# A SUSTAINABLE FOUNDATION



iShares ESG Aware equity ETFs

iShares ESG Aware equity ETFs provide building blocks for investors seeking to build portfolios with an environmental, social, or governance (ESG) uplift.<sup>1</sup>

#### **U.S. building blocks**



**iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA ETF** Expense ratio: 0.15% Inception date: 12/1/2016



**iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA Small-Cap ETF** Expense ratio: 0.17% Inception date: 4/10/2018



**iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA Growth ETF** Expense ratio: 0.18% Inception date: 1/31/2023



**iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA Value ETF** Expense ratio: 0.18% Inception date: 1/31/2023

#### Ex-U.S. building blocks



iShares ESG Aware MSCI EAFE ETF Expense ratio: 0.20% Inception date: 6/28/2016



**iShares ESG Aware MSCI EM ETF** Expense ratio: 0.25% Inception date: 6/28/2016



Access

Access various segments of the stock market with transparent index ETFs.



ESG uplift<sup>1</sup>

Seek similar risk and return to relevant broad market indexes while tilting towards companies with favorable ESG characteristics.



#### **Building blocks**

Use iShares ESG Aware equity ETFs as sustainable building blocks within a portfolio.

## **Higher ESG score & reduced carbon intensity**



The average percentage **increase in ESG score** achieved by iShares ESG Aware Equity ETFs relative to their respective parent indexes<sup>2</sup>

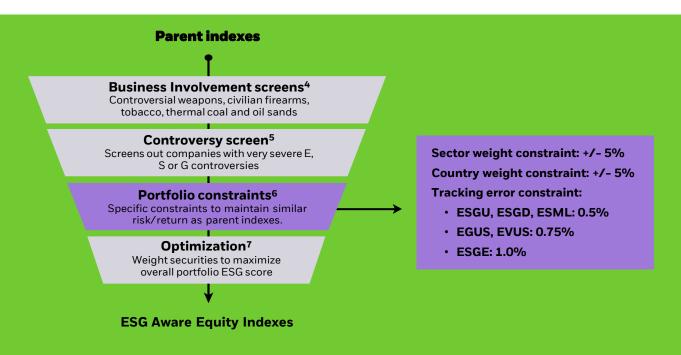


The average percentage **decrease in** weighted average carbon intensity achieved by iShares ESG Aware Equity ETFs relative to their respective parent indexes<sup>3</sup>

1 ESG uplift refers to the improvement in ESG score that the ESG Aware equity ETFs seek to achieve versus their respective parent indexes. 2 Source for ESG Quality Score for the funds: MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of 10/1/2024, based on holdings as of 8/31/2024. Source for MSCI ESG Quality Score for the indexes: BlackRock computed the index metrics using the formula and index holdings data provided by MSCI ESG Research as of 10/1/2024, based on holdings as of 8/31/2024. The indexes shown are the parent indexes of the indexes that the funds seek to track. There may be material differences between the fund's index and the index shown including without limitation holdings, methodology and performance. ESGU's parent index is the MSCI USA Index 99.78% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.78% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research; ESGD's parent index is the MSCI EAFE Index (99.95% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.95% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research); ESGE's parent index is the MSCI ENG Ratings coverage, 99.37% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research); ESG Research); ESG Research); ESG Research); ESG Ratings coverage, 99.24% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.33% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI USA Small Cap Index (99.24% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.33% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI USA Value Index (99.80% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.80% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research); EVUS's parent index is the MSCI USA Value Index (99.80% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.80% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research).

3 Measured by tons CO2e/\$M sales. For MSCI ESG Fund Ratings and more information on ESG metrics, please see the end of this document.

## How the indexes are built



Source: MSCI. For illustrative purposes only. **4** The specific exclusion criteria are based on revenue or percentage of revenue thresholds for certain categories and categorical exclusions for others. Please refer to the respective index methodology document for more information. **5** Excludes securities with an ESG Controversy Score of very severe (0). MSCI ESG Controversy Scores are on a scale of 0-10 (0 represents most severe controversy). Controversy Scores consider a company's significant social, environmental, and governance impacts by identifying company involvement in major ESG controversies, adherence to international norms and principles, and assessing company performance with respect to these norms and principles. **6** Country weight constraint applies to MSCI EAFE Extended ESG Focus Index and MSCI EM Extended ESG Focus Index only. **7** Optimization is a quantitative process that considers the market capitalization weights from the Parent Index, ESG scores and additional optimization constraints to select and weight the constituents in the Index. Source: MSCI ESG Research, as of September 2022. Please refer to the respective index methodology document for more information.

### **ESG Fund Ratings**

Ticker	Name	ESG Rating	ESG Quality Score	ESG Coverage%	Weighted Avg. Carbon Intensity	Carbon Coverage %	Holdings Date
ESGU	iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA ETF	AA	7.46	99.88	65.66	99.55	8/31/2024
ESML	iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA Small-Cap ETF	А	6.80	99.87	78.78	99.50	8/31/2024
ESGD	iShares ESG Aware MSCI EAFE ETF	AA	8.55	100.00	67.03	98.98	8/31/2024
ESGE	iShares ESG Aware MSCI EM ETF	AA	7.34	99.94	145.34	96.90	8/31/2024
EGUS	iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA Growth ETF	AA	7.37	99.97	20.54	99.84	8/31/2024
EVUS	iShares ESG Aware MSCI USA Value ETF	AA	7.67	99.82	107.06	99.67	8/31/2024

Source: MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of 10/1/2024, based on holdings as of 8/31/2024. The MSCI ESG Rating for funds is designed to measure the resiliency of portfolios to long-term ESG risks and opportunities. The most highly rated funds consist of issuers with leading or improving management of key ESG risks. The 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). 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. These issuer-level ESG ratings correspond to an issuer-level ESG Score. ESG % Coverage is the percent by weight of a portfolio's holdings that have ESG Data. The Weighted Average Carbon Intensity is measured in tons CO2/\$M sales. Carbon % Coverage is the percent by meight of a portfolio's market value with Carbon Intensity data. To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% (or 50% for 50% for 50% for 50% for 50% for 50% for 50% of the securities with ESG coverage by MSCI ESG Rate rates 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. Please refer to the MSCI ESG Fund Ratings and other information. BlackRock provides compensation in connection with obtaining or using third-party ratings, rankings, or data.

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A fund's environmental, social and governance ("ESG") investment strategy limits the types and number of investment opportunities available to the fund and, as a result, the fund may underperform other funds that do not have an ESG focus. A fund's ESG investment strategy may result in the fund investing in securities or industry sectors that underperform the market as a whole or underperform other funds screened for ESG standards. In addition, companies selected by the index provider may not exhibit positive or favorable ESG characteristics.

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