A SUSTAINABLE FOUNDATION



iShares Sustainable Bond ETFs

SUSB

iShares ESG Aware 1-5 Year USD Corporate Bond ETF Expense ratio: 0.12%

EUSB

Total USD Bond Market ETF

Net expense ratio: 0.12

iShares ESG Advanced



iShares USD Green Bond ETF Expense ratio: 0.20%

SUSC

ELOD



iShares ESG Advanced Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF Expense ratio: 0.18%



iShares ESG Aware U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF Net Expense ratio: 0.10% Gross Expense ratio: 0.11%¹



iShares ESG Advanced High Yield Corporate Bond ETF Expense ratio: 0.35%

1 Expense ratios shown are all gross, except for EAGG, where net expense ratio is also shown reflecting a contractual fee waiver in place through 6/30/29.

Key takeaways



Quality

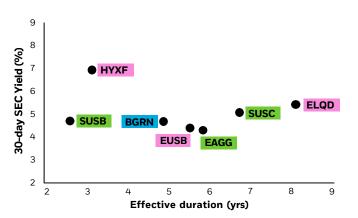
Issuers with favorable environmental, social and governance (ESG) ratings may be better positioned for the long term.



Access

Sustainable fixed income building blocks for a portfolio.

Figure 1 - Effective duration / 30-day SEC Yield





Low cost

A cost-efficient way to build a fixed income portfolio.

Figure 1 Source: BlackRock as of 12/31/2024. Performance data represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate with market conditions and may be lower or higher when you sell your shares. Current performance may differ from the performance shown. See <u>www.iShares.com</u> for most recent month-end performance and the end of this document for standardized performance.

The iShares sustainable bond suite

SUSC	ESG Aware ²	A broad range of U.S. dollar-denominated, investment grade corporate bonds from issuers with favorable ESG ratings and similar risk and return potential to the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Index.
SUSB	ESG Aware ²	A broad range of US dollar-denominated, investment grade corporate bonds having maturity between 1 and 5 years from issuers with favorable ESG ratings and similar risk and return potential to the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate 1-5 Years Index.
EAGG	ESG Aware ²	A portfolio of bonds from issuers with favorable ESG ratings and similar risk and return potential to the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index.
EUSB	ESG Advanced ³	A broad range of U.S. dollar-denominated investment grade and high yield bonds from issuers with favorable ESG ratings.
ELQD	ESG Advanced ³	A broad range of U.S. dollar-denominated investment grade corporate bonds from issuers with extensive climate-based screens and other extensive screens for involvement in controversial activities, as well as issuers with a favorable ESG rating.
НҮХГ	ESG Advanced ³	A broad range of U.S. dollar-denominated high yield corporate bonds from issuers with extensive climate-based screens and other extensive screens for involvement in controversial activities, as well as issuers with a favorable ESG rating.
BGRN	Impact ⁴	Investment grade US dollar-denominated green bonds that are directly tied to promoting climate or other environmental sustainability purposes.

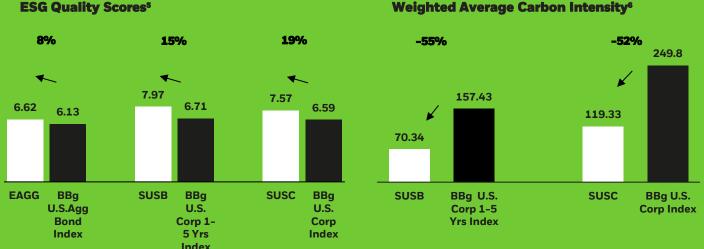
2 ESG Aware - Balance seeking a similar risk and return to the relevant broad market while tilting towards issuers with favorable ESG characteristics.

3 ESG Advanced - Prioritize companies with higher ESG ratings while extensively screening out controversial activities.

4 Impact - Commitment to generate positive, measurable, and additional sustainability outcomes.

Consider iShares ESG Aware Bond ETFs for a portfolio's core

iShares ESG Aware Bond ETFs have achieved higher ESG Scores and reduced carbon intensity, compared to broad market indexes.



5. Source for the funds: MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of 10/1/2024, based on holdings as of 8/31/2024. Source for the indexes: BlackRock computed the index metrics using the formula provided by MSCI ESG Research, index holdings data from the respective index provider, as of 8/31/2024, and security level carbon intensity data from MSCI ESG Research, as of 10/1/2024. There may be by MSCI ESG Research, index holdings data from the respective index provider, as of 8/31/2024, and security level carbon intensity data from MSCI ESG Research, as of 10/1/2024. There may be material differences between the fund's index and the index shown including without limitation holdings, methodology and performance. The parent index of EAGG (69.43% of ESG ratings coverage by MSCI ESG Fund Ratings) is the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (71.40% of ESG ratings coverage by MSCI ESG Fund Ratings), carbon intensity data is not included due to low carbon coverage. The parent index of SUSB (99.99% of ESG ratings coverage 99.60% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Fund Ratings) is the Bloomberg US Corporate 1-5 Year Index (98.18% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.31% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research). The parent index of SUSC (99.99% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.60% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Fund Ratings) is the Bloomberg US Corporate Index (97.93% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.05% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research). The parent index of SUSC (99.99% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.60% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Fund Ratings) is the Bloomberg US Corporate Index (97.93% of ESG ratings coverage, 99.05% carbon intensity coverage by MSCI ESG Research). MSCI ESG Research and 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. **6.** Source for the funds: MSCI ESG Fund Ratings 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, and the index shown including without limitation holdings, and the index shown including without limitation in tensity coverage by MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of 10/1/2024, based on ho sales across the portfolio's holdings. The figure is a sum of the normalized security weight multiplied by the security Carbon Intensity. This allows for comparisons between portfolios of different sizes. It is measured in tons CO2/\$M sales

How the indexes are built

Bloomberg MSCI ESG Focus Indexes

- 1 Screen out civilian firearms, controversial weapons, tobacco, thermal coal and uncoventional oil and gas.⁵
- 2 Screen out issuers with severe controversies. 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
- 3 Apply the following constraints:
 - Tracking error: Maximum 10 bps annualized of Parent Index⁷
 - Option-adjusted duration: +/-0.1 year of Parent Index
 - · Yield to worst: Greater than or equal to Parent Index
 - Sector weight: +/- 200 bps of Parent Index
 - Issuer weight: Maximum +150 bps of Parent Index
 - Issue weight: +/- 100 bps of Parent Index
- 4 Optimize constituents subject to above constraints using modified market cap weightings. Rebalanced monthly.⁸



Source: Bloomberg and MSCI. For illustrative purposes only. 5 Screens 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. 6 Only issuers with MSCI ESG Ratings are eligible. Excludes all issuers involved in one or more very severe ESG Controversies (MSCI ESG Controversies Score <1). MSCI ESG Controversies Scores are on a scale of 0-10 (0 represents most severe controversy). 7 Bps = basis points. A basis point is one hundredth of a percent. 8 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.

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity⁶

Pursue higher sustainability ratings with EUSB, HYXF and ELQD

Sustainable fixed income exposure for investors seeking to prioritize access to companies with higher ESG ratings while extensively screening out controversial industries. Refer to the index methodology for additional details on each index screen.

Adult entertainment	Civilian firearms	Fossil fuels	For profit prisons		
Alcohol	Conventional weapons	Nuclear power	Predatory lending		
Gambling	Controversial weapons	Palm oil	Screens are based on revenue or percentage of revenue thresholds for certain categories (e.g. \$500 million or 50%) and categorical exclusions for others (e.g. nuclear weapons).		
Tobacco	Nuclear weapons	Genetically modified organisms (GMOs)			

How the indexes are built

- 1 Screen out various business activities and severe controversies.^{10,11}
- 2 Select issuers with an MSCI ESG Rating of 'BBB' or above for EUSB's and ELQD's index and 'BB' or above for HYXF's index.¹²
 - MSCI ESG Rating scale:

AAA	AA	Α	BBB	BB	В	CCC
Leader			Average	Laggard		

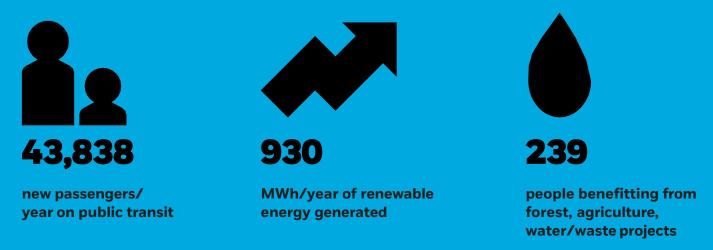
- 3 Apply the following constraints:
 - Currency exposure: USD denominated bonds.
 - Maturity: Minimum maturity requirements of 1y for EUSB and HYXF and 3y for ELQD.
 - Credit quality: EUSB and HYXF include high yield bonds whereas ELQD is investment grade only.
 - Sectors: Broad sectors with the exclusion of energy for EUSB and HYXF and exclusion of Oil & Gas for ELQD.
 - Minimum amount outstanding: Varies across exposures. Same as parent indices.
 - Issuer caps: 3% for ELQD, 2% for HYXF and no cap for EUSB.
- 4 Eligible constituents are market-cap weighted and rebalanced monthly.



Source: Bloomberg and MSCI. For illustrative purposes only. **10** Screens 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. **11** Excludes securities with an ESG Controversies Score lower than 3. MSCI ESG Controversies Scores are on a scale of 0-10 (0 represents most severe controversy). **12** The MSCI ESG Rating indicates how well an issuer manages its most material ESG risks relative to sector peers. Issuers with low risk exposure and strong management of ESG risk factors score highest (AAA); issuers with high risk exposure and weak management of ESG risk factors score lowest (CCC). Ratings are based on a seven-letter scale: best (AAA) to worst (CCC).

Seek to make an impact with BGRN

Green bonds are fixed income instruments in which the proceeds will be exclusively applied towards environmental projects. A one million US dollar investment in BGRN's holdings would have created the following environmental impacts equivalent to:



Sources: BlackRock and Nasdaq analysis of publicly available environmental impact reports as communicated by issuers as of 6/28/2024 based on holdings as of 6/28/2024, updated monthly. Holdings are subject to change. For current holdings visit iShares.com. 89% of iShares USD Green Bond ETF's constituents are covered by the analysis. The above results are shown for informational purposes only, to illustrate the positive environmental impact of a green bond portfolio. They are not meant to be a prediction or projection. Not every issuer reports on every metric, hence no linear extrapolation should be performed. BlackRock cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies in issuers' reporting. US EPA's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator for CO2 and energy measures.

How the index is built

Bioomberg MSCI USD Green Bond Select Index

- 1 The index includes bonds that meet the Green Bond Principles, as determined by MSCI ESG Research. The Green Bond Principles (GBP) are voluntary process guidelines for issuing green bonds, published by the International Capital Market Association (ICMA). GBP promotes best practices in issuing bonds serving social and/or environmental purposes through guidelines that recommend transparency, disclosure and reporting.¹³
- 2 Screen out thermal coal and controversial weapons, and excludes any issuer with a "Red" MSCI ESG Controversy Flag (score equal to zero)¹⁴
- 3 Apply the following constraints:
 - Currency exposure: Principal and interest must be denominated in USD
 - Maturity: Holds bonds until final maturity (0 to 30+ years)
 - Credit quality: Investment grade only (Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or higher)
 - Optionality: Fixed-rate bullet, puttable, sinkable/amortizing and callable bonds are included
 - Sectors: Treasury, corporate, government-related, securitized bonds and taxable municipals are included; general purpose bonds are excluded
 - Minimum issue size: 300mn: USD | 25mn: USD (ABS and CMBS)
- 4 Eligible constituents are market-cap weighted and rebalanced monthly.

Bloomberg MSCI US Green Bond Index	1. Green Bond Principals	2. Business Involvement and Controversy Screens	3. Constraints applied	4. Weighting	Business Involvement and Controversy Screens
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Source: Bloomberg and MSCI. For illustrative purposes only. Please refer to the index methodology document for more information. **13** Securities for inclusion are independently evaluated by MSCI ESG Research to determine whether a fixed-income security should be classified as a green bond. These eligibility criteria reflect themes articulated in the Green Bond Principles. **14** The Index applies the standard ESG factors outlined in the <u>Bloomberg MSCI Global Green Bond Index Methodology</u>.

Standardized performance as of 12/31/2024

Ticker	Expense ratio (Net/ Gross)	Inception date	30-day SEC yield (with/ without waiver)	Contractual fee waiver expiration (if applicable)	1 Year returns		5 Year returns		Since inception	
					NAV	Price	NAV	Price	NAV	Price
SUSB	0.12%	7/11/2017	4.68%	-	4.87%	4.83%	1.79%	1.76%	2.27%	2.28%
SUSC	0.18%	7/11/2017	5.11%	-	2.03%	1.91%	0.11%	0.06%	1.87%	1.87%
EAGG	0.10%/0.11%	10/18/2018	4.54%/4.53%	June 30. 2029	1.23%	1.12%	-0.43%	-0.45%	1.39%	1.38%
BGRN	0.20%	11/13/2018	4.90%	-	2.96%	2.77%	-0.18%	-0.24%	1.59%	1.59%
HYXF	0.35%	6/14/2016	6.87%	-	7.85%	8.37%	3.05%	3.04%	4.85%	4.87%
EUSB	0.12%	6/23/2020	4.58%		1.94%	1.83%			-1.25%	-1.26%
ELQD	0.18%	11/08/2021	5.21%	-	0.91%	0.70%			-3.39%	-3.35%

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