of any individual's actual remuneration or their remuneration structure.

The amount of the total remuneration awarded by the Manager to its staff which has been attributed to the Manager's UCITS-related business in respect of the Manager's financial year ending 31 December 2021 is EUR 4.22m. This figure is comprised of fixed remuneration of EUR 3.20m and variable remuneration of EUR 1.02m. There were a total of 22 beneficiaries of the remuneration described above.

The amount of the aggregate remuneration awarded by the Manager, which has been attributed to the Manager's UCITS-related business in respect of the Manager's financial year ending 31 December 2021, to its senior management was EUR 1.10m, and to other members of its staff whose actions have a material impact on the risk profile of the Fund was EUR 0.62m.



Further information necessary for understanding the report pursuant to Section 7 No. 9 d) KARBV

### Explanation of the calculation of net change in unrealised gains and losses

Determination of net change in unrealised gains and losses takes place by means of comparing, in each financial year, the valuations of assets included in the unit price with the relevant historical purchase prices, the level of the positive differences in the sum of unrealised gains included, the level of the negative differences in the sum of unrealised losses included and by determining the net changes from a comparison of the sum totals at the end of the financial year with those at the beginning.

### Information pursuant to Section 101 Para. 2 No. 5 German Investment Code (KAGB)

In fulfilling the requirement to implement the second shareholders' rights directive, which came into force on 1 January 2020, we report the following pursuant to Section 134c Para. 4 German Stock Corporation Act (AktG):

### 1) Significant medium to long-term risks:

With regard to the medium to long-term risks of the fund, we refer to the details in the Activity Report. The risks described in the Activity Report are related to the past, but we do not expect any change in the risk assessment presented there in the medium to long term.

### 2) Portfolio composition, portfolio turnover and portfolio turnover costs:

With regard to the composition of the portfolio, we refer to the Statement of Net Assets. The portfolio turnover can also be found in the Statement of Net Assets and details on "Transactions during the reporting period, insofar as these no longer appear in the assets listed". The portfolio turnover costs can be found under "Information on transparency and the total expense ratio (TER) pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 KARBV".

#### 3) The consideration of the medium to long-term performance of the company in the investment decision:

The investment objectives and investment policy of the fund are set out in the Activity Report. The fund tracks the performance of the underlying index as closely as possible, such that the medium to long-term performance of the respective companies is not a primary criterion for investment decisions.

#### 4) Use of proxy advisors:

BlackRock did not follow the voting recommendations of a single proxy advisor although BlackRock has contractual relationships with two proxy advisors. Our analysis of voting and our engagement is determined by several pieces of information, including a company's own disclosures and our records of past engagements.

### 5) Handling securities lending and handling conflicts of interest in the context of participation in companies, in particular by the exercise of shareholders' rights

The fund did not engage in securities lending during the financial year 2021/2022. Conflicts of interest are identified and monitored.

### Environmental, social and governance ("ESG") policy

The Fund does not meet the criteria for Article 8 or 9 products under the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") and the investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### Additional notes in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on securities financing transactions

In the period under review, no transactions as defined by Article 3 (11) and (18) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 were carried out, i.e. securities financing transactions or total return swaps.

Munich, 24 August 2022

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### INDEPENDANT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich

#### Opinion

We have audited the annual report of the investment fund iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE), consisting of the Activity Report for the financial year 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Statement of Net Assets as at 30 April 2022, the Profit and Loss Account, the Use of Income Statement, the Statement of Change in Fund Assets for the financial year 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022 and the comparative overview of the last three financial years, the statement of transactions concluded during the period under review that no longer appear in the Statement of Net Assets, and the Notes.

In our opinion, based on the findings obtained during the audit, the attached annual report complies in all material matters with the provisions of the German Investment Code (KAGB) and the relevant European regulations and, in compliance with these provisions, makes it possible to form a comprehensive view of the actual condition of and changes to the investment fund.

### Basis for the auditor's opinion

We conducted our audit of the annual report in accordance with Article 102 of the German Investment Code (KAGB) and taking into consideration the German generally accepted principles for the proper audit of financial statements issued by the Institute of Public Auditors in Germany (IDW). Our responsibility under these regulations and principles is described in further detail in our report in the section "Responsibility of the auditor for the audit of the annual report". We are independent of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich, in compliance with German commercial and professional law, and have fulfilled our other German professional obligations in compliance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to serve as a basis for our opinion of the annual report.

#### Other information

The legal representatives are responsible for the other information. The other information includes the Notice and Note on Licences, the Additional Information for Investors in Austria, the Report of the Management Board and the General Information.

Our audit opinion does not extend to the other information and accordingly, we do not issue an audit opinion or any other form of audit conclusion in this regard.

In connection with our audit, we have the responsibility to read the other information and to assess whether the other information

- shows any material discrepancies from our understanding obtained during the course of the audit of the annual report of the investment fund iShares Dow Jones Global Titans 50 UCITS ETF (DE) or
- appears to be materially misstated in any other way.

### Responsibility of the legal representatives for the annual report

The legal representatives of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich are responsible for the preparation of the annual report, which must comply with the provisions of the German Investment Code (KAGB) and the relevant European regulations in all material matters, and for ensuring that, in accordance with these provisions, the annual report makes it possible to form a comprehensive view of the actual condition of and changes to the investment fund. In addition, the legal representatives are responsible for the internal controls that they have identified as necessary in accordance with these provisions in order to make it possible for the annual report to be prepared free of material – intended or unintended – misstatements.

When preparing the annual report, the legal representatives are responsible for incorporating events, decisions and factors that could have a significant impact on the further development of the investment fund into the reporting. This means, among other things, that the legal representatives must, in the preparation of the annual report, assess the continued management of the investment fund by BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich and are responsible for indicating facts regarding the continued management of the investment fund if relevant.

### Responsibility of the auditor for the audit of the annual report

Our objective is to obtain sufficient assurance as to whether the annual report as a whole is free from material – intended or unintended – misstatements, and to issue a report stating our audit opinion on the annual report.

Sufficient assurance is a high degree of assurance, but it does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Section 102 KAGB, taking into consideration the German generally accepted standards for the proper audit of financial statements issued by the Institute of Public Auditors in Germany (IDW), will always discover a material misstatement. Misstatements may result from violations or inaccuracies and are considered to be material if it could reasonably be expected that they would, individually or in total, influence the economic decisions that the addressees make on the basis of this annual report.



During the audit, we exercise our professional discretion and maintain a critical stance. In addition:

- We identify and assess the risks of material intended or unintended misstatements in the annual report, plan and conduct audit procedures in response to these risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to serve as a basis for our audit opinion. The risk that material misstatements are not identified is greater for violations than for inaccuracies, as violations may involve fraudulent collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the abrogation of internal controls.
- We gain an understanding of the internal control system relevant to the audit of the annual report in order to plan audit procedures that are appropriate in the given circumstances, but not with the objective of expressing an audit opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control system of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich.
- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting methods applied by the legal representatives of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich in the preparation of the annual report, as well as the justifiability of the legal representatives' estimated values and related information presented.
- We draw conclusions based on the audit evidence obtained as to whether there is significant uncertainty in relation to events or circumstances that could cast significant doubts on the continuation of the investment fund by BlackRock Asset Management Germany AG, Munich. If we conclude that there is a material uncertainty, we are obliged to draw attention to the relevant information in the annual report in our report or, if this information is not sufficient, to modify our audit opinion. We draw our conclusions on the basis of the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. Further events or circumstances may, however, lead to BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich no longer managing the investment fund.
- We assess the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual report, including the disclosures and whether the annual report represents the underlying transactions and events in such a way that the annual report, in compliance with the provisions of the German KAGB and the relevant European regulations, makes it possible to form a comprehensive view of the actual condition of and changes to the investment fund.

We discuss with the persons responsible for monitoring, among other things, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant findings of the audit, including any deficiencies in the internal control system that we identify during our audit.

Munich, 25 August 2022

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### **General Information**

### **Management Company**

BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG Lenbachplatz 1 80333 Munich

Share capital as at 31/12/2021: 5 Mio. EUR Liable equity as at 31/12/2021: 67.07 Mio. EUR

### Shareholder

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