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17 May 2023

To: Shareholders of iShares MSCI World Financials Sector ESG UCITS ETF (the “**Fund**”)
ISIN(s): IE00BJ5JP097

Dear Shareholder,

Following the annual review of the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) structure undertaken by the index provider, MSCI Inc. (“**MSCI**”), the Directors of iShares V plc (the “**Company**”) wish to advise you of certain changes that will be made by MSCI to the MSCI World Financials ESG Reduced Carbon Select 20 35 Capped Index the benchmark index of the Fund (the “**Index**”).

The changes are anticipated to take effect on or around 1 June 2023 (the “**Effective Date**”).

The changes being made are not expected to have a material effect on the manner in which your investment is managed. You are not required to do anything as a result of this notification.

Changes to the Fund’s Index

The annual Global Industry Classification Standard (“**GICS**”) methodology review is intended to ensure that the GICS structure continues to appropriately represent the global equity markets and enable stakeholders to make consistent global comparisons by industry.

As a result of the review, certain classifications within the GICS methodology will change, for example, by the discontinuance, merging or renaming of industry groups, industries and sub-industries and the inclusion of new or amended definitions. The specific GICS sectors impacted by the changes are Industrials, Consumer Staples, Consumer Discretionary, Financials, Information Technology and Real Estate.

The change being made to the GICS methodology which is relevant to the composition of the Fund’s Index relates to the Financials sector and the reclassification of transaction and payment processing companies from the Data Processing & Outsourced Services sub-industry category in the Information

Technology sector to a newly created sub-industry called “Transaction and Payment Processing Services” under the Financials sector.

The change outlined above will result in a change to the current portfolio composition.

This amendment has been reflected by way of a language update within the Prospectus.

Further information in respect of the changes to the GICS structure can be found on the MSCI website in the “Index Consultations” section at the following link:

<https://www.msci.com/index-consultations>

The changes to the Index outlined in this letter are expected to be implemented at the Effective Date and will result in a change to the current portfolio composition but is not expected to be material.

The Company’s prospectus is expected to be updated in the manner indicated in the Appendix to this letter to bring the current benchmark index description for the Fund into line with the upcoming changes to the Index. It is anticipated that the Company’s prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or Key Information Document (KID) as applicable, for the Fund will be updated at the next available opportunity to reflect the changes to the Index, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland. The updated prospectus and KIID/KID (as applicable) will be available on www.ishares.com. It is not expected that there will be any change to the Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator or anticipated tracking error of the Fund as a result of the changes to the Index.

Costs

BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited, as manager of the Company, will pay the costs of the shareholder notification, and any additional operational costs (excluding realignment costs) and legal costs related to the proposed changes that would otherwise have been incurred by the Fund. The transaction costs of realignment will form part of the index rebalance which in aggregate are estimated to be 2 bps and will be borne by the Fund. The Total Expense Ratio of the Fund will not change as a result of the changes to the Index.

Further information

You are not required to do anything as a result of this notification. Please contact info@iShares.com if you have any queries concerning the changes outlined in this letter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William McKechnie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'ie'.

Director
for and on behalf of iShares V plc

Appendix

Proposed amendments to the investment objective and policy and benchmark description of the Fund subject to any changes as may be approved by the Central Bank of Ireland are highlighted below in bold, underlined text:

Current Investment Objective and Benchmark Description	Proposed Investment Objective and Benchmark Description (changes in bold and underlined)
<p><u>Investment Objective</u> The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investors with a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the return of the MSCI World Financials ESG Reduced Carbon Select 20 35 Capped Index.</p> <p><u>Investment Policy</u> In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that, as far as possible and practicable, consists of the component securities of the MSCI World Financials ESG Reduced Carbon Select 20 35 Capped Index, this Fund's Benchmark Index. The Fund intends to replicate the constituents of the Benchmark Index by holding all the securities comprising the Benchmark Index in a similar proportion to their weightings in the Benchmark Index. In order to replicate its Benchmark Index, this Fund may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in shares issued by the same body. This limit may be raised to 35% for a single issuer when exceptional market conditions apply (as set out in section 4 of Schedule III).</p> <p>For the purposes of complying with AMF ESG Rules, the Fund will adopt a binding and significant ESG optimisation approach to sustainable investing. As part of this approach, the Fund will aim to invest in a portfolio of securities that, as far as possible and practicable, consists of the component securities of the Benchmark Index, optimises exposure to issuers in order to achieve a higher ESG rating and reduces exposure to</p>	<p><u>Investment Objective</u> The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investors with a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the return of the MSCI World Financials ESG Reduced Carbon Select 20 35 Capped Index.</p> <p><u>Investment Policy</u> In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that, as far as possible and practicable, consists of the component securities of the MSCI World Financials ESG Reduced Carbon Select 20 35 Capped Index, this Fund's Benchmark Index. The Fund intends to replicate the constituents of the Benchmark Index by holding all the securities comprising the Benchmark Index in a similar proportion to their weightings in the Benchmark Index. In order to replicate its Benchmark Index, this Fund may invest up to 20% of its Net Asset Value in shares issued by the same body. This limit may be raised to 35% for a single issuer when exceptional market conditions apply (as set out in section 4 of Schedule III).</p> <p>For the purposes of complying with AMF ESG Rules, the Fund will adopt a binding and significant ESG optimisation approach to sustainable investing. As part of this approach, the Fund will aim to invest in a portfolio of securities that, as far as possible and practicable, consists of the component securities of the Benchmark Index, optimises exposure to issuers in order to</p>

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The Base Currency of iShares MSCI World Financials Sector ESG UCITS ETF is US Dollar (US\$).

Benchmark Index

The MSCI World Financials ESG Reduced Carbon Select 20 35 Capped Index aims to reflect the performance of a sub-set of equity securities in the MSCI World Financials Index (the "Parent Index") which excludes issuers from the Parent Index based on the index provider's ESG and climate change-related exclusionary criteria. The remaining constituents of the Parent Index are then weighted by the index provider, for inclusion in the Benchmark Index, using an optimisation process. The optimisation process aims to reduce the carbon intensity and potential emissions, increase the ESG score and minimise the tracking error, each relative to the Parent Index.

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The GICS financials sector currently comprises companies involved in activities such as banking, mortgage finance, consumer finance, specialised finance, investment banking and brokerage, asset management and custody, corporate lending, insurance and financial investment.

The Benchmark Index excludes issuers that are involved in the following business lines/activities (or related activities): controversial weapons, nuclear weapons, civilian firearms, tobacco, thermal coal, oil sands, conventional weapons and companies that are classified as violating United Nations Global Compact principles (which are widely accepted corporate sustainability principles that meet fundamental responsibilities in areas such as anti-corruption, human rights, labour and the environment). The index provider defines what constitutes "involvement" in each restricted activity. This may be based on percentage of revenue, a defined total revenue threshold, or any connection to a restricted activity regardless of the amount of revenue received.

The Benchmark Index also excludes companies which are identified by the index provider as being involved in controversies that have a negative ESG impact on their operations and/or products and services based on an MSCI ESG controversy score ("MSCI ESG Controversy Score"). The minimum MSCI ESG Controversy Score set by the index provider to determine eligibility for inclusion in the Benchmark Index can be found at the index provider's website <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>.

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Following the application of the above exclusionary criteria, the constituents of the Benchmark Index are selected using the index provider's optimisation methodology which seeks to minimise the ex-ante tracking error relative to the Parent Index, subject to certain constraints relative to the Parent Index (namely, a reduction in the weighted average carbon emission intensity, a reduction in the potential emissions risk of fossil fuel reserves, an increase in the weighted average industry-adjusted ESG score, maximum and minimum constituent weights, country weights) and other constraints (for example, maximum issuer weight and maximum turnover at each rebalancing).

The Benchmark Index rebalances on a quarterly basis. The Benchmark Index also caps the weight of the largest companies at each rebalance to help ensure index diversification. The weight of the largest group entity in the Benchmark Index is capped at 35% and the weights of the remaining group entities are capped at 20% with a buffer of 10% applied on these limits

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