

## iShares International Equity ETFs Product Disclosure Statement



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iShares China Large-Cap ETF

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iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF

ASX: IWLD / ARSN: 610 786 171

iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF

ASX: IHWL / ARSN: 607 996 458

iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF

ASX: WVOL / ARSN: 614 057 831

iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF

ASX: WDMF / ARSN: 614 058 301

iShares Europe ETF

ASX: IEU / ARSN: 625 113 528

iShares Global 100 ETF

ASX: IOO / ARSN: 625 113 911

iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF

ASX: IHOO / ARSN 602 618 744

iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF

ASX: IXI / ARSN: 625 114 552

iShares Global Healthcare ETF

ASX: IXJ / ARSN: 625 114 347

iShares S&P 500 ETF

ASX: IVV / ARSN: 625 112 370

iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF

ASX: IHVV / ARSN 602 618 691

iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF

ASX: IJH / ARSN: 625 114 061

iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF ASX:

ASX: IJR / ARSN: 625 113 886

iShares MSCI EAFE ETF

ASX: IVE / ARSN: 625 116 887

iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF

ASX: IEM / ARSN: 625 115 844

iShares MSCI Japan ETF

ASX: IJP / ARSN 625 114 687

iShares MSCI South Korea ETF

ASX: IKO / ARSN: 625 114 212

iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF

ASX: ITW / ARSN: 625 115 228

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## 1. Before you start

### 1.1 The issuer of this product disclosure statement

Investment in the:

- ▶ iShares Asia 50 ETF;
- ▶ iShares China Large-Cap ETF;
- ▶ iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF;
- ▶ iShares Core MSCI World All Cap AUD Hedged ETF;
- ▶ iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF;
- ▶ iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF;
- ▶ iShares Europe ETF;
- ▶ iShares Global 100 ETF;
- ▶ iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF;
- ▶ iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF;
- ▶ iShares Global Healthcare ETF;
- ▶ iShares S&P 500 ETF;
- ▶ iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF;
- ▶ iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF;
- ▶ iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF
- ▶ iShares MSCI EAFE ETF;
- ▶ iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF;
- ▶ iShares MSCI Japan ETF;
- ▶ iShares MSCI South Korea ETF;
- ▶ iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF,

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### 1.2 About this product disclosure statement

This PDS describes the main features of each Fund and is dated 9 December 2019. A copy of this PDS has been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and ASX Limited (ASX). Neither ASIC nor the ASX take any responsibility for the contents of this PDS.

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If any part of this PDS is established to be invalid or unenforceable under the law, it is excluded so that it does not in any way affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining parts.

The offer or invitation to subscribe for Units in a Fund under this PDS is subject to the terms and conditions described in this PDS. We reserve the right to outsource any or all investment, management and administration functions, including to related parties, without notice to Unitholders. We reserve the right to accept or decline Unit creation requests in full or in part and reserve the right to change these terms and conditions.

If you have received this PDS electronically, we can provide you with a paper copy free of charge upon request by contacting the iShares Call Centre (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

### 1.3 Changes to this product disclosure statement and access to additional information

Information contained in this PDS is current as at the date of this PDS. Certain information in this PDS, as well as the terms and features of each Fund, is subject to change from time to time. We will notify you of any material changes or other significant events that affect the information in this PDS (and may issue a supplementary or replacement PDS) in accordance with our obligations under the Corporations Act.

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### 2.1 About BlackRock

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### 2.2 About iShares

iShares unlocks opportunity across markets to meet the evolving needs of investors. With more than twenty years of experience, a global line-up of 900+ exchange traded funds (ETFs) and US\$2 trillion in assets under management as of June 30, 2019, iShares continues to drive progress for the financial industry. iShares funds are powered by the expert portfolio and risk management of BlackRock, trusted to manage more money than any other investment firm (based on USD\$6.84 trillion in AUM as of 30 June 2019).

### 3. About the iShares Asia 50 ETF

The information in section 3 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Asia 50 ETF (referred to in this section 3 of the PDS as the Fund).

#### 3.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of the 50 leading companies listed in China, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

#### 3.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P Asia 50™ Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 3 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called the iShares Asia 50 ETF (referred to in this section 3 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

#### 3.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the Asian equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

#### 3.4 About the Index

The Index consists of 50 leading blue-chip companies that are drawn from four major Asian markets, being Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index, including only the largest, most liquid equity securities domiciled in the four aforementioned Asian markets.

Constituents of the Index are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size,

liquidity, country of domicile and sector and market representation (with reference to the Global Industry Classification Standards (GICS®)). A company's domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include headquarters of the company, registration, country of exchange listing, place of operations, and residence of senior officers.

The Index may contain more than 50 constituent trading lines, since some companies may be represented by multiple share class lines in the Index. As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include financials and information technology companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 4. About the iShares China Large-Cap ETF

The information in section 4 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares China Large-Cap ETF (referred to in this section 4 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 4.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of 50 of the largest and most liquid Chinese companies which trade on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

### 4.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the FTSE China 50 Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 4 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called the iShares China Large-Cap ETF (referred to in this section 4 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 4.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the Chinese equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 4.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to track the performance of the largest companies in the Chinese equity market that are available to international investors and consists of 50 of the largest and most liquid Chinese companies.

Constituents of the Index are free float weighted based on their total market value, so that securities with higher total market values generally have a higher representation in the Index.

Constituents are required to be a current constituent of the FTSE All-World Index and currently trade on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Individual constituent weights are capped at 9% to avoid over concentration in any one security. Additionally, Index constituents are screened for liquidity, to ensure the Index remains tradable. Factors in determining liquidity include the availability of current and reliable price information and the level of trading volume relative to shares outstanding. Value traded and float turnover are also analysed on a monthly basis to review liquidity.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include financials, energy and information technology companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 5. About the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF

The information in section 5 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF (referred to in this section 5 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 5.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of global, developed market large-, mid- and small-capitalisation companies.

### 5.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI World IMI Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 5 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which the Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund may choose to implement some or all of its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in the following iShares ETFs (each referred to in this section 5 of the PDS as an Underlying Fund in the singular or the Underlying Funds collectively):

- ▶ iShares Core S&P 500 ETF, a US domiciled iShares ETF that aims to track the performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup>;
- ▶ iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF, a US domiciled iShares ETF that aims to track the performance of the MSCI EAFE Investable Market Index;
- ▶ iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF, a US domiciled iShares ETF that aims to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600<sup>®</sup>; and
- ▶ iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF, a Canadian domiciled iShares ETF that aims to track the performance of the S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index.

The iShares Core S&P 500 ETF, iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF and iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF are US domiciled funds that employ an optimisation investment strategy, generally similar to the optimisation strategy of the Fund. While the iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF is a Canadian domiciled fund that employs a full replication investment strategy, which generally aims to purchase every security in the Underlying Fund's index, with each security being held in similar weights to the index. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "The Underlying Funds" for further information on the Underlying Funds.

### 5.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the international developed market stocks that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities either:

- ▶ directly, by investing in such securities; or
- ▶ indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Funds, which invest in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Funds may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 5.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to measure the performance of large-, mid- and small-capitalisation companies in certain developed market countries.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, based on the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI) Methodology, which provides a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalisation size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability.

The GIMI Methodology requires that indexes be constructed in accordance with the following steps: defining the equity universe; determining the market investable equity universe; determining market capitalisation size-segments; applying Index continuity rules; and classifying securities under the GICS<sup>®</sup>. Additionally, the methodology screens securities with consideration to MSCI's market and security eligibility criteria, including, but not limited to minimum size, free float-adjusted market capitalisation, liquidity and length of trading requirements.

As of the date of this PDS, the Index consisted of approximately 5,950 constituents, covering a large portion of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in each of the following 23 countries or regions: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. Constituents of the Index primarily include consumer discretionary, financials, health care and information technology companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in February, May, August and November. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional information about the Index" for further information.



## 6. About the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF

The information in section 6 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF (referred to in this section 6 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 6.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses (including the cost of hedging).

The index is designed to measure the AUD hedged performance of global, developed market large-, mid- and small-capitalisation companies.

### 6.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI World IMI Net TR Index (Hedged to AUD) (referred to in this section 6 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which the Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund may choose to implement some or all of its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in the following iShares ETFs (each referred to in this section 6 of the PDS as an Underlying Fund in the singular or the Underlying Funds collectively):

- ▶ iShares Core S&P 500 ETF, which aims to track the performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup>;
- ▶ iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF, which aims to track the performance of the MSCI EAFE Investable Market Index;
- ▶ iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF, which aims to track the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600<sup>®</sup>; and
- ▶ iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF, which aims to track the performance of the S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index.

The iShares Core S&P 500 ETF, iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF and iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF are US domiciled funds that employ an optimisation investment strategy, generally similar to the optimisation strategy of the Fund. While the iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF is a Canadian domiciled fund that employs a full replication investment strategy, which generally aims to purchase every security in the Underlying Fund's index, with each security being held in similar weights to the index. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "The Underlying Funds" for further information on the Underlying Funds.

The Fund applies a passive currency hedge, which seeks to minimise the effect of currency fluctuations on returns by converting the currency exposure of the Index back to Australian dollars. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Currency hedged funds" for further information.

### 6.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the international developed market stocks that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities either:

- ▶ directly, by investing in such securities; or
- ▶ indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Funds, which invest in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Funds may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes. The Fund will also invest in forward foreign exchange contracts for currency hedging purposes.

### 6.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to measure the Australian dollar hedged performance of large-, mid- and small-capitalisation companies in certain developed market countries.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, based on the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI) Methodology, which provides a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalisation size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability.

The GIMI Methodology requires that indexes be constructed in accordance with the following steps: defining the equity universe; determining the market investable equity universe; determining market capitalisation size-segments; applying Index continuity rules; and classifying securities under the GICS<sup>®</sup>. Additionally, the methodology screens securities with consideration to MSCI's market and security eligibility criteria, including, but not limited to minimum size, free float-adjusted market capitalisation, liquidity and length of trading requirements.

As of the date of this PDS, the Index consisted of approximately 5,960 constituents, covering a large portion of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in each of the following 23 countries or regions: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. Constituents of the Index primarily include consumer discretionary, financials, health care and information technology companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in February, May, August and November. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional information about the Index" for further information, including how the Index converts currency exposure back to Australian dollars.

## 7. About the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF

The information in section 7 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF (referred to in this section 7 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 7.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of developed market equities that, in the aggregate, have lower volatility characteristics relative to the broader global developed equity markets.

### 7.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI World Minimum Volatility Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 7 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which the Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

### 7.3 What do the Funds invest in?

The Fund generally invests in the global developed market equity securities that form the Index. The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may invest in all constituents of the Index. The Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 7.4 About the Index

The Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a subset of securities within the MSCI World Index (referred to in this section 7 of the PDS as the Parent Index). The constituents of the Index are selected using a minimum volatility strategy that optimises the Parent Index using the Barra multi-factor equity model (referred to in this section 7 of the PDS as the Model). The Model estimates the risk profile and expected volatility of each constituent and the correlation between all constituents in the Parent Index. Using the Model, the minimum volatility strategy aims to select a subset of constituents from the Parent Index with the lowest absolute volatility of returns, subject to certain risk diversification constraints, for example, minimum and maximum constituent country and sector weights relative to the Parent Index. Volatility of returns measures the movements in the daily price of the Parent Index constituents over a period of time. Due to the Model being applied to the Parent Index, the Index will comprise a smaller number of securities with different weightings compared to the Parent Index and will, therefore, have a different performance and risk profile to the Parent Index.

The diversification constraints of the Index relative to its Parent Index will limit to some extent the divergence of the Index from the Parent Index. The Parent Index is designed to capture large- and mid-capitalisation representation across 23 developed market countries. As of the date of this PDS, the Parent Index includes approximately 1,630 constituents and covers a large portion of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in each developed market country. As at the date of this PDS, the developed market countries that make up the Parent Index included: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the US. The Index rebalances semi-annually in May and November, when the Model is applied to the Parent Index. The Index may also be updated in February and August, to take into account changes to the Parent Index. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional information about the Index" for further information.

## 8. About the iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF

The information in section 8 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF (referred to in this section 8 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 8.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of developed market equities that have favourable exposure to four target style factors subject to constraints.

### 8.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI World Diversified Multiple-Factor Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 8 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

### 8.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund generally invests primarily in the global developed market equity securities that form the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may invest in all constituents of the Index.

The Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 8.4 About the Index

The Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a subset of equity securities within the MSCI World Index (referred to in this section 8 of the PDS as the Parent Index), which are selected and weighted on account of their higher aggregate exposure to four “style” factors compared to other securities within the Parent Index:

- ▶ Value: Companies are scored based on three main equally weighted indicators of whether equity securities of a company provide good value, namely:
  - the forward share price of an equity relative to estimated future earnings (based on a consensus of analysts’ views published by an industry recognised third party source);
  - the price of an equity relative to the book value (i.e. the value of shareholder equity on the balance sheet) of the company; and

- enterprise value (a measure of a company’s value, incorporating debt and equity) of a company relative to its operating cash flow (i.e. a measure of the amount of cash generated by a company’s normal business operations). Due to their capital structure, enterprise value is not used as an indicator of good value for financial sector companies.

- ▶ Momentum: Companies are given a higher momentum score if their share prices have outperformed the market in the last 2 years and have increased over the last 6 months and last 12 months (using data from one month prior to each application of the momentum factor to the Parent Index).
- ▶ Size: Companies have a higher size score if they have lower market capitalisation than other companies based in the same country.
- ▶ Quality: Companies are scored on the basis of three main equally weighted indicators of whether a company is demonstrating high quality characteristics which are high percentage of company earnings allocated to shareholders; low levels of debt; and low year on year earnings variability.

The constituents of the Index are selected from the Parent Index using the Barra multi-factor equity model (Model) to maximise the exposure to the four targeted style factors while maintaining market risk similar to the Parent Index. The Model is subject to certain risk diversification constraints, for example, minimum and maximum constituent, country and sector weights relative to the Parent Index and the anticipated volatility of the Index may not exceed the anticipated volatility of the Parent Index. In addition, the Model ensures that the exposure to style factors other than the chosen four factors, which are present in the Parent Index (e.g. volatility), is restricted in the Index. Turnover in the Index is also limited to 20% at each application of the Model to the Parent Index.

Due to the Model being applied to the Parent Index, the Index will comprise a smaller number of securities with different weightings compared to the Parent Index and will, therefore, have a different performance and risk profile to the Parent Index. The diversification constraints of the Index relative to its Parent Index will limit to some extent the divergence of the Index from the Parent Index.

The Parent Index is designed to capture large- and mid-capitalisation representation across 23 developed market countries. As of the date of this PDS, the Parent Index includes approximately 1,636 constituents and covers a large portion of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in each developed market country. As at the date of this PDS, the developed market countries that make up the Parent Index included: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the US.

The Index rebalances semi-annually in May and November, when the Model is applied to the Parent Index. The Index may also be updated in February and August, to take into account changes to the Parent Index. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 9. About the iShares Europe ETF

The information in section 9 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Europe ETF (referred to in this section 9 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 9.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of large capitalisation equities and covers 16 major developed European markets.

### 9.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P Europe 350™ Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 9 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called the iShares Europe ETF (referred to in this section 9 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 9.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the European equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 9.4 About the Index

The Index consists of 350 leading blue-chip companies that are drawn from 16 developed European markets.

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index, including some of the largest equity securities of companies domiciled in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Constituents of the Index are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS®). A company’s domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include headquarters of the company, registration, country of exchange listing, place of operations, and residence of senior officers.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include financials, consumer staples, industrials, health care and consumer discretionary companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 10. About the iShares Global 100 ETF

The information in section 10 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Global 100 ETF (referred to in this section 10 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 10.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of 100 multi-national, blue chip companies of major importance in global equity markets.

### 10.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P Global 100™ Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 10 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called the iShares Global 100 ETF (referred to in this section 10 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 10.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the international developed market equity securities that form the Index and in depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 10.4 About the Index

The Index measures the performance of multi-national, blue-chip companies of major importance in the global equity markets.

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index and a subset of the S&P Global 1200™, containing 100 highly liquid equity securities.

Constituents of the S&P Global 1200™ are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile and sector and

market representation (with reference to the GICS®). A company's domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include headquarters of the company, registration, country of exchange listing, place of operations, and residence of senior officers.

Index constituents selected from the S&P Global 1200™ are screened for global exposure, sector representation, liquidity, financial viability and size. Equity securities with low market capitalisation or insufficient liquidity are excluded from consideration. To be considered eligible for the Index, a company must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ Global Exposure. Companies that: generate more than 30% of revenue outside domicile region; have more than 30% of assets located outside domicile region; and have revenue exposure in three “primary” regions (North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific).
- ▶ Sector Classification. The Index aims to strike a GICS® sector balance with the S&P Global 1200™. Underweighted sectors relative to the S&P Global 1200™ will typically be targeted for Index additions.
- ▶ Market Capitalisation. Companies that are transnational corporations with a minimum float-adjusted market capitalisation of US\$ 5 billion.

While the Index is fixed at 100 companies, it may include more than 100 constituents at any point in time. Such cases arise when a regional component index of the S&P Global 1200™ contains more than one share class for a particular company. In such cases, the Index will use both share classes in its calculation, in order to maintain the full market capitalisation weight of the company in the index.

As at the date of this PDS, the Index was comprised of equity securities of companies located in the following countries: Australia, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the US Constituents of the Index primarily include information technology, financials consumer discretionary, health care and consumer staples companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 11. About the iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF

The information in section 11 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF (referred to in this section 11 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 11.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of the market, before fees and expenses (including the cost of hedging).

The index is designed to measure the AUD hedged performance of 100 multi-national, blue chip companies of major importance in global equity markets.

### 11.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P Global 100™ Net TR Index (Hedged to AUD) (referred to in this section 11 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund may choose to implement some or all of its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in the iShares Global 100 ETF (referred to in this section 11 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund); a US domiciled fund that aims to track the performance of a non-Australian dollar hedged version of the Index. Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund. The Fund applies a passive currency hedge, which seeks to minimise the effect of currency fluctuations on returns by converting the currency exposure of the Index back to Australian dollars. Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Currency hedged funds” for further information.

### 11.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the international developed market stocks that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index. The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities either:

- ▶ directly, by investing in such securities; or
- ▶ indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invest in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes. The Fund will also invest in forward foreign exchange contracts for currency hedging purposes.

### 11.4 About the Index

The Index measures the Australian dollar hedged performance of multi-national, blue-chip companies of major importance in the global equity markets.

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index and a subset of the S&P Global 1200™, containing 100 highly liquid equity securities.

Constituents of the S&P Global 1200™ are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS®). A company’s domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include headquarters of the company, registration, country of exchange listing, place of operations, and residence of senior officers.

Index constituents selected from the S&P Global 1200™ are screened for global exposure, sector representation, liquidity, financial viability and size. Equity securities with low market capitalisation or insufficient liquidity are excluded from consideration. To be considered eligible for the Index, a company must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ Global Exposure. Companies that: generate more than 30% of revenue outside domicile region; have more than 30% of assets located outside domicile region; and have revenue exposure in three “primary” regions (North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific).
- ▶ Sector Classification. The Index aims to strike a GICS® sector balance with the S&P Global 1200™. Underweighted sectors relative to the S&P Global 1200™ will typically be targeted for Index additions.
- ▶ Market Capitalisation. Companies that are transnational corporations with a minimum float-adjusted market capitalisation of US\$ 5 billion.

While the Index is fixed at 100 companies, it may include more than 100 constituents at any point in time. Such cases arise when a regional component index of the S&P Global 1200™ contains more than one share class for a particular company. In such cases, the Index will use both share classes in its calculation, in order to maintain the full market capitalisation weight of the company in the index.

As at the date of this PDS, the Index was comprised of equity securities of companies located in the following countries: Australia, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the US. Constituents of the Index primarily include information technology, financials, consumer discretionary, health care and consumer staples companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information, including how the Index converts currency exposure back to Australian dollars.

## 12. About the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF

The information in section 12 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF (referred to in this section 12 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 12.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of global consumer staples companies and may include large-, mid- or small-capitalisation stocks.

### 12.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P Global 1200 Consumer Staples (Sector) Capped Index™ (AUD) (referred to in this section 12 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF (referred to in this section 12 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 12.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the international consumer staple equity securities that form the Index and in depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 12.4 About the Index

The Index consists of all constituents of the S&P Global 1200™ that are classified within the GICS® consumer staples sector.

The S&P Global 1200™ is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index that includes the largest most liquid equity securities from around the world. The S&P Global 1200™ is

composed of seven component indices, representing seven distinct regions and covers 30 countries.

The Index uses a capping methodology to limit the weight of the securities of any single issuer (as determined by S&P) to a maximum of 10% of the Index.

Additionally, the capping methodology limits the sum of the weights of the securities of all issuers that individually constitute more than 5% of the weight of the Index to a maximum of 25% of the weight of the Underlying Index in the aggregate.

While each of the S&P Global 1200™ component indices has its own index methodology, all indices are managed with consideration to a consistent methodology. Constituents of the S&P Global 1200™ are generally selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS®). A company’s domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include headquarters of the company, registration, country of exchange listing, place of operations, and residence of senior officers.

As at the date of this PDS, the Index was comprised of equity securities of companies located in the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the US. Constituents of the Index are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 13. About the iShares Global Healthcare ETF

The information in section 13 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares Global Healthcare ETF (referred to in this section 13 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 13.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of global biotechnology, healthcare, medical equipment and pharmaceuticals companies and may include large-, mid- or small-capitalisation stocks.

### 13.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P Global 1200 Health Care Sector Net TR Index™ (AUD) (referred to in this section 13 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called iShares Global Healthcare ETF (referred to in this section 13 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 13.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the international health care equity securities that form the Index and in depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 13.4 About the Index

The Index consists of all constituents of the S&P Global 1200 Index that are classified within the GICS® health care sector.

The S&P Global 1200™ is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index that includes the largest most liquid equity securities from around the world. The S&P Global 1200™ is

composed of seven component indices, representing seven distinct regions and covers 30 countries.

While each of the S&P Global 1200™ component indices has its own index methodology, all indices are managed with consideration to a consistent methodology. Constituents of the S&P Global 1200™ are generally selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS®). A company’s domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include headquarters of the company, registration, country of exchange listing, place of operations, and residence of senior officers.

As at the date of this PDS, the Index was comprised of equity securities of companies located in the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the US. Constituents of the Index are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.



## 14. About the iShares S&P 500 ETF

The information in section 14 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares S&P 500 ETF (referred to in this section 14 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 14.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of large capitalisation US equities.

### 14.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 14 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, called iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (referred to in this section 14 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 14.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the large-capitalisation US equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 14.4 About the Index

The Index aims to measure the performance of the large-capitalisation sector of the US equity market, as determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (S&P).

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index, which includes 500 leading US companies with a market capitalisation of at least US\$8.2 billion.

Constituents of the Index are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size,

liquidity, country of domicile, financial viability and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS<sup>®</sup>). A company's US domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include US regulatory filings, primary US exchange listing and plurality of US fixed assets and revenues.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include information technology, financials, health care, consumer discretionary and industrials companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 15. About the iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF

The information in section 15 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF (referred to in this section 15 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 15.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses (including the cost of hedging).

The index is designed to measure the AUD hedged performance of large capitalisation US equities.

### 15.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Net TR Index (Hedged to AUD) (referred to in this section 15 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund may choose to implement some or all of its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF (referred to in this section 15 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund); a US domiciled fund that aims to track the performance of a non-Australian dollar hedged version of the Index. Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

The Fund applies a passive currency hedge, which seeks to minimise the effect of currency fluctuations on returns by converting the currency exposure of the Index back to Australian dollars. Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Currency hedged funds” for further information.

### 15.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the large-capitalisation US equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities either:

- ▶ directly, by investing in such securities; or
- ▶ indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invest in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may

include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes. The Fund will also invest in forward foreign exchange contracts for currency hedging purposes.

### 15.4 About the Index

The Index aims to measure the Australian dollar hedged performance of the large-capitalisation sector of the US equity market, as determined by S&P.

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index, which includes 500 leading US companies with a market capitalisation of at least US\$6.1 billion.

Constituents of the Index are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile, financial viability and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS<sup>®</sup>). A company's US domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include US regulatory filings, primary US exchange listing and plurality of US fixed assets and revenues.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include information technology, financials, health care, consumer discretionary and industrials companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information, including how the Index converts currency exposure back to Australian dollars.

## 16. About the iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF

The information in section 16 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF (referred to in this section 16 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 16.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of mid-capitalisation US equities.

### 16.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P MidCap 400<sup>®</sup> Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 16 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, called iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF (referred to in this section 16 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 16.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the mid-capitalisation US equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 16.4 About the Index

The Index aims to measure the performance of the mid-capitalisation sector of the US equity market, as determined by S&P.

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index, which includes 400 US companies with a market capitalisation of between US\$2.4 billion and US\$8.2 billion.

Constituents of the Index are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile, financial viability and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS<sup>®</sup>). A company's US domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include US regulatory filings, primary US exchange listing and plurality of US fixed assets and revenues.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include information technology, financials, industrials, and consumer discretionary companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 17. About the iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF

The information in section 17 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF (referred to in this section 17 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 17.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of small-capitalisation US equities.

### 17.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the S&P SmallCap 600<sup>®</sup> Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 17 of the PDS as the Index).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index. Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund implements its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, called iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF (referred to in this section 17 of the PDS as the Underlying Fund). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 17.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund is generally exposed to the small-capitalisation US equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund obtains exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 17.4 About the Index

The Index aims to measure the performance of the small-capitalisation sector of the US equity market, as determined by S&P.

The Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalisation weighted index, which includes 600 US companies with a market capitalisation of between US\$600 million and US\$2.4 billion.

Constituents of the Index are selected with consideration to specified eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, size, liquidity, country of domicile, financial viability and sector and market representation (with reference to the GICS<sup>®</sup>). A company's US domicile is determined based on a number of criteria that include US regulatory filings, primary US exchange listing and plurality of US fixed assets and revenues.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include industrials, financials, information technology, consumer discretionary and health care companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

The Index is reviewed and updated on an as need basis, with changes in response to corporate actions and market developments being made at any time. Share changes of 5% or greater are implemented when they occur. Share changes of less than 5% are only updated on a quarterly basis on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 18. About the iShares MSCI EAFE ETF

The information in section 18 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (referred to in this section 18 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 18.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of stocks from Europe, Australasia and the Far East and may include large- or mid-capitalisation companies.

### 18.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI EAFE Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 18 of the PDS as the **Index**).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index.

Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund will implement its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (referred to in this section 18 of the PDS as the **Underlying Fund**). Refer to the section of this PDS titled "The Underlying Funds" for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 18.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the international developed market equity securities that form the Index and in depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be

exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund will obtain exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 18.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to represent the performance of large- and mid-cap securities across 21 developed markets in Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the US and Canada.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, based on the MSCI Global Investable Markets Indexes Methodology (**GIMI Methodology**), which provides a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalisation size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability.

The GIMI Methodology requires that indexes be constructed in accordance with the following steps: defining the equity universe; determining the market investable equity universe; determining market capitalisation size-segments; applying Index continuity rules; and classifying securities under the GICS®. Additionally, the methodology screens securities with consideration to MSCI's market and security eligibility criteria, including, but not limited to minimum size, free float-adjusted market capitalisation, liquidity and length of trading requirements.

As at the date of this PDS, the Index was comprised of equity securities of companies located in the following 21 developed market countries or regions: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Constituents of the Index primarily include financials, industrials, consumer discretionary, consumer staples and health care companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in February, May, August and November. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional information about the Index" for further information.

## 19. About the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF

The information in section 19 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (referred to in this section 19 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 19.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the equity market performance in global emerging markets.

### 19.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI Emerging Markets Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 19 of the PDS as the **Index**).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index.

Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund will implement its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (referred to in this section 19 of the PDS as the **Underlying Fund**). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 19.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the international emerging market equity securities that form the Index and in depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund will obtain exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 19.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to represent the performance of large- and mid-capitalisation securities in 24 emerging markets.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, based on the GIMI Methodology, which provides a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalisation size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability.

The GIMI Methodology requires that indexes be constructed in accordance with the following steps: defining the equity universe; determining the market investable equity universe; determining market capitalisation size-segments; applying Index continuity rules; and classifying securities under the GICS®. Additionally, the methodology screens securities with consideration to MSCI’s market and security eligibility criteria, including, but not limited to minimum size, free float-adjusted market capitalisation, liquidity and length of trading requirements.

As at the date of this PDS, the Index was comprised of equity securities of companies located in the following 24 emerging market countries or regions: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Qatar, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. Constituents of the Index primarily include information technology and financials companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in February, May, August and November. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 20. About the iShares MSCI Japan ETF

The information in section 20 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares MSCI Japan ETF (referred to in this section 20 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 20.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of Japanese large-, mid- & small- capitalisation companies.

### 20.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI Japan Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 20 of the PDS as the **Index**).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index.

Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund will implement its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called iShares MSCI Japan ETF (referred to in this section 20 of the PDS as the **Underlying Fund**). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 20.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the Japanese equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund will obtain exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 20.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid- capitalisation segments of the Japanese market.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, based on the GIMI Methodology, which provides a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalisation size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability.

The GIMI Methodology requires that indexes be constructed in accordance with the following steps: defining the equity universe; determining the market investable equity universe; determining market capitalisation size-segments; applying Index continuity rules; and classifying securities under the GICS®. Additionally, the methodology screens securities with consideration to MSCI’s market and security eligibility criteria, including, but not limited to minimum size, free float-adjusted market capitalisation, liquidity and length of trading requirements.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include industrials, consumer discretionary, information technology and financials companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in February, May, August and November. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 21. About the iShares MSCI South Korea ETF

The information in section 21 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares MSCI South Korea ETF (referred to in this section 21 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 21.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of Korean large-, mid- & small- capitalisation companies.

### 21.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI Korea 25/50 Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 21 of the PDS as the **Index**).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index.

Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund will implement its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called iShares MSCI South Korea ETF (referred to in this section 21 of the PDS as the **Underlying Fund**). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 21.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the South Korean equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund will obtain exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 21.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-capitalisation segments of the Korean market.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, with a capping methodology applied to issuer weights so that no single issuer of a constituent exceeds 25% of the Index weight and all issuers with a weight above 5% do not, in the aggregate, exceed 50% of the Index weight.

The Index is based on the MSCI 25/50 Indexes Methodology, which is designed for certain US funds, like the Underlying Fund, as the index methodology allows US funds to implement an indexing strategy, while satisfying certain asset tests, such as those relating to asset diversification and sources of income, required under US regulation.

The Index is constructed with reference to an unconstrained free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, which is also designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-capitalisation segments of the Korean market (referred to in this section 21 of the PDS as the **Parent Index**).

Reflecting the 25% and 50% concentration constraints is the primary consideration in terms of both Index construction and Index maintenance. Minimising the tracking error between the Index and the Parent Index, while keeping the Index turnover to a reasonable level, is another important objective of the current methodology. This is achieved by rebalancing the Index using an optimisation process that aims to minimise the constituent weight differences between the Index and the Parent Index.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include information technology, financials, consumer discretionary and industrials companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in February, May, August and November. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.



## 22. About the iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF

The information in section 22 of this PDS relates solely to the iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF (referred to in this section 22 of the PDS as the Fund).

### 22.1 Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide investors with the performance of an index, before fees and expenses.

The index is designed to measure the performance of Taiwanese large-, mid- & small- capitalisation companies.

### 22.2 Investment strategy

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective by tracking the performance of the MSCI Taiwan 25/50 Net TR Index (AUD) (referred to in this section 22 of the PDS as the **Index**).

We believe that an optimisation investment strategy is the most appropriate investment strategy to track the performance of the Index as it takes into account liquidity and transaction cost impact and overall risk relative to the Index.

Optimisation is an indexing strategy that involves investing in a representative sample of securities that collectively has an investment profile similar to that of the Index. The securities selected are expected to have, in aggregate, investment characteristics (based on factors such as market capitalisation and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Index. Therefore, the securities to which each Fund is exposed may or may not include all of the securities in its Index and the weighting of such securities may differ to the weighting of securities in the Index.

The Fund will implement its optimisation investment strategy through an investment in a US domiciled version of the Fund, also called iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF (referred to in this section 22 of the PDS as the **Underlying Fund**). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “The Underlying Funds” for further information on the Underlying Fund.

### 22.3 What does the Fund invest in?

The Fund will generally be exposed to the Taiwanese equity securities that form the Index and to depositary receipts representing securities of the Index.

The Fund may have limited exposure to securities that are not constituents of the Index, including derivatives, where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to Index securities. However, from time to time the Fund may be

exposed to all constituents of the Index.

The Fund will obtain exposure to the aforementioned securities indirectly, by investing in the Underlying Fund, which invests in such securities.

Generally, the Fund and Underlying Fund may also be exposed to a small allocation of cash (or cash equivalents, that may include other BlackRock Group funds) for cash flow management purposes.

### 22.4 About the Index

The Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-capitalisation segments of the Taiwanese market.

The Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, with a capping methodology applied to issuer weights so that no single issuer of a constituent exceeds 25% of the Index weight and all issuers with a weight above 5% do not, in the aggregate, exceed 50% of the Index weight.

The Index is based on the MSCI 25/50 Indexes Methodology, which is designed for certain US funds, like the Underlying Fund, as the index methodology allows US funds to implement an indexing strategy, while satisfying certain asset tests, such as those relating to asset diversification and sources of income, required under US regulation.

The Index is constructed with reference to an unconstrained free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, which is also designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-capitalisation segments of the Taiwanese market (referred to in this section 22 of the PDS as the **Parent Index**).

Reflecting the 25% and 50% concentration constraints is the primary consideration in terms of both Index construction and Index maintenance. Minimising the tracking error between the Index and the Parent Index, while keeping the Index turnover to a reasonable level, is another important objective of the current methodology. This is achieved by rebalancing the Index using an optimisation process that aims to minimise the constituent weight differences between the Index and the Parent Index.

As at the date of this PDS, constituents of the Index primarily include information technology and financials companies. Constituents of the Index and the degree to which they represent certain industries are likely to change over time.

The Index rebalances quarterly in February, May, August and November. The Index may undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances at other times.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Additional information about the Index” for further information.

## 23. Additional information about the Funds

### 23.1 Currency hedged funds

A number of Funds aim to provide investors with the performance of an index hedged to Australian dollars.

In order to replicate the currency “hedging” component of their Index, a currency hedged Fund will enter into foreign currency forward contracts designed to offset the Fund’s exposure to the component currencies of its Index. A foreign currency forward contract is a contract between two parties to buy or sell a specified amount of a specific currency in the future at an agreed upon exchange rate. A currency hedged Fund’s exposure to foreign currency forward contracts is based on the aggregate exposure of the Fund to the component currencies of its Index.

While this approach is designed to minimise the impact of currency fluctuations on returns, it does not necessarily eliminate a Fund’s exposure to the component currencies. The return of a foreign currency forward contract may not perfectly offset the actual fluctuations between the component currencies and the Australian dollar.

### 23.2 The Underlying Funds

The Underlying Funds are all iShares ETFs and are managed by other members of the BlackRock Group.

Each Underlying Fund is a non-Australian domiciled iShares ETF, which is traded on an international stock exchange, which may include the New York Stock Exchange Arca, NASDAQ Stock Market, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (formerly known as BATS Exchange, Inc.) or the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Each Underlying Fund may be subject to certain investment and asset allocation requirements, as required by the laws/regulations of their respective country of incorporation, registration and listing.

For further information on each Underlying Fund please contact BlackRock (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

### 23.3 Use of derivatives

The Funds and Underlying Funds (where applicable) may use derivatives, such as futures, forwards, options and swap contracts, to manage risk and return. When derivative positions are established they will always be backed by cash holdings and/or underlying assets. Derivative securities will not be used to gear a fund.

Each Fund’s exposure to over the counter (OTC) derivatives (excluding any collateral held in respect of any such OTC derivative and any OTC derivatives held for currency hedging purposes) is not expected, in aggregate, to exceed 5% of the net asset value (NAV) of the Fund.

### 23.4 Borrowing

While each Fund’s constitution allows the Responsible Entity to borrow on behalf of the Fund, it is our intention that no borrowing arrangements will be entered into by the Funds other than temporary overdrafts, which may be used as a means of managing certain cash flows.

The Underlying Funds may be subject to certain borrowing restrictions as required by their governing documents or the laws/regulations of their respective country of incorporation, registration or listing. While the Underlying Funds are permitted to borrow, borrowing is generally only permitted on a temporary

basis and in limited circumstances. The Underlying Funds are not permitted to borrow for investment purposes.

### 23.5 Additional information about the Index

BlackRock has no present intention to change the Index adopted by each Fund. Notice of any such change will be provided to Unitholders in accordance with our obligations under the Fund’s constitution and all applicable law.

Information relating to the past performance of each Index can be found on our website at [www.blackrock.com.au](http://www.blackrock.com.au). It is important to note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

#### FTSE International Limited (FTSE)

FTSE is the provider of the index for the iShares China Large-Cap ETF. FTSE is not a related body corporate of BlackRock.

Further details regarding the Index of the aforementioned Fund, including index methodology and governance, is available on the index provider’s website at [www.ftse.com](http://www.ftse.com).

#### MSCI Inc. (MSCI)

MSCI is the provider of the index for the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF, iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, iShares MSCI EAFE ETF, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, iShares MSCI Japan ETF, iShares MSCI South Korea ETF and iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF.. MSCI is not a related body corporate of BlackRock.

The Parent Index for the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, iShares MSCI South Korea ETF and iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF is based on the GIMI Methodology. The GIMI Methodology provides a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalisation size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability.

The GIMI Methodology requires that indexes be constructed in accordance with the following steps: defining the equity universe; determining the market investable equity universe; determining market capitalisation size-segments; applying Index continuity rules; and classifying securities under the GICS®. Additionally, the methodology screens securities with consideration to MSCI’s market and security eligibility criteria, including, but not limited to minimum size, free float-adjusted market capitalisation, liquidity and length of trading requirements.

Further details regarding the Index of the aforementioned Funds, including index methodology, governance and details of the Models, is available on the index provider’s website at [www.msci.com/indexes](http://www.msci.com/indexes).

#### S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC (S&P)

S&P is the provider of the index for the iShares Asia 50 ETF, iShares Europe ETF, iShares Global 100 ETF, iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF, iShares Global Healthcare ETF, iShares S&P 500 ETF, iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF and iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF. S&P is not a related body corporate of BlackRock.

Further details regarding the Index of the aforementioned Funds, including index methodology and governance, is available on the index provider’s website at [us.spindices.com](http://us.spindices.com).

### Currency hedged indexes

The currency hedged indexes generally use one month forward currency contracts to the total value of the non-Australian dollar denominated securities included in the index to effectively create a “hedge” against fluctuations in the relative value of the index component currencies in relation to the Australian dollar. No adjustment is made to the hedge during the month to account for price movements of constituent securities of the index, corporate events affecting such securities, additions, deletions or any other changes to the index. The hedge is reset on a monthly basis.

The currency hedged indexes are designed to have higher returns than an equivalent unhedged investment when the component currencies are weakening relative to the Australian dollar. Conversely, the currency hedged indexes are designed to have lower returns than an equivalent unhedged investment when the component currencies are rising relative to the Australian dollar.

### 23.6 Rebalancing the Funds

Each Fund and Underlying Fund (where applicable) will typically rebalance its portfolio in line with the scheduled rebalance of its Index. The Funds may, however, undergo periodic unscheduled rebalances.

### 23.7 Fund performance and size

Updated performance information is available from our website at [www.blackrock.com.au](http://www.blackrock.com.au).

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

### 23.8 Labour standards, environmental, social or ethical considerations

As each Fund aims to track the performance of its Index, investment decisions are independent of labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations.

#### Investment Stewardship

The BlackRock Group’s Investment Stewardship Team, a centralised resource for all portfolio managers, lead a programme focused on protecting and enhancing the economic value of companies in which the BlackRock Group invests on behalf of clients. The program includes providing specialist insight on social, environmental and governance considerations to all investment strategies, whether indexed or actively managed.

The Investment Stewardship Team does this through engagement with boards and management of investee companies and through voting at shareholder meetings.

The BlackRock Group’s overarching approach to investment stewardship is set out in the BlackRock Group’s Investment Stewardship Corporate Governance and Engagement Principles. Voting is carried out in accordance with our market-specific voting guidelines. These documents are available on our website at [www.blackrock.com/corporate/en-us/about-us/investment-stewardship](http://www.blackrock.com/corporate/en-us/about-us/investment-stewardship).

### 23.9 Date of first quotation

Units of the Funds commenced quotation on ASX on:

	Commencement of quotation
iShares Asia 50 ETF	18 July 2018
iShares China Large-Cap ETF	5 September 2018
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	28 April 2016
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	28 April 2016
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	14 October 2016
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	14 October 2016
iShares Europe ETF	19 September 2018
iShares Global 100 ETF	19 September 2018
iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF	18 December 2014
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF	19 September 2018
iShares Global Healthcare ETF	19 September 2018
iShares S&P 500 ETF	5 September 2018
iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF	18 December 2014
iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF	5 September 2018
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	5 September 2018
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	17 October 2018
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	17 October 2018
iShares MSCI Japan ETF	17 October 2018
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF	17 October 2018
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	17 October 2018

### 23.10 Announcements to ASX

All announcements (including continuous disclosure notices and distribution information) will be made to ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform (asx.com.au).

### 23.11 Additional information

The following information can be obtained from our website at [www.blackrock.com.au/ishares](http://www.blackrock.com.au/ishares):

- ▶ each Fund's last calculated NAV;
- ▶ each Fund's last calculated NAV per Unit (NAV Price). The NAV Price is that which is applied to a Unit creation or redemption request received prior to the close of trading on any Business Day. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Processing of Unit creations and redemptions" for further information on the calculation of the NAV Price and to the Operating Procedures for details of each Fund's Business Day;
- ▶ the performance of each Fund compared to the performance of its Index;
- ▶ daily underlying holdings of each Fund (and where applicable any Underlying Fund), including the name and percentage composition of each asset by value relative to NAV as at the close of the previous trading day;
- ▶ a copy of the latest PDS;
- ▶ copies of each Fund's Annual and Semi Annual Financial Report (the financial year end for each Fund is 30 June); and
- ▶ details of each Fund's distributions (if declared).

### 23.12 Benefits of iShares

iShares ETFs are managed funds listed or quoted on exchanges (including ASX) providing you with the opportunity to gain exposure to a diversified portfolio of assets in a single transaction.

The significant benefits of investing in the Funds include:

- ▶ low cost access to diversified portfolios of international shares;
- ▶ access to market capitalisation weighted, minimum volatility and multiple-factor exposures; and
- ▶ currency hedged options, to seek to minimise the impact of Australian dollar volatility on investor returns.

Other benefits of investing in iShares ETFs generally include:

- ▶ Diversification: In contrast to a direct investment in a single company or bond, an iShares ETF provides, as far as possible and practicable, exposure to all of the securities or instruments within the index that the particular iShares ETF seeks to track.
- ▶ Access global markets: iShares ETFs let you achieve international diversification by investing in overseas equity and bond markets. With iShares ETFs you can gain exposure by asset class, market capitalisation, country and sector.
- ▶ Liquidity and transparency: Each iShares ETF seeks investment results that correspond generally to the performance (before fees and expenses) of a particular index. As a traded security, an iShares ETF enables you to enter and exit your holding on the ASX. You can easily track performance and trade during ASX trading hours (subject to ASX rules).

- ▶ Managing risk: Investing in an iShares ETF can assist you in establishing a portfolio appropriate to your investment needs and risk profile.
- ▶ Lower cost: As each iShares ETF is passively managed and designed to track the performance of a particular index, the expenses of managing an iShares ETF are generally lower compared to other forms of retail managed funds. However, brokerage or adviser fees may still apply when buying or selling units of an iShares ETF.
- ▶ Receipt of income: You will generally receive income from your investment in the form of distributions. Distributions may include dividends, coupons and other income. There may be years in which no distributions are made.
- ▶ Accessibility: iShares ETFs can offer a cost-effective way to gain exposure to a diversified portfolio of securities. They can be less costly than purchasing a large number of individual securities as there are less trading costs and they offer lower thresholds than an investor might otherwise be able to afford.

### 23.13 Securities lending

The Funds do not currently participate in a securities lending program for the lending of securities held within each Fund's portfolio. Should a Fund commence securities lending we will notify Unitholders of this change. The Funds may be exposed to an Underlying Fund that participates in a securities lending program.

Where an Underlying Fund participates in a securities lending program, securities held within the Underlying Fund are lent to approved borrowers for a fee. The collected securities lending fee represents securities lending income, which generates additional investment returns for the Underlying Fund and therefore the Fund investing into it, providing improved index tracking performance.

Excluding the iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF, the Underlying Funds are permitted to lend a maximum of one-third of their AUM at any one time. The iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF is permitted to lend a maximum of half of its AUM at any one time.

One or more member of the BlackRock Group has been appointed to serve as a securities lending agent by each Underlying Fund, to the extent that the Underlying Fund participates in the securities lending program. For these services, the securities lending agent will receive a fee. The income earned from securities lending will be allocated between the participating Underlying Fund and the securities lending agent and paid on a percentage basis to the securities lending agent at normal commercial rates.

As at the date of this PDS, to the extent an Underlying Fund undertakes securities lending, the allocation of securities lending income between each Underlying Fund and its securities lending agent(s) is as follows:

- ▶ excluding the iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF, each Underlying Fund will retain between either 65%-75% or 70%-80% of the security lending income, with the remainder being paid to the securities lending agent(s). The amount of securities lending income retained by each Underlying Fund is dependent upon investment exposure and agreed income hurdles, figures take into consideration associated cash collateral investment fees; and
- ▶ with regard to the iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF, the Underlying Fund will retain 60% of the

securities lending income, with the remainder being paid to the securities lending agent(s).

Each securities lending agent will pay for any securities lending costs out of its portion of the securities lending income. While participation in the securities lending program requires the payment of securities lending agent fees, all fees are paid for out of any generated securities lending income. If no securities lending income is generated, no securities lending agent fees will be payable.

The participation of the Underlying Funds in a securities lending program may give rise to certain conflicts of interest. The BlackRock Group has adopted policies and procedures designed to address these potential conflicts of interest. Refer to the section of this PDS titled “What about the specific risks of the Funds?” for further information on the risks associated with securities lending.

For the last financial year of each Fund, the estimated securities lending income/fees attributable to each Fund (as a result of its investment in an Underlying Fund) is provided in the table below.

Securities lending income/fees (estimated) <sup>1</sup>			
Fund name	Total securities lending income	Fund securities lending income	Securities lending agent fee <sup>2</sup>
iShares Asia 50 ETF	0.07% p.a.	0.06% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares China Large-Cap ETF	0.17% p.a.	0.14% p.a.	0.03% p.a.
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	0.03% p.a.	0.02% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.03% p.a.	0.02% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	N/A	N/A	N/A
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	N/A	N/A	N/A
iShares Europe ETF	0.01% p.a.	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares Global 100 ETF	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF	N/A	N/A	N/A
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares Global Healthcare ETF	0.01% p.a.	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares S&P 500 ETF	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF	0.03% p.a.	0.02% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	0.08% p.a.	0.06% p.a.	0.02% p.a.
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	0.01% p.a.	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	0.08% p.a.	0.06% p.a.	0.02% p.a.
iShares MSCI Japan ETF	0.01% p.a.	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a. <sup>3</sup>
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF	0.23% p.a.	0.19% p.a.	0.04% p.a.
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	0.11% p.a.	0.09% p.a.	0.02% p.a.

1. Figures disclosed as a percentage of a Fund’s average AUM for the last financial year
2. Amount includes investment fees charged in the management of cash collateral. Disclosed as an indirect cost of each Fund (refer to the section of this PDS titled “Fees and other costs” for further information).
3. Negligible securities lending income/fees.

## 24. About the AQUA rules

Each Fund is quoted on the ASX under the AQUA Rules. The AQUA Rules have been designed to offer greater flexibility and are specifically designed for managed funds, ETFs and structured products.

As most investors are more familiar with the ASX Listing Rules, it is important to note the main differences between the AQUA Rules and the ASX Listing Rules, which are set out below.

ASX Listing Rules	ASX AQUA Rules
<b>Control</b>	
<p>A person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ controls the value of its own securities and the business it runs,</li> <li>▶ the value of those securities is directly influenced by the equity issuer's performance and conduct.</li> </ul> <p>e.g. the management and board generally control the fate of the business and, therefore, have direct influence over the share price.</p>	<p>A person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ does not control the value of the assets underlying its products, but</li> <li>▶ offers products that give investors exposure to the underlying assets – such as shares, indices, currencies or commodities.</li> </ul> <p>The value (price) of products quoted under the AQUA Rules is dependent upon the performance of the underlying assets rather than the financial performance of the issuer itself.</p> <p>e.g. A managed fund issuer does not control the value of the shares it invests in.</p>
<b>Continuous disclosure</b>	
<p>Products under the ASX Listing Rules are subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under ASX Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the Corporations Act.</p>	<p>Issuers of products quoted under the AQUA Rules are not subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under ASX Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the Corporations Act.</p> <p>There is, however, still a requirement under the AQUA Rules that an issuer of a product quoted under the AQUA Rules provide ASX with information that the non-disclosure of which may lead to the establishment of a false market in its products or would materially affect the price of its products.</p> <p>In addition, issuers of products quoted under the AQUA Rules must disclose information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ the Net Tangible Assets or the NAV of the funds;</li> <li>▶ dividends, distributions and other disbursements; and</li> <li>▶ any other information that is required to be disclosed to ASIC under section 675 of the Corporations Act must be disclosed to ASX via the ASX Company Announcement Platform at the same time it is disclosed to ASIC.</li> </ul>
<b>Periodic disclosure</b>	
<p>Products under the ASX Listing Rules are required to disclose half-yearly and annual financial information or annual reports under Chapter 4 of the ASX Listing Rules.</p>	<p>Products quoted under the AQUA Rules are not required to disclose half-yearly and annual financial information or annual reports under the AQUA Rules.</p> <p>However, because the Fund is a registered managed investment scheme, we are still required to prepare financial reports under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act. These reports will be made available on our website at <a href="http://www.blackrock.com.au">www.blackrock.com.au</a>.</p>

ASX Listing Rules	ASX AQUA Rules
<b>Corporate control</b>	
<p>Requirements in the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules in relation to matters such as takeover bids, share buy-backs, change of capital, new issuers, restricted securities, disclosure of directors' interests and substantial shareholdings apply to companies and schemes.</p> <p>The responsible entity of a listed scheme may be replaced by a resolution of members holding a majority of the votes cast on the resolution.</p>	<p>Certain requirements in the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules in relation to matters such as takeover bids, buy-backs, change of capital, new issuers, restricted securities, disclosure of directors' interests and substantial shareholdings that apply to companies and listed schemes do not apply to products quoted under the AQUA Rules.</p> <p>Issuers of products quoted under the AQUA Rules are subject to general requirement to provide the ASX with any information concerning itself that may lead to the establishment of a false market or materially affect the price of its products.</p> <p>The responsible entity of an unlisted scheme being admitted to Trading Status on ASX or quoted under the AQUA Rules may only be replaced by a resolution of members holding a majority of votes that are eligible to be cast on the resolution.</p>
<b>Related party transactions</b>	
<p>Chapter 10 of the ASX Listing Rules, which relates to transactions between an entity and persons in a position to influence the entity, specifies controls over related party transactions.</p>	<p>Chapter 10 of the ASX Listing Rules does not apply to AQUA products.</p> <p>Unlisted schemes being admitted to Trading Status on ASX or quoted under the AQUA Rules remain subject to the related party requirements in Part 5C.7 and Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act.</p>
<b>Auditor rotation</b>	
<p>There are specific requirements in relation to auditor rotation under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the Corporations Act.</p>	<p>Issuers of products under the AQUA Rules are not subject to the requirements under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the Corporations Act.</p> <p>The responsible entity of an unlisted scheme being admitted to Trading Status on ASX or quoted under the AQUA Rules will continue to be required to undertake an independent audit of its compliance with the scheme's compliance plan in accordance with section 601HG of the Corporations Act.</p>
<b>Disclosure</b>	
<p>Entities admitted under the ASX Listing Rules are subject to the requirements of the Corporations Act in relation to the issue of a PDS.</p>	<p>Products quoted under the AQUA Rules will also be subject to these requirements of the Corporations Act.</p>

Source: ASX Rules Framework

## 25. Fund risks

### 25.1 What are the risks of investing?

Before you make an investment decision, it is important to identify your investment objectives and the level of risk that you are prepared to accept. This may be influenced by:

- ▶ the timeframe over which you are expecting a return on your investment and your need for regular income versus long-term capital growth;
- ▶ your level of comfort with volatility in returns; or
- ▶ the general and specific risks associated with investing in particular funds.

### 25.2 General risks

All investments have an inherent level of risk. Generally, there is a trade-off between higher expected returns for higher expected risk – represented by the variability of fund returns.

The value of your investment will fluctuate with the value of the underlying investments in a Fund. Investment risk may also result in loss of income or capital invested and possible delays in repayment. You could receive back less than you initially invested and there is no guarantee that you will receive any income.

### 25.3 What about the specific risks of the Funds?

Specific risks of investing in the Funds may include, but are not limited to:

**Derivative risk.** The Funds may be exposed to derivative securities. The use of derivatives expose a fund to different risks as opposed to investing directly in a security. For example, derivatives can cause a fund to make greater gains or incur greater losses than the gains and losses of the underlying security in relation to which the derivative derives its value.

Derivative transactions may be subject to the risk that a counterparty to the transaction will wholly or partially fail to perform their contractual obligations under the arrangement (including failing to meet collateral requirements under the arrangement). Additionally, OTC markets are not guaranteed by an exchange or clearing corporation and generally do not require payment of margin. To the extent that a fund has unrealised gains in such instruments or has deposited collateral with its counterparty that fund is at risk that its counterparty will become bankrupt or otherwise fail to honour its obligations. Derivative transactions may also expose a fund to a risk of potential illiquidity if the derivative instrument is difficult to purchase or sell.

The BlackRock Group attempts to minimise these risks by engaging in derivative transactions only with financial institutions that have substantial capital or that have provided a third-party guarantee or other credit enhancement.

**Equity security risk.** Equity securities are subject to changes in value, and their values may be more volatile than those of other asset classes. Dividend payments from shares may also vary over time.

**Factor investing risk.** Regular index tracking ETFs generally represent a passively managed, diversified portfolio that delivers the general performance trend of the relevant market by tracking standard market indices. The iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, while still passively managed, are structured to track an index which seeks to deliver a specific investment outcome.

There is no guarantee that the intended investment outcome of each index will be achieved.

While the index of the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF selects securities that are components of its parent index, each index will look and behave differently to its parent index. Each index is likely to have fewer constituents, country exposures and sector exposures and in different weightings from its parent index. Each index is likely to perform differently and have a different risk and return profile from that of its parent index. The iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF may therefore, in different market conditions, provide different returns than a fund tracking the parent index. Such returns may include both positive and negative returns.

Additionally, the iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF may be more exposed to factor related market movements, both positive and negative as a result of tracking its index.

**Foreign investment risk.** Exposure to securities or derivative instruments issued in foreign markets may include certain risks associated with:

- ▶ differences in trading, settlement and clearing procedures that may restrict trading (as a result of suspensions or daily quotas), increase default or market operational risks or require securities to be held on a beneficial basis via a depositary nominee;
- ▶ currency risk, the risk that foreign currencies change in value relative to the Australian dollar, which may affect a fund's investment returns. These movements may either add to or subtract from performance. Passive currency management may be undertaken, however, it may not be possible to perfectly match performance of the hedging relative to that of its benchmark. Currency management can result in capital losses and investment returns are not guaranteed;
- ▶ countries may be subject to considerable degrees of market volatility, economic, political and social instability, which may reduce or preclude the ability to trade security exposures or negatively affect a security's value; and
- ▶ differences in accounting, financial reporting, taxation, legal, regulatory, liquidity and pricing practices that are subject to change and if so may adversely affect a fund.

**Index methodology risk.** The Index of the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF implements a Model, which seeks to create an index consisting of securities with certain characteristics. There is no guarantee that the Model used by each Index will be successful in achieving its intended outcome. For example, there is no guarantee that the Model used by the MSCI World Minimum Volatility Index will be fully successful in estimating the expected volatility of the constituents of the Parent Index or that the constituents of the MSCI World Minimum Volatility Index will have lower volatility than that of the Parent Index.

Each Index is constructed with the use of a Model, which may rely on various sources of information to assess the criteria of issuers to be included in the Index (or its parent index), including information that may be based on assumptions and estimates. There can no assurance that the Model used in each Index's calculation methodology or the sources of information will provide an accurate assessment of included issuers.

**Insufficiency of spreads risk.** In respect of the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World



Multifactor ETF, a pre-set spread related to issue or redemption price calculation in a cash creation or cash redemption will be determined prior to trading of the underlying securities to cover estimated trading costs. If such spread is narrower than the actual associated trading costs, the NAV of the relevant Fund will be adversely affected.

**Liquidity risk.** The Funds may be exposed to securities with limited liquidity, which are in practice infrequently traded or for which typical daily volumes traded are small. It may not be possible to sell such securities when it is desirable to do so or to realise what the manager perceives to be their fair value in the event of a sale. The general level of market liquidity also varies and may deteriorate. Such a deterioration may negatively impact the ability to trade fund securities and may negatively affect the price at which a trade is executed. These circumstances could impair a fund's ability to make distributions to a redeeming unit holder in a timely manner and a fund may need to consider suspending redemptions. The BlackRock Group aims to reduce these risks by understanding the liquidity characteristics of securities a fund is exposed to and plans trading so as to minimise the adverse consequences of low liquidity.

**Securities lending risk.** Excluding the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF and iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF, the Funds may be exposed to an underlying fund that engages in a securities lending program, which involves the lending of fund investments to counterparties over a period of time. In the event that a fund engages in securities lending it may have a credit risk exposure to the counterparties to any securities lending contract. While the securities lending program generally seeks to ensure all securities lending is fully collateralised, a fund may lose money where any securities lending is not fully collateralised (i.e. due to timing issues arising from payment lags or due to a fall in the value of the collateral below the value of the loaned securities) and where a borrower of loaned securities defaults on its obligations (i.e. failing to return the securities in a timely manner or at all). A fund could also lose money in the event of a decline in the value of any investments made with cash collateral. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for a fund.

To mitigate these risks, the iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF benefits from a borrower default indemnity provided by BlackRock Inc. The indemnity allows for full replacement of the securities lent if the collateral received does not cover the value of the securities loaned in the event of a borrower default.

**Small cap securities risk.** The iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF, iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF and iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF may be exposed to securities of smaller capitalisation companies. Smaller capitalisation companies may, from time to time, and especially in falling markets, become less liquid and experience short-term price volatility. They may also be less financially secure than larger, more established companies and depend on a small number of key personnel, which increases the risk of the company's failure if a product fails, management changes or if there are other adverse developments.

**Underlying fund risk.** Excluding the, iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, the Funds may implement some or all of their investment strategy through an investment in an underlying fund. The Fund and its underlying fund are managed as separate entities, with separate investment objectives and investment strategies. No guarantee can be given that the underlying fund will meet its investment objective, continue to be managed according to its

current investment strategy or be open to investments in the future. Changes to the underlying fund may be made without unitholder approval. Should an underlying fund change its investment objective or investment strategy, we will review such changes with consideration to the investment objective and strategy of the applicable Fund. Further, if the underlying fund were to be suspended, closed or terminated for any reason, the Fund investing into it would be exposed to those changes.

## 25.4 Risks of investing in ETFs and managed funds

The risks of investing in ETFs and more generally managed investment schemes may include, but are not limited to:

**Conflicts of interest risk.** Certain conflicts of interest may arise in the operation of a BlackRock Group fund. Fund structures may involve members of the BlackRock Group acting in more than one capacity, while BlackRock Group funds may hold over-the counter derivative agreements where a member of the BlackRock Group is acting (in different capacities) on both sides of the agreement. BlackRock Group funds may be invested in by persons associated with BlackRock Group or by other funds and accounts managed by different members of the BlackRock Group. Investors in a fund may, in some instances, invest on different terms to each other, some of which may be more favourable than others. Each investor in a fund may act in a way which is adverse to the interests of other investors in that fund. Additionally, funds and accounts managed by different members of the BlackRock Group may act as a seed investor in a BlackRock Group fund, which may create a commercial opportunity for the BlackRock Group. For example, a seed investment may allow the BlackRock Group to establish a track record for a fund that can then be sold to other clients. Certain investment strategies of the BlackRock Group may conflict with each other and may affect the price and availability of securities in which to invest. Members of the BlackRock Group may also give advice or take action with respect to any of their clients, which may differ from the advice given or the timing or nature of any action taken with respect to the investments of other BlackRock Group funds or accounts.

While conflicts of interest may arise from time to time, the BlackRock Group has established policies and procedures in place to manage any such conflict, which includes ensuring transactions between BlackRock Group entities are conducted on an arm's length commercial basis.

**Dealing risk.** There may be instances where the Units of each Fund will not be widely held. Accordingly, any investor buying Units in small numbers may not necessarily be able to find other buyers should that investor wish to sell. While this risk cannot be entirely removed in order to address such dealing risk, each Fund has been appointed one or more market maker.

**Counterparty risk.** Institutions, such as brokerage firms, banks, and broker-dealers, may enter into transactions with the manager of a fund in relation to the sale and purchase of assets or securities. Such institutions may also be issuers of the securities in which a fund invests. Bankruptcy, fraud, regulatory sanction or a refusal to complete a transaction at one of these institutions could significantly impair the operational capabilities or the capital position of a fund. While the BlackRock Group uses reasonable efforts to mitigate such risks, there can be no guarantee that transactions between such counterparties will always be completed in the manner contemplated by, and favourable to, the relevant fund.

**Fund risk.** The price of units in a fund and the income from them may go down as well as up. Investors may not get back their original investment. There can be no assurance that a fund will achieve its investment objective or that an investor will achieve profits or avoid losses, significant or otherwise. Capital return and income of a fund is based on the capital appreciation and income of the securities invested in, less expenses incurred. Fund returns may fluctuate in response to changes in such capital appreciation or income. The payment of distributions is at the discretion of the fund issuer, taking into account various factors and its own distribution policy. Distributions are not guaranteed and there may be periods for which distributions are higher or lower than expected. There can be no assurance that the distribution yield of a fund is the same as that of its index due to factors such as expenses incurred by the fund. Investing in a fund may result in a different tax outcome than investing in securities directly. The application of tax laws and certain events occurring within a fund may result in you receiving some of your investment back as income in the form of a distribution. A fund will generally not be managed with consideration of the individual circumstances, including specific tax considerations, applicable to any single unitholder in the fund. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

**Index related risk.** In order to meet their investment objective, the Funds will seek to achieve a return that reflects the return of its index, as published by the index provider. While index providers do provide a description of what each index is designed to achieve, index providers do not generally provide any warranty or accept any liability in relation to the quality, accuracy or completeness of data in respect of their indices, nor any guarantee that the published index will be in line with their described benchmark index methodologies. Errors in respect of the quality, accuracy and completeness of the data may occur from time to time and may not be identified and corrected for a period of time, in particular where an index is less commonly used. During a period where an index contains incorrect constituents, a fund benchmarked to that index would have market exposure to such constituents. As such, errors may potentially result in a negative or positive performance impact to the fund and to its unitholders. Apart from scheduled rebalances, index providers may carry out additional ad hoc rebalances to their benchmark indices in order, for example, to correct an error in the selection of index constituents. Where the index is rebalanced and a fund in turn rebalances its portfolio to bring it in line with the index, any transaction costs and market exposure arising from such portfolio rebalancing will be borne by the fund and, by extension, the fund's unitholders. Therefore, errors and additional ad hoc rebalances carried out by an index provider may increase the costs and market exposure risk of a fund.

**Individual investment risk.** Individual securities held by a fund can and do fall in value for many reasons. Both price and levels of income are subject to fluctuation. Returns from individual securities will vary and price movements can be volatile.

**Market risk.** Economic, technological, political or legislative conditions and even market sentiment can (and do) change and this can affect the value of the investments in a fund. The value of a fund will change with changes in the market value of the securities to which it is exposed.

**Market trading risk.** The units of ETFs (such as the Funds) may trade on securities exchanges in the secondary market, like the ASX. Risks associated with such trading activity may include the following:

- ▶ **Secondary market trading risk.** While the unit creation/redemption feature of an ETF is designed to make

it likely that units of the ETF will trade close to their NAV in the secondary market, at times when the ETF does not accept orders to create or redeem units (such as when a Fund suspends trading in accordance with the terms of its constitution) or if there are disruptions to unit creation or redemption processes, units of the ETF may trade in the secondary market with more significant premiums or discounts than might otherwise be experienced.

- ▶ **Settlement risk.** The Funds may be exposed to settlement risk, as the Funds are reliant on the operation of CHES, including for Unit creations and redemptions. The Funds are exposed to the extent that there is a risk that Authorised Participants may fail to fulfil their settlement obligations. The risk is partly mitigated as participants in CHES are subject to rules of participation, which include sanctions if there is a failure to meet their obligations. Where trading in relation to a security is suspended, there may be a delay in settlement in relation to that security.

- ▶ **Secondary market suspension.** Investors will not be able to acquire or dispose of Units on the ASX during any period that the ASX suspends trading in the Units. The ASX may suspend the trading of Units whenever the ASX determines that it is appropriate in the interests of a fair and orderly market to protect investors. The creation and redemption of Units will also be suspended in the event that the trading of Units on the ASX is suspended. Refer to the section of this PDS, titled "Redemption rights of non-Authorised Participant Unitholders" for further information on the redemption rights of secondary market investors when the trading in Units on the ASX has been suspended.

- ▶ **Revocation of ASX approval of quotation risk.** The ASX imposes certain requirements for the continued quotation of securities, including units of ETFs. There can be no assurance that the Funds will continue to meet the requirements necessary to maintain quotation of Units on the ASX or that the ASX will not change the quotation requirements. The Funds may be terminated if the ASX revokes listing approval..

- ▶ **No trading market in ETF units.** There can be no assurance that an active trading market will exist for units of an ETF on the securities exchanges the ETF is traded. Further, there can be no assurance that units of an ETF will experience trading or pricing patterns similar to those of ETFs which are issued by investment companies in other jurisdictions or those traded on the ASX that seek to track a different index. Investors should note that liquidity in the secondary market for ETF units may be adversely affected if there is no market maker or authorised participant for the ETF. Although units of an ETF may be quoted on a securities exchange and there may be one or more appointed market maker, there may be no liquid trading market for the ETF units or such appointed market maker(s) may cease to fulfil that role. It is the Responsible Entity's intention that there will always be at least one market maker for the Units of the Funds.

**Operational risk.** The risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events. Adverse impacts may arise internally through human error, technology or infrastructure changes, or through external events such as third party failures or crisis events. The BlackRock Group has procedures in place to manage these risks and, as much as possible, monitor the controls within these procedures to ensure operational risks are adequately managed.

**Regulatory and business risk.** Changes in corporate, taxation or other relevant laws, regulations or rules may adversely affect

your investment. For example, such changes may adversely affect a fund's ability to execute certain investment strategies, which could have a material effect on performance. The laws affecting registered managed investment schemes may also change in the future.

**Tracking error risk.** The NAV of each Fund may not correlate exactly with the index it is designed to match. Factors such as fund fees and expenses, imperfect correlation between fund security holdings and index constituents, inability to rebalance portfolio holdings in response to changes to index constituents, rounding of prices, index changes and regulatory policies may affect the ability of a fund to achieve close correlation with the index. A fund's returns may therefore deviate from the index it is designed to match. Funds that employ an optimisation strategy may incur tracking error risk to a greater extent than a fund that seeks to fully replicate an index.

## 25.5 Risk management

The Funds benefit from the BlackRock Group's global expertise and risk management practices, with investment strategies employed across the BlackRock Group being continuously monitored and assessed.

Risk management is integral to the BlackRock Group's culture and has been integrated into management and investment practices wherever possible. The BlackRock Group recognises that risk management is an integral part of sound management practice and is therefore committed to continually investing incrementally in its risk management capabilities commensurate with the increasing complexity, range and scale of its business activities.

Asset exposures are constantly monitored to ensure all BlackRock Group funds remain within permitted investment parameters. Operating and investment processes are continuously reviewed through a combination of internal and external audit, regular compliance monitoring, management self-assessment procedures and risk management oversight.

Management of key controls and performance measurement is accomplished through routine reporting on investment activities. The BlackRock Group's automated systems produce reports that enable the ongoing monitoring of trading and investment activity against assigned limits, including individual trader and counterparty limits. Transactions that may result in exceptions to the established limits must have appropriate approval in accordance with internally documented policies.

### Departmental oversight

The BlackRock Group has operational functions that help in the implementation of its risk management framework, including:

- ▶ **Risk and Quantitative Analysis:** Monitors the continuing development of process controls and functional segregation in conjunction with relevant business units to ensure that these remain robust and appropriate to the needs of the business. The Risk and Quantitative Analysis Team also measures and monitors all BlackRock Group funds.
- ▶ **Legal and Compliance:** Responsible for the identification, communication and control of applicable legislation and restrictions. Compliance staff also conduct periodic compliance reviews of key processes and work closely with management to develop suitable controls.
- ▶ **Internal Audit:** Responsible for the review of internal processes and controls.

- ▶ **Counterparty & Concentration Risk Group:** Responsible for managing counterparty risk across the BlackRock Group. The Counterparty and Concentration Risk Group monitors and assesses counterparty exposures arising from a wide range of financial instruments.

## 26. Fees and other costs

### 26.1 Consumer advisory warning

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns. For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30 year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs. You may be able to negotiate to pay lower contribution fees and management costs where applicable. Ask the fund or your financial adviser.

#### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au))** has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### 26.2 Fees and other costs

This document shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your Fund account, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the managed investment scheme as a whole. Taxes are set out in another part of this document. You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

Type of fee or cost	Amount		How and when paid
<b>Fees when your money moves in or out of a Fund. <sup>1</sup></b>			
<b>Establishment fee.</b> The fee to open your investment.	Nil for all Funds		Not applicable.
<b>Contribution fee.</b> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment.	If you are <b>BUYING/ SELLING ON EXCHANGE</b>	If you are an Authorised Participant creating/ redeeming Units \$14 to \$1,350	<b>These fees are only applicable to Authorised Participants, as only Authorised Participants are able to create/redeem Units.</b> These fixed fees are payable at the time of creating/redeeming Units. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional explanation of fees and costs" for details of the contribution/withdrawal fee charged by each Fund.
<b>Withdrawal fee.</b> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment.			
<b>Exit fee.</b> The fee to close your investment.	Nil for all Funds		Not applicable.
<b>Management costs.</b> The fees and costs for managing your investment.			
Management fees	0.00% to 0.50% p.a.		The management fee is calculated in relation to the NAV of a Fund on a daily basis. This cost is deducted from the assets of a Fund and is generally paid to us monthly in arrears. The deduction of management fees is reflected in each Fund's NAV price.  Indirect costs are a reasonable estimate of certain costs incurred within a Fund (or Underlying Fund) that reduce returns. Indirect costs are reflected in each Fund's NAV price.  <b>Refer to the table at the end of the section titled "Additional explanation of fees and costs" for details of the management fee and indirect costs of each Fund.</b>
Indirect costs (estimated) <sup>2</sup>	0.00% to 0.77% p.a.		
<b>Total management costs (estimated)</b>	<b>0.04% to 0.77% p.a.</b>		
<b>Service fees.</b>			
<b>Switching fee.</b> The fee for changing investment options.	Nil for all Funds		Not applicable.

All fees are in Australian dollars and, unless otherwise indicated, are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and takes into account expected reduced input tax credits in respect of the GST component of the fee.

1. A buy-sell spread may apply when Authorised Participants create or redeem units of a Fund. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional explanation of fees and other costs" for further information.
2. Certain amounts or figures used to calculate indirect costs may include estimates in circumstances where actual figures could not be obtained.

**Information in the fee table can be used to compare costs between different simple managed investment schemes. Fees and costs can be paid directly from your Fund account or deducted from investment returns.**

**Additional fees may be paid to a financial advisor as negotiated between you and your adviser – refer to the Statement of Advice which will be provided to you by your financial adviser which sets out the details of the fees.**

### 26.3 Example of annual fees and costs for the Funds

The table on the following page gives an example of how fees and costs in each Fund can affect your investment over a one- year period. You should use this table to compare these products with other managed investment products.

**Please note the table on the following page is only an example of fees and costs you may incur. In practice, the actual investment balance of an investor will vary and the actual fees we charge are based on the value of the Fund in which you are invested, which also fluctuates. The amounts in the example assume a constant investment of \$50,000 throughout the year and do not take into account any additional contributions made during the year or certain other costs that may be incurred within a Fund. Management costs will also be charged in relation to additional contributions. Customary brokerage fees and commissions associated with buying Units of a Fund on a stock exchange are also not taken into account.**

Example of annual fees and costs		
Balance of \$50,000 with a contribution of \$5,000 during year		
<b>Contribution fees <sup>1</sup></b>	Nil for all Funds	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0.
PLUS		
<b>Management Costs (estimated) <sup>2</sup></b>	And, for every \$50,000 you have in a Fund you will be charged:	
iShares Asia 50 ETF	0.51% p.a.	\$255 each year
iShares China Large-Cap ETF	0.77% p.a.	\$385 each year
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	0.10% p.a.	\$50 each year
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.13% p.a.	\$65 each year
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	0.30% p.a.	\$150 each year
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	0.35% p.a.	\$175 each year
iShares Europe ETF	0.60% p.a.	\$300 each year
iShares Global 100 ETF	0.40% p.a.	\$200 each year
iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.43% p.a.	\$215 each year
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF	0.47% p.a.	\$235 each year
iShares Global Healthcare ETF	0.47% p.a.	\$235 each year
iShares S&P 500 ETF	0.04% p.a.	\$20 each year
iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.10% p.a.	\$50 each year
iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF	0.08% p.a.	\$40 each year
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	0.09% p.a.	\$45 each year
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	0.31% p.a.	\$155 each year
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	0.69% p.a.	\$345 each year
iShares MSCI Japan ETF	0.47% p.a.	\$235 each year
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF	0.63% p.a.	\$315 each year
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	0.61% p.a.	\$305 each year
EQUALS		
<b>Cost of Fund (estimated)</b>	If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year you would be charged fees of:	
iShares Asia 50 ETF	\$255 each year	
iShares China Large-Cap ETF	\$385 each year	
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	\$50 each year	
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	\$65 each year	
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	\$150 each year	
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	\$175 each year	
iShares Europe ETF	\$300 each year	
iShares Global 100 ETF	\$200 each year	
iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF	\$215 each year	
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF	\$235 each year	
iShares Global Healthcare ETF	\$235 each year	
iShares S&P 500 ETF	\$20 each year	
iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF	\$50 each year	
iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF	\$40 each year	
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	\$45 each year	

iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	\$155 each year
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	\$345 each year
iShares MSCI Japan ETF	\$235 each year
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF	\$315 each year
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	\$305 each year
<b>What it costs you will depend on whether you are an Authorised Participant and the fees you negotiate.</b>	

1. Authorised Participants may incur a fixed contribution fee to create Units in a Fund. Additionally, Authorised Participants may also incur transaction costs when creating units in a Fund by way of a cash only transaction. These fees/costs are not applicable to investors buying on exchange. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Additional explanation of fees and costs" for further information.
2. Costs include management fees and indirect costs (estimated).

## 26.4 Additional explanation of fees and other costs

### Management costs

The management costs include:

#### ► Management fees

Management fees are the fees for managing a Fund's investments. Management fees are not deducted directly from your Fund account. Instead, they are accrued daily within a Fund's NAV price and are deducted from the assets of a Fund. Management fees are generally paid to the Responsible Entity monthly in arrears.

Investment management services may be provided to the Responsible Entity by other members of the BlackRock Group, for which management fees are charged. Where such fees are paid for the provision of investment management services, they are payable by BlackRock and are not at an additional cost to you.

**Where a Fund charges a management fee and invests in an Underlying Fund, the management fees of the Underlying Fund will be rebated.**

**Where a Fund does not charge a management fee, the fees for managing the Fund's investment will be accrued daily within the NAV price of the Underlying Fund in which the Fund invests. Such fees are required to be disclosed as indirect costs (see below for further information).**

The management fee charged by each Fund is detailed in the table at the end of this section of the PDS.

#### ► Expense recovery costs

We are entitled to be reimbursed for certain expenses in managing and administering the Funds. These expenses cover most of the out-of-pocket expenses the Responsible Entity is entitled to recover from each Fund including custody safekeeping fees, index licence fees and other investment related expenses. Unless we indicate otherwise, all Fund expenses, other than indirect costs and transaction costs (see below for further information) will be paid for by the Responsible Entity and no additional expenses will be recovered from a Fund.

Expense recovery costs are generally calculated with consideration to the actual costs incurred during the financial year of a Fund ending 30 June 2019. In the case of a new fund, like the Funds, expense recovery costs are disclosed as a reasonable estimate of any such costs we expect to be incurred over the next twelve months.

**The Funds are not expected to incur any expense recovery costs.**

**Expense recovery costs are dependent upon a number of factors and therefore may change from year to year. Expense recovery costs for future periods may be higher or lower than the expense recovery costs currently disclosed.**

#### ► Abnormal costs

Abnormal costs are expenses not generally incurred during the day-to-day operations of a Fund and are not necessarily incurred in any given year. They are due to abnormal events such as the cost of running a Unitholder meeting or legal costs incurred by changes to a Fund's constitution or defending legal proceedings. We will continue to seek reimbursement from each Fund in relation to these types of expenses should they arise.

Abnormal costs are generally calculated with consideration to the actual costs incurred during the financial year of a Fund ending 30 June 2019. In the case of a new fund, like the Funds, abnormal costs are disclosed as a reasonable estimate of any such costs we expect to be incurred over the next twelve months.

**The Funds are not expected to incur any abnormal costs.**

**Abnormal costs are dependent upon a number of factors and therefore may change from year to year. Abnormal costs for future periods may be higher or lower than the abnormal costs currently disclosed.**

#### ► Indirect costs (estimated)

Indirect costs include any amount that we know, reasonably ought to know or, where this is not the case, may reasonably estimate, will reduce the return of a Fund. Indirect costs may be incurred directly by a Fund or, where applicable, indirectly through an Underlying Fund.

Indirect costs may include, but is not limited to:

- **Over the counter (OTC) derivative costs:** Where applicable, costs of investing in OTC derivatives, excluding such costs disclosed as transaction costs, see below for further information.
- **Securities lending agent fees:** Some Funds indirectly (through an Underlying Fund) participant in a securities lending programme. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Securities lending" for further information. Where a Fund directly or indirectly participates in a securities lending program we are required to disclose any securities lending income retained by the securities lending agent(s) as an indirect cost. While participation in the securities lending program requires the payment of securities lending agent fees, all fees are paid for out of any generated securities lending income. If no securities lending income is generated, no securities lending agent fees will be payable.
- **Underlying Fund expenses:** Where a Fund invests in an Underlying Fund, certain costs may be incurred within the Underlying Fund. Such costs may include, but is not limited to, custodian and administrator fees, auditor fees, director fees, certain taxes and other professional expenses incurred by the Underlying Fund.
- **Underlying Fund management fees:** Where a Fund does not charge a management fee, the fees for managing the Fund's investment will be will be accrued daily within the NAV price of the Underlying Fund in which the Fund invests.

☐ The management fee for each of the following Underlying Funds is calculated based on an AUM tiered fee structure, as shown in the following table, with reference to either:

- the Underlying Fund's aggregate average daily net asset; or
- the Underlying Fund's allocable portion of an aggregate management fee based on the average daily net assets of specific iShares ETFs managed by the Underlying Fund's investment advisor.

Underlying Fund	Management fee per annum on aggregate net assets (US\$ billion)
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF <sup>1</sup>	0.35% - less than/equal to \$30, plus 0.32% - over \$30 to \$60, plus 0.28% - over \$60 to \$90, plus 0.252% - over \$90 to \$120, plus 0.227% - over \$120
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF <sup>2</sup>	0.75% - less than/equal to \$14 plus 0.68% - over \$14 to \$28, plus 0.61% - over \$28 to \$42, plus 0.54% - over \$42 to \$56, plus 0.47% - over \$56 to \$70, plus 0.41% - over \$70 to \$84, plus 0.35% - over \$84
iShares MSCI Japan <sup>3</sup>	0.59% - less than/equal to \$7, plus 0.54% - over \$7 to \$11, plus 0.49% - over \$11 to \$24, plus 0.44% - over \$24 to \$48, plus 0.40% - over \$48 to \$72, plus 0.36% - over \$72 to \$96 plus 0.32% - over \$96
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF <sup>4</sup> iShare MSCI Taiwan ETF <sup>4</sup>	0.74% - less than/equal to \$2, plus 0.69% - over \$2 to \$4, plus 0.64% - over \$4 to \$8, plus 0.57% - over \$8 to \$16, plus 0.51% - over \$16 to \$24, plus 0.48% - over \$24 to \$32, plus 0.45% - over \$32.0 billion
iShares China Large-Cap ETF	0.74% - less than/equal to \$6, plus 0.67% - over \$6 to \$9, plus 0.60% - over \$9 to \$12, plus 0.54% - over \$12
iShares Europe ETF <sup>1</sup>	0.60% - less than/equal to \$12, plus 0.57% - over \$12 to \$18, plus 0.5415% - over \$18 to \$24, plus 0.5145% - over \$24 to \$30, plus 0.4888% - over \$30
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF <sup>2</sup> iShares Global Healthcare ETF <sup>2</sup>	0.48% - less than/equal to \$10, plus 0.43% - over \$10 to \$20, plus 0.38% - over \$20

1. Calculated on the average daily net assets of iShares International Select Dividend ETF, iShares MSCI EAFE Small-Cap ETF and iShares Europe ETF.

2. Calculated on the average daily net assets of iShares Global Clean Energy ETF, iShares Global Consumer Discretionary ETF, iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF, iShares Global Energy ETF, iShares Global Financials ETF, iShares Global Healthcare ETF, iShares Global Industrials ETF, iShares Global Infrastructure ETF, iShares Global Materials ETF, iShares Global Tech ETF, iShares Global Telecom ETF, iShares Global Timber & Forestry ETF, iShares Global Utilities ETF, iShares North American Natural Resources ETF, iShares North American Tech ETF, iShares North American Tech-Multimedia Networking ETF, iShares North American Tech-Software ETF and iShares PHLX Semiconductor ETF.

3. Calculated on the average daily net assets of iShares MSCI Australia ETF, iShares MSCI Austria ETF, iShares MSCI Belgium ETF, iShares MSCI Canada ETF, iShares MSCI Eurozone ETF, iShares MSCI France ETF, iShares MSCI Germany ETF, iShares MSCI Hong Kong ETF, iShares MSCI Ireland ETF, iShares MSCI Italy ETF, iShares MSCI Japan ETF, iShares MSCI Japan Small-Cap ETF, iShares MSCI Malaysia ETF, iShares MSCI Mexico ETF, iShares MSCI Netherlands ETF, iShares MSCI New Zealand ETF, iShares MSCI Singapore ETF, iShares MSCI Spain ETF, iShares MSCI Sweden ETF, iShares MSCI Switzerland ETF and iShares MSCI United Kingdom ETF.

4. Calculated on the average daily net assets of iShares MSCI Brazil ETF, iShares MSCI Brazil Small-Cap ETF, iShares MSCI Chile ETF, iShares MSCI China ETF, iShares MSCI China Small-Cap ETF, iShares MSCI Indonesia ETF, iShares MSCI Israel ETF, iShares MSCI Peru ETF, iShares MSCI Philippines ETF, iShares MSCI Poland ETF, iShares MSCI Qatar ETF, iShares MSCI Russia ETF, iShares MSCI South Africa ETF, iShares MSCI South Korea ETF, iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF, iShares MSCI Thailand ETF, iShares MSCI Turkey ETF and iShares MSCI UAE ETF.

Indirect costs exclude certain transaction costs (see below for further information).

Indirect costs reduce the investment return of a Fund (or where applicable Underlying Fund). Indirect costs are reflected in each Fund's NAV Price and are not charged separately to an investor.

Indirect costs are generally calculated with consideration to the financial year of a Fund ending 30 June 2019. In the case of a new fund, like the Funds, indirect costs are disclosed as a reasonable estimate of the costs we expect to be incurred over the next twelve months. Certain amounts or figures used to calculate indirect costs may include estimates in circumstances where actual figures could not be obtained.

The indirect costs incurred by each Fund is detailed in the table at the end of this section of the PDS.

**Indirect costs are dependent upon a number of factors and therefore may change from year to year. Indirect costs for future periods may be higher or lower than the indirect costs currently disclosed.**



### Contribution/withdrawal fee for Authorised Participants

A contribution/withdrawal fee may be payable by an Authorised Participant with every creation/redemption of Units. The contribution/withdrawal fee applicable to each Fund is detailed in the following table

Contribution/Withdrawal fee	
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	\$57
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	\$57
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	\$950
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	\$550
iShares Global 100 AUD Hedged ETF	\$1,530
All other Funds	\$14

### These fees are only applicable only to Authorised Participants, as only Authorised Participants are able to create/redeem Units.

This fee represents the estimated custody and administration costs associated with the purchase or sale of securities following a creation or redemption of Units by an Authorised Participant. The same fee may be applied to both Unit creations and redemptions and is a separate flat dollar fee regardless of the size of the transaction.

The contribution/withdrawal fee is payable by the Authorised Participant to a Fund and is not paid to BlackRock. In the case of a creation of Units the contribution fee is payable in addition to the issue price and in the case of a redemption of Units the withdrawal fee will be deducted from the redemption proceeds.

### Transaction costs (estimated)

Transaction costs include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ explicit transaction costs, such as brokerage, settlement costs, clearing costs (including custody movement charges), stamp duty and, where applicable, buy-sell spreads applied to transactions in underlying funds;
- ▶ implicit transaction costs, the cost of a bid-ask spread applied to security transactions; and
- ▶ where applicable, OTC derivative transaction costs, the costs of investing in OTC derivatives, excluding such costs disclosed as indirect costs.

Transaction costs may be incurred when Authorised Participants create or redeem Units in a Fund or when transacting to manage a Fund's investment strategy.

Transaction costs incurred when an Authorised Participant creates or redeems Units may be recovered through the contribution or withdrawal fee. Additionally, where an Authorised Participant creates/redeems Units transaction costs may be recovered as follows:

- ▶ with regard to the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility (AUD Hedged) ETF, through the application of a buy-sell spread applied to the NAV Price at which the Authorised Participant transacts (see below for further information); and

- ▶ with regard to all other Funds, where an Authorised Participant transacts by Non-Standard Creation/Redemption Basket or cash only creation/redemption (Non-Standard Transactions), actual brokerage incurred (and GST payable, after taking into account expected reduced input tax credits) in acquiring or realising securities (as applicable) may be charged to the transacting Authorised Participant.

Transaction costs that are not recovered (the "net transaction costs" in the table at the top of the following page) reduce the investment return of a Fund. Net transaction costs are reflected in each Fund's NAV Price and are not charged separately to the investor.

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Transaction costs are generally calculated with consideration to the financial year of a fund ending 30 June 2019. In the case of a new fund, like the Funds, transaction costs are disclosed as a reasonable estimate of the costs we expect to be incurred over the next twelve months. Certain amounts or figures used to calculate transaction costs may include estimates in circumstances where actual figures could not be obtained.

The transaction costs incurred by each Fund is detailed in the table at the end of this section of the PDS.

**Transaction costs are dependent upon a number of factors and therefore may change from year to year. Transaction costs for future periods may be higher or lower than the transaction costs currently disclosed.**

### Buy-sell spreads for Authorised Participants

The iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF apply a buy-sell spread to the NAV Price when Authorised Participants create/redeem Units, which reflects the estimated transaction costs associated with buying and selling the assets of a Fund when creating or redeeming Units. The buy-sell spread is applied with the intention of ensuring all investors are treated equally and looks to ensure that investors within a Fund are not negatively impacted as a result of the investment activity of other investors in the Fund. The buy-sell spread is not paid to BlackRock.

The buy spread is the difference between the Unit creation price and the NAV Price. The sell spread is the difference between the Unit redemption price and the NAV Price. The total buy-sell spread is the difference between a Fund's Unit creation and Unit redemption prices.

Authorised Participants should note that there may be circumstances in which BlackRock may exercise its discretion to vary the buy-sell spread above or below those stated in the buy-sell spread information provided to Authorised Participants. Such discretion may be exercised, for example, where the costs associated with obtaining or disposing of the underlying assets of a Fund are likely to be materially different to those typically encountered in normal market conditions. Prior notice of a change to the buy-sell spread will not ordinarily be provided.

The buy-sell spread is an additional cost to the Authorised Participant but is reflected in a Fund's unit creation or redemption prices. Such costs are not charged separately to the Authorised Participant. The buy-sell spread for each Fund is distributed electronically to Authorised Participants.

### **Can the fees change?**

All fees can change. They may vary over time as a result of changes to a Fund, changing economic conditions and changes in regulations, and may change without Unitholder consent.

We will provide investors 30 days prior notice of any proposed increase to our fees. Under special circumstances, we may elect to vary the frequency of our fee collection.

The current fees applicable to your investment are set out in this PDS and although we have the power to change our fee structure without your consent, we have no present intention to do so.

### **Ongoing service commission**

No commission is currently payable by us to advisers in relation to each Fund.

### **Stockbroker fees for ASX investors**

Investors buying and selling Units on the ASX will incur customary brokerage fees and commissions. These fees and charges should be discussed with your stockbroker prior to investing.

### **Alternative forms of remuneration**

We may provide alternative forms of remuneration, which include professional development, sponsorship and entertainment to licensed financial advisers, dealer groups and master trust or IDPS operators. Where such benefits are provided, they are payable by BlackRock and are not an additional cost to you.

We maintain a public register of alternative forms of remuneration in accordance with FSC/FPA Industry Code of Practice on Alternative Forms of Remuneration. Please contact BlackRock if you wish to inspect this register (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

BlackRock will only make these payments to the extent that they are permitted by law.

### **Fee for wholesale investors**

We may individually negotiate fees with investors classed as “wholesale clients”, as defined by the Corporations Act. We may also negotiate special arrangements concerning fees (including fee reductions or waivers) with other investors in certain circumstances determined by us, as permitted by law. Please contact us for further details.

Fund name	Indirect costs (estimated)			Transaction Costs (estimated)			
	Management fee	Underlying Fund management fees	Other indirect costs <sup>4</sup>	Total management costs (estimated)	Total transaction costs	Transaction cost recovery	Net transaction cost <sup>5</sup>
iShares Asia 50 ETF	0.50%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.01%	0.51%	0.03% p.a.	0.01% p.a.	0.02% p.a.
iShares China Large-Cap ETF	0.00% <sup>2</sup>	0.74% <sup>3</sup>	0.03%	0.77%	0.11% p.a.	0.06% p.a.	0.05% p.a.
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	0.09%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.01%	0.10%	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.12%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.01%	0.13%	0.06% p.a.	0.02% p.a.	0.04% p.a.
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	0.30%	N/A	0.00%	0.30%	0.32% p.a.	0.30% p.a.	0.02% p.a.
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	0.35%	N/A	0.00%	0.35%	0.14% p.a.	0.14% p.a.	0.00% p.a.
iShares S&P Europe ETF	0.00% <sup>2</sup>	0.60% <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	0.60%	0.02% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.02% p.a.
iShares S&P Global 100 ETF	0.40%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.00%	0.40%	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.
iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.43%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.00%	0.43%	0.08% p.a.	0.04% p.a.	0.04% p.a.
iShares S&P Global Consumer Staples ETF	0.00% <sup>2</sup>	0.47% <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	0.47%	0.02% p.a.	0.01% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares S&P Global Healthcare ETF	0.00% <sup>2</sup>	0.47% <sup>3</sup>	0.00%	0.47%	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares S&P 500 ETF	0.04%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.00%	0.04%	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.
iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF	0.10%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.00%	0.10%	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.
iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF	0.07%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.01%	0.08%	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	0.07%	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.02%	0.09%	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.31% <sup>2</sup>	0.00%	0.31%	0.01% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.01% p.a.
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.67% <sup>2</sup>	0.02%	0.69%	0.04% p.a.	0.01% p.a.	0.03% p.a.
iShares MSCI Japan ETF	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.47% <sup>2</sup>	0.00%	0.47%	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.	0.00% p.a.
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.59% <sup>2</sup>	0.04%	0.63%	0.08% p.a.	0.06% p.a.	0.02% p.a.
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	0.00% <sup>1</sup>	0.59% <sup>2</sup>	0.02%	0.61%	0.14% p.a.	0.09% p.a.	0.05% p.a.

Fees and costs disclosed as a percentage of Fund's average AUM. Costs shown with consideration to the financial year of the Fund ending 30 June 2019.

1. Management fees of Underlying Fund rebated and not charged to the Fund.
2. Fees for managing the Fund's investment accrued daily within the NAV price of the Underlying Fund in which the Fund invests.
3. Estimated annualised Underlying Fund management fee, as disclosed in the Underlying Fund's current prospectus.
4. Estimated indirect costs generally include Underlying Fund administration expenses and securities lending agent fees.
5. Net transaction costs equal total transaction costs minus transaction cost recovery.

## 27. Primary market matter

### 27.1 Authorised participants

Requests for the creation or redemption of Units in each Fund may only be submitted by Authorised Participants.

Before we can process an initial Unit creation request, Authorised Participants are required to provide us with a signed AP Agreement. Authorised Participants are required to comply with any additional requirements as set out in the AP Agreement.

As part of the initial Unit creation process, Authorised Participants will be provided with a copy of the Operating Procedures. Authorised Participants should read the Operating Procedures before making an investment decision. The Operating Procedures contain the following important information, which is only relevant to Authorised Participants:

- ▶ the Cut-off Time for Unit creation and redemption requests;
- ▶ details of the Business Days each Fund is open for Unit creation and redemption requests;
- ▶ settlement timeframes for Unit creation and redemption requests;
- ▶ minimum Unit creation and redemption sizes; and
- ▶ after an Authorised Participant's initial investment in a Fund, details on how subsequent Unit creation and redemption requests can be made.

The Operating Procedures may be updated at any time. Should the Operating Procedures be updated we will notify all Authorised Participants of the update and will make available a copy of the updated document. Authorised Participants may also request a copy of the current Operating Procedures by contacting the iShares Australia Capital Markets Desk (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

### 27.2 Minimum Unit creation and redemption size

Except in respect of a distribution reinvestment, Units of a Fund may only be created or redeemed by Authorised Participants with consideration to a minimum Unit creation or redemption size, as specified in the Operating Procedures. Additionally, Authorised Participants will only be permitted create or redeem Units that have been aggregated into blocks of one Creation Unit or one Redemption Unit or multiples thereof.

Other investors looking to acquire or dispose of Units in a Fund may do so on exchange, through their stockbroker. We do not currently set any restrictions on secondary market transactions, such transactions, however, may be subject to minimum transaction amounts, as required by the exchange and/or your stockbroker.

In accordance with each Fund's constitution, we may set a minimum holding amount in respect of each Fund. Currently no minimum holding amount has been set, meaning unitholders can hold as little as one Unit in a Fund. Should we choose to set a minimum holding amount in respect of a Fund, in accordance with the provisions of each Fund's constitution, we may choose to redeem a unitholder's holding where the holding is below the stated minimum holding amount, without the need for a unitholder redemption request.

We may choose to alter the minimum unit creation and redemption sizes and minimum unit holding amounts in respect of a Fund from time to time. Unitholders will be notified of any such changes in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act and the relevant Fund's constitution.

### 27.3 Unit creation requests

To make an initial investment in a Fund, Authorised Participants may, subject to the minimum unit creation size, request the creation of Units on any Business Day by:

- ▶ completing the Fund's Application Form accompanying this PDS and returning it to us by mail or facsimile (using the contact information as shown on the Application Form) or by complying with such other Unit creation request method that the Responsible Entity may determine from time to time;
- ▶ returning the Unit creation request to us by the required Cut-off Time; and
- ▶ with regard to the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, transferring to the Fund in which the Authorised Participant wishes to create Units cash application money, or
- ▶ with regard to all other Funds, transferring to the Fund in which the Authorised Participant wishes to create Units:
  - a Creation Basket with, if applicable, a cash amount representing any residual cash amount;
  - if approved by us, a Non-Standard Creation Basket, with cash in lieu of omitted securities and, if applicable, a cash amount representing any residual cash; or
  - if approved by us, cash, for a cash only Unit creation.

Refer to the Operating Procedures for details of each Fund's Business Day, minimum Unit creation size and Cut-off Time.

In return, we will issue the Authorised Participant with the required number of Units of the applicable Fund, the transfer of which will be made through CHES.

A contribution fee may be payable by Authorised Participants in relation to Unit creation requests. Additionally, a buy-spread may be payable by Authorised Participants creating Units in the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Fees and other costs" for further information.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Non-Standard Transaction requests" for further information on Non-Standard Creation Basket and cash only Unit creation requests.

The use of facsimile instructions is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the section of this PDS titled "Receipt of instructions".

Authorised Participants may also need to complete an Investor Identification Form for the purposes of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (AML Legislation).

Additional investments can be made at any time in writing (including via facsimile), via iShares Online or by complying with such other Unit creation request method that the Responsible Entity may determine from time to time. Authorised Participants who have agreed to submit Unit creation requests using iShares Online may do so in accordance with the iShares Online Terms and Conditions. We will provide a copy of the iShares Online Terms and Conditions to Authorised Participants. Additional investments are made on the basis of a current PDS. A copy of the current PDS for the Funds and any information updating it is available free of charge upon request by contacting the iShares Call Centre (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

Units issued pursuant to a Unit creation request will be quoted under the AQUA Rules on the ASX with effect from the settlement of the issue of the relevant Units through CHESS. On a monthly basis, we will announce to the ASX via the ASX Markets Announcements Platform each Fund's total Units on issue. As the settlement of the issue of the relevant Units will be made through CHESS, we will not be required to hold application money prior to the issue of the Units.

Other investors looking to acquire Units in each Fund may buy Units on the ASX.

#### Unit redemption requests

An Authorised Participant may, subject to the minimum unit redemption size, request the redemption of Units on any Business Day by:

- ▶ providing to us a Unit redemption request in writing, to be sent by mail or facsimile (using the iShares Australia Capital Markets Desk contact information as shown on page 2 of this PDS), via iShares Online or by complying with such other Unit redemption request method that the Responsible Entity may determine from time to time. Authorised Participants who have agreed to submit Unit redemption requests using iShares Online may do so in accordance with the iShares Online Terms and Conditions. We will provide a copy of the iShares Online Terms and Conditions to Authorised Participants;
- ▶ returning the Unit redemption request to us by the required Cut-off Time; and
- ▶ transferring to the Fund in which the Authorised Participant wishes to redeem Units, the relevant number of Units through CHESS.

In return, the Fund in which the Authorised Participant wishes to redeem Units will transfer to the Authorised Participant:

- ▶ with regard to the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, cash will be transferred; or
- ▶ with regard to all other Funds:
  - a Redemption Basket with, if applicable, a cash amount representing any residual cash amount;
  - if approved by us, a Non-Standard Redemption Basket, with cash in lieu of omitted securities and, if applicable, a cash amount representing any residual cash; or
  - if approved by us, cash, for a cash only Unit redemption.

Refer to the Operating Procedures for details of each Fund's Business Day, minimum Unit redemption size and Cut-off Time.

A withdrawal fee may be payable by Authorised Participants in relation to Unit redemption requests. Additionally, a sell-spread may be payable by Authorised Participants creating Units in the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Fees and other costs" for further information.

Refer to the section of the PDS titled "Non-Standard Transaction requests" for further information on Non-Standard Redemption Basket and cash only Unit redemption requests.

In certain circumstances we may be required or permitted by a Fund's constitution to deduct other amounts (e.g. withholding tax) from redemption proceeds that would otherwise be payable to a Unitholder, refer to the section of this PDS titled "Distribution on redemption" for further information.

Other investors looking to dispose of Units in a Fund may sell Units on the ASX. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Redemption rights of non-Authorised Participant Unitholders" for further information on the redemption rights of non-Authorised Participants.

The redemption procedures described above assume that each Fund remains liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act). We expect that each Fund will remain liquid. If a Fund becomes illiquid, withdrawals may only be made in accordance with the Corporations Act. We will advise Unitholders if a Fund becomes illiquid and the terms of any withdrawal offer.

#### 27.4 Processing of Unit creations and redemptions

Generally, Unit creation or redemption requests are processed each Business Day. Unit creation or redemption requests received after the required Cut-off Time or on a non-Business Day will generally be treated as having been received the following Business Day.

Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Calculation of NAV Prices" for information regarding the calculation of NAV Prices used for Unit creations and redemptions.

In addition to the Unit creation and redemption request requirements set out in this PDS, Authorised Participants are also required to comply with other process requirements and deadlines associated with Unit creation and redemption requests, as described in the Operating Procedures.

Standard settlement timeframes of Unit creation and redemption requests are set out in the Operating Procedures. Settlement, however, may be on a non-standard basis, to accommodate the holiday schedules of any non-Australian market in which the securities of a Fund are traded. For every occurrence of one or more intervening holiday in the applicable non-Australian market that are not holidays observed in Australia, the settlement cycle may be extended by the number of such intervening holidays. In addition to holidays, other unforeseeable closings in non-Australian markets, for example due to emergencies, may also prevent a Fund from settling Unit creation and redemption requests within the standard settlement timeframe.

Please note that in certain circumstances we may be entitled to suspend or postpone Unit creation and redemption requests. This will generally occur before or after the end of a Fund distribution period, but may also occur if trading or settlement on the ASX or other non-Australian market in which the securities of a Fund are traded is closed, suspended or restricted. There may be other circumstances where we need to suspend or postpone Unit creation and redemption requests, such as where a Fund cannot properly ascertain the value of an asset or an event occurs that results in us not being able to reasonably acquire or dispose of assets held by a Fund. Any Unit creation or redemption request received during a period of suspension will be processed on the next available Business Day after the suspension has ended.

Refer to the Operating Procedures for details of each Fund's Business Day and Cut-off Time.

## 27.5 Calculation of NAV Prices

When you invest in a Fund, you are allocated a number of Units in that Fund. Each of these Units represents an equal interest in the net assets of the Fund. As a result, each Unit has a value or “unit price”, also referred to as the NAV Price. The NAV Price is based on the NAV of a Fund divided by the number of Units on issue in that Fund.

The NAV and NAV Price are generally calculated as at the close of trading on each Business Day, usually one Business Day in arrears. The NAV is determined by deducting the liabilities of a Fund from the assets of that Fund. Assets and liabilities of each Fund are generally valued at their market value in accordance with each Fund’s constitution.

Unit creation and redemption requests received before the required Cut-off Time on a Business Day will generally be processed at the NAV Price calculated as at the close of trading on that Business Day. With regard to the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, the NAV Price will be plus/minus the buy/sell spread (as applicable). Refer to the section of this PDS titled “Fees and other costs” for further information.

We have the discretion, however, to price a Fund more or less frequently when unusual circumstances prevail (for example, where there has been unusual volatility in the market) in order to protect the interests of all Unitholders in that Fund. BlackRock has a formal “Unit Pricing Discretions Policy”, which is available free of charge upon request by contacting BlackRock (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

Details of each Fund’s daily NAV and NAV Price, as at the close of the previous Business Day, are available from our website at [www.blackrock.com.au/ishares](http://www.blackrock.com.au/ishares).

Refer to the Operating Procedures for details of each Fund’s Business Day and Cut-off Time.

## 27.6 Non-Standard Transaction requests

Excluding the iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF and iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, Authorised Participants may request the creation or redemption of Units on any Business Day by way of Non-Standard Creation Basket, Non-Standard Redemption Basket or cash only creation/redemption (Non-Standard Transactions).

Authorised Participants are responsible for notifying us of any Non-Standard Transaction request before the required Cut-off Time. Authorised Participants are advised, however, to notify us of any such requests as soon as possible.

We must approve any Non-Standard Transaction request before you take any action to transfer to us the securities forming a Non-Standard Creation Basket, cash or Units of a Fund (as applicable).

Non-Standard Creation Basket and Non-Standard Redemption Basket requests will require the Authorised Participant or the Fund (as applicable) to deliver additional cash in lieu of the omitted securities. Cash only Unit creation/redemption requests will require the Authorised Participant or the Fund (as applicable) to deliver cash in lieu of a Creation/Redemption Basket (as applicable).

Where an Authorised Participant submits a Non-Standard Transaction Unit creation request and the actual cost to the applicable Fund of acquiring the securities required to complete a Creation Basket differs from the value of those securities as at the relevant valuation time, the Authorised Participant will:

- ▶ where the actual cost to the applicable Fund of acquiring the securities is less than the value of those securities at the relevant valuation time, receive an amount from the applicable Fund equal to the difference; and
- ▶ where the actual cost to the applicable Fund of acquiring the securities is more than the value of those securities at the relevant valuation time, be required to pay an amount to the applicable Fund equal to the difference.

Where an Authorised Participant submits a Non-Standard Transaction Unit redemption request and the actual proceeds received by the applicable Fund for disposing of the relevant securities of a Redemption Basket to meet the Non-Standard Transaction Unit redemption request differ from the value of those securities as at the relevant valuation time, the Authorised Participant will:

- ▶ where the actual proceeds received by the applicable Fund for disposing of the securities is more than the value of those securities at the relevant valuation time, receive an amount from the applicable Fund equal to the difference; and
- ▶ where the actual proceeds received by the applicable Fund for disposing of the securities is less than the value of those securities at the relevant valuation time, be required to pay an amount to the applicable Fund equal to the difference.

In determining the actual cost and actual proceeds of acquiring and disposing of securities (as applicable), the actual brokerage incurred (and GST payable, after taking into account expected reduced input tax credits) is also taken into account.

Refer to the Operating Procedures for further details of each Fund’s Business Day and Cut-off Time.

## 27.7 Indemnity

Authorised Participants acknowledge that, upon receipt of a Unit creation request, BlackRock may enter into transactions for a Fund, in anticipation of cash being received from the Authorised Participant. Authorised Participants agree to indemnify BlackRock against any losses and expenses incurred by us if cash is not received as cleared money by the applicable Fund in the normal course.

## 27.8 Redemption rights of non-Authorised Participant Unitholders

Generally, only Authorised Participants are eligible to transact directly with a Fund, with all other investors acquiring and disposing of Units in a Fund through their broker by buying and selling Units on the ASX.

However, in accordance with the requirements of ASIC Class Order CO [13/721], when Units of a Fund are suspended from trading on ASX for more than five consecutive trading days, non-Authorised Participant Unitholders will have a right to redeem Units directly with a Fund and receive the cash proceeds from the redemption within a reasonable period time unless:

- ▶ a Fund is being wound up;
- ▶ a Fund is not liquid for the purpose of the Corporations Act; or
- ▶ BlackRock, as responsible entity for a Fund, has suspended the redemption of Units in accordance with the provisions of the Fund’s constitution.

In the event that this direct redemption right is triggered BlackRock will post further information on its website at [www.blackrock.com.au](http://www.blackrock.com.au) at that time. This will include a non-Authorised Participant Redemption Form for Unitholders to complete, together with instructions on how to complete and submit the form and anticipated processing and payment timeframes. Non-Authorised Participant Unitholders may request to redeem in these circumstances by completing and returning the form as per these instructions.

### 27.9 Anti-money laundering and counter- terrorism financing

We are required to comply with the AML Legislation. The AML Legislation requires us to (amongst other requirements) verify the identity of investors making applications into funds offered by us.

We cannot accept a Unit creation request until satisfied that the identity of the Authorised Participant has been verified in accordance with the AML Legislation. The processing of a Unit creation request may be delayed until the requested information is received in a satisfactory form and the identity of the Authorised Participant is verified.

By completing the Fund's Application Form requested by BlackRock during the application process or by complying with such other Unit creation request method that the Responsible Entity may determine from time to time, Authorised Participants agree that:

- ▶ they do not make a Unit creation request under an assumed name;
- ▶ any money used to invest in a Fund is not derived from or related to any criminal activities;
- ▶ any proceeds of an investment in a Fund will not be used in relation to any criminal activities;
- ▶ upon request, the Authorised Participant will provide to us any additional information we reasonably require for the purpose of the AML Legislation; and
- ▶ we may obtain information about an Authorised Participant from third parties if we believe this is necessary to comply with the AML Legislation.

In order to comply with the AML Legislation, BlackRock may be required to take action, including:

- ▶ delaying or refusing the processing of a Unit creation or redemption request; or
- ▶ disclosing information that we hold about an Authorised Participant to our related bodies corporate or relevant regulators of the AML Legislation; or
- ▶ request from an Authorised Participant additional identification or verification documentation to verify the Authorised Participant's identity or comply with the AML Legislation. Where documentation provided is not in English, an English translation must be provided by a translator who is accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd at the level of Professional Translator or above.

### 27.10 Investor identification requirements

To comply with the requirements of the AML Legislation, BlackRock may require an Authorised Participant to complete an Investor Identification Form. In order to establish your identity, BlackRock may require an Authorised Participant to submit supporting identification/verification documentation. Where such identification/verification documentation is required, an originally certified copy must be provided.

### 27.11 Appointed representatives

BlackRock is required to verify the identity of legal representatives and agents appointed to act on behalf of an Authorised Participant. We cannot proceed to act on the instructions of a nominated legal representative or agent until we verify the identity of that representative or agent.

Appointed legal representatives include, but are not limited to, executors of estates, attorneys (appointed under power of attorney) and nominated representatives.

## 28. Distributions

### 28.1 Receipt of income

Any income you receive from your investments will be in the form of distributions. Your distribution may include interest, dividends, coupons, other income and realised gains.

If you hold Units in a Fund as at the close of business on the last day of that Fund's distribution period, you are entitled to participate in the distributable income of that Fund. The Funds generally make distributions as follows, however, the Funds may distribute on such other day as determined by BlackRock.

Fund	Distribution frequency
iShares S&P 500 ETF	Quarterly, with distributions being determined as at the end of March, June, September and December each year
iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF	
iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF	
iShares Asia ETF	Semi-annually, with distributions being determined as at the end of June and December each year.
iShares China Large-Cap ETF	
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	
iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	
iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	
iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	
iShares Europe ETF	
iShares Global 100 ETF	
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF	
iShares Global Healthcare ETF	
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	
iShares MSCI Japan ETF	
iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF	Annually, with distributions being determined as at the end of June each year.
iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF	
iShares MSCI South Korea ETF	
iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF	

Distributions (if any) may vary over time depending on a Fund's realised losses, gains (if any), income and expenses in a particular period. Distributions are not guaranteed and there may be periods for which distributions are higher or lower than expected. There may be periods in which no distributions are made.

Following the determination of a distribution, the NAV Price of a Fund will fall to reflect the reduced value of that Fund following the payment of the distribution to Unitholders. In other words, it is priced to exclude the distribution entitlement.

Distributions will be paid to the Registrar for payment to Unitholders and until the payment is made will be held by the Registrar in a bank account. Payment of distributions will generally be made by direct credit into a nominated Australian bank account. Unitholders will receive a payment advice detailing the components of any distribution paid by a Fund.

If applicable, distribution of Australian sourced income to non-resident Unitholders may be subject to withholding tax.

Information in relation to the distributions of each Fund will be disclosed to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform and made available on our website at [www.blackrock.com.au/ishares](http://www.blackrock.com.au/ishares).

### 28.2 Distribution reinvestment plan

A Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP) is available to eligible Unitholders so that income distributions are automatically reinvested as additional Units in the Fund that issued the distribution. Partial and full reinvestment of distributions is available.

Unless you elect to participate in the DRP, distributions will be automatically paid in cash. Unitholders can participate in the DRP by registering directly with the Registrar. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Registrar" for further information on the Registrar.

Participation in the DRP is subject to the terms outlined in the DRP Rules, which are available on our website at [www.blackrock.com.au](http://www.blackrock.com.au).

### 28.3 Distribution on redemption

Proceeds resulting from Authorised Participant Unit redemption requests may include a distribution of gains and/or income in a Fund. Where this is the case and once the relevant information is available, we will notify redeeming Authorised Participants of the estimated amount of distribution included in the redemption proceeds. Refer to the section of this PDS titled "Authorised Participant Unit redemption requests" for further information.

For non-resident Authorised Participants, the Manager may withhold an amount of tax applicable to such Authorised Participant's distribution. This will reduce the redemption proceeds payable or paid to the Authorised Participant.

### 28.4 Tax statement

Unitholders entitled to income in a Fund will receive an annual tax statement outlining their entitlements and the composition of taxable income in that Fund. We will issue this as soon as practicable after the end of the income year.



## 29. Taxation

### 29.1 Overview

The Australian tax commentary below is provided for Unitholders and assumes that Unitholders will be either:

- ▶ Authorised Participants, who will acquire and dispose of Units by creating and redeeming Units directly with a Fund or by buying and selling Units on ASX; or
- ▶ non-Authorised Participants Unitholders, who will acquire and dispose of Units by buying and selling Units on ASX.

It is assumed that Authorised Participants hold their Units in a Fund as trading stock as part of a securities trading business, and that all other investors hold their Units on capital account. This commentary does not address Unitholders who are temporary residents for tax purposes.

Investing and dealing with investments often has tax implications which can be complex and which are invariably particular to each Unitholder's circumstances. It is important that Unitholders seek professional advice before making an investment decision.

The taxation information contained in this document reflects the income tax legislation in force, and the interpretation of the Australian Taxation Office and the courts, as at the date of issue of this document. Taxation laws are subject to continual change and there are reviews in progress that may affect the taxation of trusts and Unitholders.

### 29.2 Taxation of a Fund

The Responsible Entity intends to manage the Funds such that the Funds are not subject to Australian tax. Recent changes in the tax law (refer to the section of this document titled "Taxation reform" for further information) have introduced a new elective taxation regime that is available to certain eligible management investment trusts, known as "Attribution Managed Investment Trusts" (AMITs). The AMIT regime is generally available from 1 July 2016, with the existing tax rules for managed funds applying unless an election to enter the regime is made.

As at the date of this document, the Responsible Entity intends to make an irrevocable election for all eligible funds to enter the AMIT regime from the 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 year, on the basis that entry into the AMIT regime is in the best interest of unitholders.

The Responsible Entity does not expect the Funds to be subject to tax on the income of the Funds (other than in relation to withholding tax or other tax payable in respect of non-resident Unitholders) as it is intended that:

- ▶ for eligible funds that enter the AMIT regime: all taxable income will be 'attributed' to the unitholders in each financial year; and
- ▶ for funds that do not enter the AMIT regime: unitholders will continue to be presently entitled to all the income of a Fund in each financial year, with the existing tax rules for managed funds continuing to apply.

Under the AMIT regime, the Responsible Entity intends to allocate income to unitholders in the same overall manner as previously under the tax rules for managed funds.

### 29.3 Investment portfolio taxes

A Fund may be subject to withholding or other taxes on income and/or gains arising from its investment portfolio. A Fund may not be able to recover such taxes and any unrecovered taxes

could have an adverse effect on the NAV of that Fund. Where a Fund invests in securities that are not subject to withholding or other taxes at the time of acquisition, there can be no assurance that tax may not be imposed in the future, as a result of any change in applicable laws, treaties, rules or regulations or the interpretation thereof.

### 29.4 US tax documentation

The Responsible Entity will ensure that the relevant US tax documentation is completed in order to claim US treaty benefits (W-8 BEN-E forms), where the Fund is eligible. Unitholders, as investors in the Australian Fund, will not be requested to complete US tax documentation (W8-BEN forms).

### 29.5 Taxation of a resident Unitholder

You will be assessed on your share of the taxable income of the Fund in which you are invested to which you have been attributed or which you are presently entitled, regardless of whether you receive the distribution in cash or it is reinvested. You will be assessed in the year to which your entitlement relates.

For example, an income distribution for the period ending 30 June 2019 is included in the assessable income for 2018/2019, even if the cash is received in July 2019.

If you are not an Authorised Participant who holds Units as trading stock, you may have to pay tax on all or part of your capital gain (the increase in the value of your investment) when you dispose of your Units. If you hold Units as trading stock and you redeem or otherwise dispose of Units, you may need to include any profit as part of your assessable income for tax purposes.

### 29.6 Taxable income of a Fund

The taxable income to which you are entitled may include various amounts, as described below. If a Fund incurs a net loss for a year, the loss cannot be distributed but may be carried forward and utilised in subsequent years subject to satisfaction of various tests.

#### Types of income

Depending on the types of investments made, a Fund can derive income in the form of dividends, interest, gains on the disposal of investments and other types of income.

Generally, such income derived by a Fund is taxable, but tax credits (e.g. franking credits and foreign income tax offsets) may be available to Unitholders to offset part or all of any resulting tax liability.

#### Capital gains tax (CGT)

In broad terms, under the CGT provisions, net capital gains arising on the disposal of a Fund's investments will be included in that Fund's taxable income.

A Fund will generally calculate taxable capital gains based on half the nominal gain made on the disposal of an asset, if that asset was held for 12 months or more. Capital gains distributed may include some gains where eligible Unitholders are able to claim concessional CGT treatment.

#### Capital/revenue (MIT) election for Managed Investment Trusts

Trusts which are managed investment trusts (MITs) (which include Australian managed investment schemes that are widely held or that are taken to be widely held and that satisfy certain closely held restrictions) may be eligible to make the MIT election to apply the CGT provisions to tax gains and losses from

certain eligible assets (shares, units and real property interests). Where a MIT is eligible to make an election and it does not do so, any gains and losses on the disposal of those eligible assets (excluding land or interests in land) will be taxed on the revenue account. When a Fund qualifies to make a MIT election, certain investors may obtain the benefit of the CGT discount and other tax concessions on distributions of capital gains.

Non-resident Unitholders will generally not be subject to withholding tax on capital gains made by managed investment funds which are 'fixed trusts' for tax purposes, unless those gains relate to certain direct or indirect interests in Australian real property.

#### **Taxation of financial arrangements**

Financial arrangements directly held by a Fund (for example debt securities) may be subject to the Taxation of Financial Arrangements rules (TOFA). Under the TOFA rules, gains and losses on financial arrangements are generally assessed for tax purposes on an accruals basis (where the gains/losses are sufficiently certain) or realisation basis; unless a specific TOFA elective methodology is adopted.

### **29.7 Taxation of non-resident Unitholders**

If a non-resident Unitholder is entitled to or attributed taxable income of a Fund, the Unitholder may be subject to Australian withholding tax. Distributions to you of amounts attributed to Australian franked dividends will not be subject to withholding tax. Any distribution of unfranked dividends, interest or amounts in the nature of interest, however, may be subject to withholding tax. This is irrespective of whether distributions are paid in cash or reinvested as additional units.

You may have to pay tax on all or part of your capital gain (reflecting the increase in the value of your investment) when your Units are disposed of. Non-resident Unitholders may also not be eligible to utilise the CGT discount on capital gains. We recommend that you seek professional advice and visit the Australian Taxation Office website ([www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)) for further information. In addition, the distributable income of a Fund may include non-assessable amounts. Receipt of certain non-assessable amounts may have capital gains tax consequences.

### **29.8 Tax file number (TFN), exemption and Australian business number (ABN)**

Australian Unitholders may quote their Tax File Number (TFN) to us or claim an exemption at any time. However, you are not obliged to quote your TFN or claim an exemption. Strict guidelines govern the use and storage of TFNs. If you do not quote your TFN or claim an exemption, then your income distributions will have tax withheld at the top marginal rate plus Medicare levy. Some investors that invest in a Fund in the course of carrying on an enterprise of investing may also be entitled to quote their Australian Business Number as an alternative to their TFN.

### **29.9 Goods and services tax (GST)**

The creation and redemption of Units are not subject to GST. Fees incurred (e.g. management fees) will attract GST at the prevailing rate. Where under the GST legislation a Fund is entitled to credits for GST paid to another entity, the cost of paying GST from that Fund will be reduced proportionately.

### **29.10 Taxation reform**

The Australian government has enacted legislation introducing a new regime for taxing managed funds, the AMIT rules. Eligible

funds will be able to elect into the regime, which is available from the 2016-2017 income year. The AMIT rules include a new attribution method that provides a formal mechanism to allocate taxable income to unitholders that is not dependent on the amount of income distributed. As at the date of this document, for all eligible funds, the Responsible Entity will elect to enter into the AMIT regime from the 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 year.

Reforms to the taxation of managed funds are generally ongoing and investors should seek their own advice and monitor the progress of such legislative changes.

### **29.11 Authorised Participant Unit redemption requests**

This section contains general comments for Authorised Participants requesting the redemption of Units. As the taxation implications are specific to each investor, we strongly recommend that Authorised Participants seek their own independent professional taxation advice.

#### **Redemptions**

Authorised Participants who request the redemption of Units will be entitled to receive a withdrawal amount, which may include a distribution of income from the Fund from which the Authorised Participant is redeeming.

The distribution of income from a Fund may include an entitlement to gains and/or income realised by the disposal of securities as a result of the redemption. The distribution may also include income earned and gains realised by a Fund to the date of redemption.

For non-resident Authorised Participants, the Manager may withhold an amount of tax applicable to such Authorised Participant's distribution. This will reduce the redemption proceeds payable or paid to the Authorised Participant.

Authorised Participants redeeming Units should be assessed on any profits arising on the redemption, or may be entitled to a deduction for any loss arising from the redemption of Units.

### **29.12 Acquisition and disposal of Units on ASX**

This section contains general comments for non-Authorised Participant Unitholders, who will buy and sell Units on ASX and who hold these Units on capital account. As the taxation implications are specific to each investor, we strongly recommend that non-Authorised Participant Unitholders seek their own independent professional advice.

#### **Acquisitions**

For Units bought on ASX, the amount paid for the shares (plus incidental acquisition costs) will be included in the tax cost base of the Units. Under the AMIT regime, the cost base of your units in an AMIT that are CGT assets can be adjusted both upward and downward. Your cost base is adjusted at the end of each income year by the 'AMIT cost base net amount' which is included in your Attribution Managed Investment Trust Member Annual (AMMA) statement. If the cost base is reduced to below zero, an immediate capital gain may be realised.

#### **Disposals**

The sale of Units on ASX, will give rise to a CGT event, which may result in a capital gain or loss to the Unitholder. Capital losses can be offset against capital gains. A net capital loss can be carried forward and applied against future capital gains (if any).

Unitholders who are individuals, trustees (conditions apply) and complying superannuation entities may be eligible to claim

concessional treatment based on the net capital gain made on the disposal of a Unit that was held for 12 months or more.

### 29.13 United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) is a US tax law aimed at financial institutions and other financial intermediaries to prevent tax evasion by US citizens and US tax residents through use of non-US investments or accounts. The FATCA provisions were included in the US HIRE Act, which was signed into US law on 18 March 2010. Australia has entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the US to implement FATCA in Australia, via the Australian Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth), which is to be administered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Under the IGA, Reporting Australian Financial Institutions will have identification and reporting obligations with regard to FATCA. The Funds are Reporting Australian Financial Institutions (via their sponsoring entity, BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited) under the IGA. The Funds intend to fully comply with their FATCA obligations as determined by the FATCA regulation, the IGA and any associated guidance from the ATO. These obligations include, but are not limited to, each Fund identifying and documenting the FATCA status of its investors. The Funds must also report certain information on applicable investors to the ATO, which will in turn report this information to the US Internal Revenue Service.

In order for the Funds to comply with their FATCA obligations, the Funds will be required to request certain information from their investors. Please consult your tax advisor should you wish to understand the implications of FATCA on your particular circumstances. We are not liable for any loss an investor may suffer as a result of the Funds' compliance with FATCA.

### 29.14 Common Reporting Standards (CRS)

The Common Reporting Standard (CRS) is a new, single global standard on Automatic Exchange Of Information (AEOI). It was approved by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in February 2014 and draws on earlier work of the OECD and the EU, global anti-money laundering standards and, in particular, the Model FATCA Intergovernmental Agreement. Under the CRS, participating jurisdictions will be required to exchange certain information held by financial institutions regarding their non-resident investors. The CRS was effective in Australia from 1 July 2017. The Funds will be required to provide certain information to the ATO about non-Australian tax resident holders of Shares (which information will in turn be provided to the relevant tax authorities. In light of the above, holders of Shares in the Funds will be required to provide certain information to the Funds to comply with the terms of the reporting systems.

## 30. Additional information

### 30.1 No cooling off rights

Authorised Participants are “wholesale clients” as defined in the Corporations Act and are therefore not entitled to cooling off rights in relations to Unit creation requests. Please contact BlackRock if you have any queries in relation to cooling off rights.

### 30.2 Reporting requirements

A copy of the audited annual financial report of each Fund is generally available by the end of September from us. Each Fund’s report will be issued in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Corporations Act and all other applicable professional reporting requirements.

Each Fund will be a disclosing entity and subject to the regular financial reporting and continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act. We will satisfy our obligations by publishing the following material on our website at [www.blackrock.com.au](http://www.blackrock.com.au):

- ▶ a copy of a Fund’s annual financial report most recently lodged with ASIC;
- ▶ any half-yearly financial report lodged with ASIC in respect of a Fund after the lodgement of the annual financial report; and
- ▶ any continuous disclosure notices given in respect of a Fund.

A paper copy of this material will be available from BlackRock free of charge upon request. Copies of documents lodged with ASIC in relation to each Fund may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office.

### 30.3 Receipt of instructions

Please be aware that fraudulent or other unauthorised instructions can be made by persons with access to a Unitholder’s account name and a copy of their authorised signatures. Accordingly, Unitholders agree to release and indemnify us against all claims and demands arising as a result of our acting on what appeared to us to be proper instructions.

### 30.4 Legal

We are the Responsible Entity for the Funds and as such, we are licensed by ASIC, which is responsible for regulating the operation of managed investment schemes like the Funds.

Our responsibilities and obligations, as Responsible Entity of each Fund, are governed by each Fund’s constitution as well as the Corporations Act and general trust law.

Each Fund’s constitution contains a number of provisions relating to the rights, terms, conditions and obligations imposed on both you and us. A copy of each Fund’s constitution is available free of charge from BlackRock (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

Some of the main provisions that relate to Unitholder rights under the constitution include:

- ▶ Unitholder rights to share in the income of a Fund, and how we calculate it;
- ▶ Unitholder rights to withdraw from a Fund and what Unitholders are entitled to receive when they withdraw or if a Fund is wound up;
- ▶ the nature of the Units and classes of Units (if applicable);
- ▶ Unitholder rights to attend and vote at meetings – these mainly reflect the requirements of the Corporations Act

which also deals with Unitholder rights to requisition or call a meeting; and

- ▶ resolutions passed by a requisite majority at a meeting of Unitholders are binding on all Unitholders.

The constitution of each Fund provides that the liability of each Unitholder is limited to its investment in a Fund. A Unitholder is not required to indemnify us or our creditors in respect of a Fund. However, no complete assurance can be given in this regard, as the ultimate liability of a Unitholder has not been finally determined by the courts.

There are also provisions governing our powers and duties, some of which are discussed elsewhere in this PDS.

Other provisions include:

- ▶ when we can terminate a Fund or class of Units (if applicable) or reclassify Units (if applicable) and what happens if we do. Generally, we can only terminate a Fund in accordance with the Corporations Act and only if we provide Unitholders with the required notice, and if we do, Unitholders share pro rata in the net proceeds from us selling a Fund’s investments;
- ▶ when we can amend a Fund’s constitution. Generally, we can only amend a constitution where we reasonably believe that the changes will not adversely affect a Unitholder’s rights as an investor. Otherwise a Fund constitution can only be amended if approved by special resolution at a meeting of investors;
- ▶ our right to refuse to accept Unit creation requests or record any transfer of Units without giving any reason;
- ▶ our right to determine minimum Unit creation, redemption and holding amounts and powers in support of these minimums;
- ▶ our right to deduct amounts Unitholders owe us from withdrawal proceeds; and
- ▶ our broad powers to invest, borrow and generally manage a Fund. We do not currently intend to borrow funds to acquire assets for each Fund, although this is permitted under each Fund’s constitution. We may only borrow if we consider it to be in the best interests of Unitholders.

The constitution also deals with our liabilities in relation to a Fund and when they can be reimbursed to us out of a Fund’s assets, for example, subject to the Corporations Act:

- ▶ we are not liable for acting in reliance and in good faith on professional advice;
- ▶ we are not liable to Unitholders for any loss unless we fail to comply with our duties, fail to act in good faith or if we act negligently; and
- ▶ we can be reimbursed for all liabilities we incur in connection with the proper performance of our duties in respect of a Fund.

Amendment of a Fund’s constitution is subject to both the Corporations Act and the terms of the constitution itself.

### 30.5 Compliance plan

In accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act and ASIC policy, each Fund has a Compliance Plan. The Compliance Plan sets out the measures we will take to ensure we comply with the Corporations Act and the constitution of a Fund. To oversee compliance with the Compliance Plan, we have established a Compliance Committee.

The Compliance Committee is required to report breaches of a Fund constitution and the Corporations Act to the directors of BlackRock, and in some circumstances, to ASIC.

A copy of each Fund's Compliance Plan is available free of charge by contacting BlackRock (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

### 30.6 Auditor

We have an obligation under the Corporations Act to appoint an auditor for each Fund and each Fund's Compliance Plan.

### 30.7 Custody

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Sydney Branch has been appointed as custodian for the Funds. The role of a custodian is limited to holding assets of the Funds on behalf of BlackRock and acting in accordance with express instructions from BlackRock (except in limited circumstances where the custodian is obliged to act without express instructions per the terms of the agreement).

BlackRock remains liable to Unitholders for acts and omissions of the custodian. A custodian has no supervisory obligation to ensure that BlackRock complies with its obligations as Responsible Entity of the Funds.

The custodian may change from time to time but must satisfy any relevant regulatory requirements as mentioned above. If you require details of our custodian at any time, you should contact BlackRock (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

### 30.8 Registrar

We have appointed Computershare Investors Services Pty Limited (Computershare) as the registrar for the Funds. Computershare is responsible for the maintenance of Unitholder records such as quantity of securities held, tax file number and details of participation in the DRP.

Computershare has given and, as at the date hereof, has not withdrawn its written consent to be named as the Registrar in the form and context in which it is named. Computershare has had no involvement in the preparation of any part of this PDS other than being named as the Registrar for the Funds. Computershare has not authorised or caused the issue of, and expressly disclaims and takes no responsibility for, any part of this PDS. Refer to page 2 of this PDS for Computershare's contact details.

### 30.9 Market maker

Under the AQUA Rules, we have certain obligations in respect of each Fund to ensure the development of an orderly and liquid market in a Fund. Designated market makers are the dealers or brokers permitted by the ASX to act as such by making a market for the Units in the secondary market on the ASX.

Various other market makers may also be active in maintaining liquidity in a Fund by acting as buyer and seller in the secondary market.

Market makers enter into agreements with the ASX and ETF issuers to act as a market maker and must have the necessary skill and expertise to perform a market making function. The designated market maker appointed by BlackRock in respect of each Fund has the experience to meet the requirements of the AQUA Rules and already acts as a market maker for ASX quoted ETFs. Generally, the appointed designated market maker will also have experience of trading ETFs on other global exchanges. BlackRock may change its appointed designated market maker from time to time.

Each day a Fund's portfolio composition file is published, which provides details of the securities that make up a Unit Creation/Redemption Basket.

Market makers apply a bid and ask spread to a Fund's NAV Price and publish these prices on the exchange, and to the extent required by the market making agreements entered into with the ASX and BlackRock and as trading orders are submitted, continuously update the prices throughout the trading day.

Market makers are well positioned to assess the likely value of each Fund and to provide prices throughout the day by, including but not limited to, subscribing to data services that provide intra-day offer prices for the underlying securities in a Fund's Index, deriving price information by analysing flows, and interacting with brokers and other market participants.

Units may be purchased from and sold through market makers. However, there is no guarantee or assurance as to the price at which a market will be made.

### 30.10 Conflicts of interest and related party information

The Responsible Entity is a member of the BlackRock Group. BlackRock uses a global service delivery model across the BlackRock Group to deliver superior outcomes to its clients. In the delivery of functions, powers and duties to clients, we use multiple entities of the BlackRock Group (in addition to the Responsible Entity). For example, global order routing entails the use of multiple trading desks located in various regions and the use of global centres of excellence allows certain related parties to specialise in functions such as investment operations and portfolio management. Even though we use offshore related parties, the Responsible Entity has systems and procedures in place as the holder of an Australian financial service licence to monitor and supervise the services provided by our related parties. The Responsible Entity remains responsible and liable for the acts and omissions of any related party.

The BlackRock Group participates in global financial markets in a number of different capacities. The Fund may invest or engage in transactions with entities for which the BlackRock Group may perform services and may act as the seed, lead or only investor in an underlying strategy or fund, which may create a commercial opportunity for the BlackRock Group. For example, a seed investment in an underlying fund may allow the BlackRock Group to establish a track record for that fund that it is then able to sell to other clients. In addition, the Manager or persons associated with the Manager may invest in the Fund from time to time. All such transactions will be on an arm's length commercial basis.

In addition, certain members of the BlackRock Group may have actual and potential conflicts of interest regarding the allocation of investment opportunities amongst funds and products they manage. The BlackRock Group will seek to manage these conflicts in a fair and equitable manner having regard to the interests of their clients generally. As a responsible entity and the holder of an Australian Financial Services Licence, the Manager has policies and procedures in place to manage such conflicts of interest.

The investment choices of a BlackRock Group entity for its fund or client accounts may, at times, be restricted as a result of aggregation limits. For example, with respect to certain industries and markets, corporate and/or regulatory requirements may limit the aggregate amount of investment in certain issuers by affiliated investors. Exceeding these limits

without reporting or the grant of a license, exemption or other corporate or regulatory consent may result in fines or other adverse consequences to the relevant BlackRock Group entity its funds and/or its clients. As a consequence of these limits, the ability of a fund or a client to achieve its investment objective may be affected. A BlackRock Group entity, in order to avoid exceeding these limits may, among other actions, limit purchases, sell existing investments and/or transfer, outsource or limit voting rights.

In circumstances where ownership thresholds or limitations must be observed, the BlackRock Group has established policies and procedures which seek to equitably allocate limited investment opportunities amongst the relevant BlackRock Group accounts.

### 30.11 Privacy policy

We collect your personal information for the primary purpose of establishing and administering your investments with us, communicating with you and providing you with access to protected areas of our websites. We also collect some personal information to meet our obligations, under the AML Legislation and the Corporations Act.

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We take reasonable steps to ensure that any recipients of your personal information do not breach the privacy obligations relating to your personal information.

We, BlackRock Inc and its related bodies corporate may use your information on occasion, to inform you by telephone, electronic messages (like email), online and other means, about other services or products offered by us or them. We may do this on an ongoing basis, but you may opt out at any time.

If you wish to opt out, update or request access to your information, obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy or raise any queries or concerns regarding privacy, you may contact our Privacy Officer by contacting our Client Services Centre (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details).

### 30.12 Complaints

We have established procedures for dealing with enquiries and complaints. If you are a Unitholder and have an enquiry or complaint, you can contact our Enquiries and Complaints Officer via our Client Services Centre (refer to page 2 of this PDS for contact details). If you make a complaint to us, the complaint will be acknowledged and steps will be taken to investigate your concerns. A final response will be provided within 45 days in accordance with our obligations.

If you have invested through an IDPS, superannuation fund or master trust and you have a complaint, you can contact the operator of such service, using the contact details they have provided. The operator of such service may respond to your complaint in accordance with processes that are different to those set out in this document. Alternatively, you can contact our Enquiries and Complaints Officer via our Client Services Centre.

BlackRock is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA), an independent complaint resolution body. If your complaint is not addressed within 45 days from the date it was received, or you are not satisfied with our response, you may refer your complaint to AFCA. AFCA provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution that is free to consumers. AFCA can be contacted by:

- ▶ Telephone: 1800 931 678 (free call)
- ▶ Mail: Australian Financial Complaints Authority, GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001
- ▶ Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)
- ▶ Website: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au).

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- ▶ National Relay Service: [www.relayservice.com.au](http://www.relayservice.com.au);
- ▶ TTY/Voice Calls: 133 677 (local); or
- ▶ Speak & Listen: 1300 555 727 (local).

### 30.13 ASIC relief

#### Equal treatment relief in relation to withdrawals

BlackRock relies upon the relief granted by ASIC in ASIC Class Order [CO13/721] from the equal treatment requirement in section 601FC(1)(d), to the extent necessary to permit the Responsible Entity to not treat Unitholders equally to the extent that it restricts the redemption of Units by Authorised Participants as described in this PDS. For the purposes of this

relief, except in exceptional circumstances outlined below, it is important to note that only Authorised Participants are able to redeem Units in each Fund, but other Unitholders may sell their Units on ASX.

Unitholders, including non-Authorised Participant Unitholders, may withdraw from a Fund directly where units in that Fund have been suspended from trading on ASX for a period of five consecutive trading days (refer to the section of this PDS titled “Redemption rights of non-Authorised Participant Unitholders” for further information).

#### Ongoing disclosure relief

Under ASIC Class Order [CO13/721], ASIC has granted relief from the ongoing disclosure requirements in section 1017B on condition that BlackRock complies with the continuous disclosure requirements in section 675 of the Corporations Act as if each Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity.

#### Declaration – Relevant Interest

The below relates to the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF, iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, iShares Global 100 ETF, iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF, iShares Global Healthcare ETF and iShares MSCI EAFE ETF.

ASIC Class Order [CO13/721] modifies section 609 of the Corporations Act, to ensure that the ability to lodge a Unit redemption request by an Authorised Participant does not by itself give rise to that Authorised Participant holding a relevant interest in the securities held by a Fund for the purposes of the takeovers provisions of Chapter 6 and the substantial holding provision of Chapter 6C of the Corporations Act.

This ASIC relief only applies while a Fund’s Units are able to be traded on the ASX and will not apply once an Authorised Participant has made a Unit redemption request in respect of any Fund Units it holds.

This ASIC relief applies to the aforementioned Funds, which, at the date of this PDS employ an investment strategy the implementation of which would not be likely to lead to the scheme property of the Fund including securities in a class of securities that:

- ▶ would represent more than 10% by value of scheme property; and
- ▶ were, or would result in the Responsible Entity having a relevant interest in, securities in a listed company; an unlisted company with more than 50 members; a listed body that is formed or incorporated in Australia; or a listed scheme.

For the purposes of this ASIC relief, we confirm that the investment strategy for each Fund is to make investments that are expected to result in the value of a Fund Unit changing in proportion to the value of the Fund’s Index, ignoring the effect of fees and expenses in relation to the Fund.

#### PDS and Issue of securities requirements

ASIC has granted relief under section 1020F(1)(c) of the Corporations Act from sections 1013H and 1016D, to reflect the continuous offering of Units in the Funds. For the purposes of this relief Units issued pursuant to an application will be quoted under the AQUA Rules on the ASX with effect from the settlement of the issue of the relevant Units through CHESS and on a monthly basis we will announce to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform each Fund’s total Units on

issue within five business days of the month end. As the settlement of the issue of the relevant Units will be made through CHESS, we will not be required to hold application money prior to the issue of Units

#### Periodic statements

BlackRock relies upon the relief granted by ASIC in ASIC Class Order [CO13/1200]. Under this relief if BlackRock is not aware of the price at which a Unitholder bought or sold Units on the ASX, periodic statements are not required to include details of the transaction price, nor the return on investment during the reporting period, provided that BlackRock is not able to calculate the return on investment and the periodic statement explains why this information is not included and describes how it can be obtained or calculated.

Periodic statements include the date on which the Unitholder bought or sold the Units, the number of Units transacted and an explanation why the price per Unit and total dollar value is not included.

### 30.14 Index provider disclaimers

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## 31. Glossary

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<b>AEOI</b>	means the Automatic Exchange Of Information.
<b>AFSL</b>	means Australian Financial Services Licence.
<b>AMIT, AMITs</b>	means Attribution Managed Investment Trust(s).
<b>AML Legislation</b>	means the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006.
<b>AP Agreement</b>	means an agreement between BlackRock and an Authorised Participant governing the creation and redemption of units in iShares ETFs.
<b>Application Form</b>	means the form accompanying this PDS that may be used in the submission of Unit creation/redemption requests by Authorised Participants.
<b>AQUA Rules</b>	means the ASX Operating Rules that apply to AQUA products and AQUA trading.
<b>ASIC</b>	means Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
<b>ASX</b>	means ASX Limited and its affiliates.
<b>ATO</b>	means the Australian Tax Office.
<b>AUM</b>	means assets under management.
<b>Authorised Participant</b>	means a person who is a wholesale client as described in section 761G of the Corporations Act and who has entered into a relevant Authorised Participant Agreement.
<b>BATS</b>	means BATS BZX Exchange.
<b>BlackRock Group</b>	means BlackRock Inc and its subsidiary and affiliated entities collectively.
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<b>BlackRock, Responsible Entity, Issuer, Manager, we, our or us</b>	means BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited ABN 13 006 165 975 (Australian financial service licence number 230523).
<b>Business Day</b>	means that days on which a Fund is open for Unit creation and redemption requests, as defined in the Operating Procedures.
<b>CGT</b>	means capital gains tax.
<b>CHESS</b>	means the Clearing House Electronic Subregister System operated by ASX Settlement and another ASX subsidiary.
<b>Compliance Committee</b>	means the BlackRock compliance committee established to oversee each Fund's compliance with the Compliance Plan.
<b>Compliance Plan</b>	means the compliance plan of each Fund.
<b>Computershare</b>	means Computershare Investors Services Pty Limited ACN 078 279 277.
<b>Corporations Act</b>	means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
<b>CRS</b>	means the Common Reporting Standards, a single global standard on the AEOI.
<b>Cut-off Time</b>	means the deadline by which BlackRock must receive Unit creation or redemption requests, as defined in the Operating Procedures.
<b>Dow Jones</b>	means Dow Jones Trademark Holdings LLC.
<b>DRP</b>	means the distribution reinvestment plan for the Funds, as described in the section of this PDS titled "Distribution reinvestment plan".
<b>DRP Rules</b>	means the terms and conditions of the DRP Plan.
<b>ETF, ETFs</b>	means exchange traded fund(s).
<b>FATCA</b>	means the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act.
<b>FOS</b>	means the Financial Ombudsman Service.
<b>FTSE</b>	means FTSE International Limited.
<b>FTSE Funds</b>	means iShares China Large-Cap ETF (Australian domicile) and iShares China Large-Cap ETF (US domicile).

<b>FTSE Parties</b>	means FTSE and the London Stock Exchange Plc.
<b>Fund, Funds</b>	means, as applicable, iShares Asia 50 ETF, iShares China Large-Cap ETF, iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF, iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, iShares Europe ETF, iShares Global 100 ETF, iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF, iShares Global Healthcare ETF, iShares S&P 500 ETF, iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF, iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF, iShares MSCI EAFE ETF, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, iShares MSCI Japan ETF, iShares MSCI South Korea ETF and/or iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF.
<b>GICS®</b>	means the Global Industry Classification Standards.
<b>GIMI Methodology</b>	means the MSCI Global Investable Markets Indexes Methodology.
<b>GST</b>	means Goods and Services Tax.
<b>IGA</b>	means the intergovernmental agreement between the US and Australia to implement FATCA in Australia.
<b>Index, Indexes</b>	means, as applicable, FTSE China 50 Net TR Index (AUD), MSCI World IMI Net TR Index (AUD), MSCI World IMI Net TR Index (Hedged to AUD), MSCI World Minimum Volatility Net TR Index (AUD), MSCI World Diversified Multiple-Factor Net TR Index (AUD), S&P Asia 50™ Net TR Index (AUD), S&P Europe 350™ Net TR Index (AUD), S&P Global 100™ Net TR Index (AUD), S&P Global 100™ Net TR Index (Hedged to AUD), S&P Global 1200 Consumer Staples (Sector) Capped Index™ (AUD), S&P Global 1200 Health Care Net TR Index™(AUD), S&P 500® Net TR Index (AUD), S&P 500® Net TR Index (Hedged to AUD), S&P MidCap 400® Net TR Index (AUD), SmallCap 600® Net TR Index (AUD), MSCI EAFE Index, MSCI Emerging Markets Index, MSCI Japan Index, MSCI Korea 25/50 Index and/or MSCI Taiwan 25/50 Index.
<b>MIT, MITs</b>	means managed investment trust(s).
<b>Model</b>	means either the minimum volatility model or multi-factor model applied to the Parent Index to create the MSCI World Minimum Volatility Net TR Index (AUD) or MSCI World Diversified Multiple-Factor Net TR Index (AUD).
<b>MSCI</b>	means MSCI Inc. and its affiliates.
<b>MSCI Funds</b>	means the iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF, iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF, iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF, iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (Australian domicile), iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (US domicile), iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (Australian domicile), iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (US domicile), iShares MSCI Japan ETF (Australian domicile), iShares MSCI Japan ETF (US domicile), iShares MSCI South Korea ETF (Australian domicile), iShares MSCI South Korea ETF (US domicile), iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF (Australian domicile) and iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF (US domicile).
<b>MSCI Indexes</b>	means the MSCI World IMI Index, MSCI World IMI Index (Hedged to AUD), MSCI World Minimum Volatility Index, MSCI World Diversified Multiple-Factor Index, MSCI EAFE Index, MSCI Emerging Markets Index, MSCI Japan Index, MSCI Korea 25/50 Index and MSCI Taiwan 25/50 Index.
<b>MSCI Parties</b>	means MSCI, any of its affiliates any of its information providers or any other third parties involved in, or related to, compiling, computing or creating any MSCI Index.
<b>NAV</b>	means net asset value.
<b>NAV Price</b>	means the NAV of a Fund divided by the number of Units on issue in that Fund.
<b>Non-Standard Creation Basket</b>	means any Unit creation basket of securities that includes cash in lieu of omitted securities and, if applicable, a cash amount representing any residual cash.
<b>Non-Standard Redemption Basket</b>	means any Unit redemption basket of securities that includes cash in lieu of omitted securities and, if applicable,
<b>Non-Standard Transaction</b>	means any Unit create/redeem request by way of Non-Standard Creation Basket, Non-Standard Redemption Basket or cash only.
<b>NYSE</b>	means New York Stock Exchange Arca.

<b>OECD</b>	means the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
<b>Operating Procedures</b>	means the iShares Authorised Participant Operating Procedures, as amended from time to time.
<b>OTC</b>	means over the counter.
<b>Parent Index</b>	means, as applicable, an unconstrained free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index, which is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid- capitalisation segments of the Korean market or the large- and mid-capitalisation segments of the Taiwanese market or the MSCI World Index.
<b>PDS</b>	means this product disclosure statement dated 9 December 2019 and any supplementary or replacement product disclosure statement in relation to this document.
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<b>S&amp;P Funds</b>	means the iShares Asia 50 ETF (Australia domicile), iShares Asia 50 ETF (US domicile), iShares Europe ETF (Australian domicile), iShares Europe ETF (US domicile), iShares Global 100 ETF (Australian domicile), iShares Global 100 ETF (US domicile), iShares S&P Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF (Australian domicile), iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF (US domicile), iShares Global Healthcare ETF (Australian domicile), iShares Global Healthcare ETF (US domicile), iShares Core S&P 500 ETF, iShares S&P 500 ETF, iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF, iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF, iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF, iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF, iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF and iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF.
<b>S&amp;P Global</b>	means Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a division of S&P Global.
<b>S&amp;P Indexes</b>	means the S&P Asia 50 <sup>TM</sup> , S&P Europe 350 <sup>TM</sup> , S&P Global 100 <sup>TM</sup> , S&P Global 100 <sup>TM</sup> (Hedged to AUD), S&P Global 1200 <sup>TM</sup> , S&P Global 1200 Consumer Staples Index <sup>TM</sup> , S&P Global 1200 Health Care Index <sup>TM</sup> S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> , S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> (Hedged to AUD), S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> , SmallCap 600 <sup>®</sup> and S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index.
<b>S&amp;P Parties</b>	means S&P, Dow Jones, S&P Global, or their respective affiliates.
<b>Tax Law</b>	means the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (Cth), Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth), the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth) and any relevant regulations, rulings or judicial or administrative pronouncements.
<b>TFN</b>	means Tax File Number.
<b>TOFA</b>	means Taxation of Financial Agreements.
<b>Unit</b>	means an undivided share in the beneficial interest in the assets of a Fund as described in this PDS.
<b>Underlying Funds, Underlying Funds</b>	means, as applicable, the US domiciled iShares China Large-Cap ETF, iShares Asia 50 ETF, iShares Europe ETF, iShares Global 100 ETF, iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF, iShares Global Healthcare ETF, iShares Core S&P 500 ETF, iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF, iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF, iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF, iShares MSCI EAFE ETF, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF, iShares MSCI Japan ETF, iShares MSCI South Korea ETF, iShares MSCI Taiwan ETF and/or the Canadian-domiciled iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index.
<b>Unitholders</b>	means a person holding Units in a Fund.
<b>US</b>	means United States of America.