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# iShares € High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF

## EUR (Distributing)

### iShares II plc

iShares by BlackRock

**February 2024**

**Performance, Portfolio Breakdowns, Net Assets, and Distribution Yield information as at: 29-Feb-2024. All other data as at 17-Mar-2024.**

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## FUND OVERVIEW

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to provide investors with a total return, taking into account both capital and income returns, which reflects the return of the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Corporate High Yield Sustainable BB+ SRI Bond Index.

## KEY BENEFITS

1. Exposure to non-investment grade bonds issued by corporate entities in Euro currency.
2. Seek to achieve a sustainable high yield exposure through companies with stronger sustainable business practices than their industry peers
3. Designed for investors looking to screen out controversial business areas while maintaining a risk profile similar to traditional benchmarks.

## RISK INDICATOR

**Lower Risk** — Potentially Lower Rewards

**Higher Risk** — Potentially Higher Rewards

| 1 | 2 | **3** | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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**CAPITAL AT RISK:** The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

## KEY RISKS:

- Credit risk, changes to interest rates and/or issuer defaults will have a significant impact on the performance of fixed income securities. Potential or actual credit rating downgrades may increase the level of risk.
- Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political, sustainability-related or regulatory events.
- Non-investment grade fixed income securities are more sensitive to changes in interest rates and present greater 'Credit Risk' than higher rated fixed income securities.
- The benchmark index only excludes companies engaging in certain activities inconsistent with ESG criteria if such activities exceed the thresholds determined by the index provider. Investors should therefore make a personal ethical assessment of the benchmark index's ESG screening prior to investing in the Fund. Such ESG screening may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments compared to a fund without such screening.
- Counterparty Risk: The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Share Class to financial loss.
- Credit Risk: The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Liquidity Risk: Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

**ISIN :** IE00BKLC5874

**Share Class Launch Date :** 20-Nov-2019

**Share Class Currency :** EUR

**Total Expense Ratio :** 0.25%

**Use of Income :** Distributing

**Net Assets of Share Class (M) :** 346.06 EUR

## KEY FACTS

**Asset Class :** Fixed Income

**Benchmark :** Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate High Yield Sustainable BB+ SRI Bond Index

**Fund Launch Date :** 12-Nov-2019

**Distribution Frequency :** Semi-Annual

**Net Assets of Fund (M) :** 2,463.98 EUR

**SFDR Classification :** Article 8

**Domicile :** Ireland

**Methodology :** Sampled

**Issuing Company :** iShares II plc

**Product Structure :** Physical

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

**Effective Duration :** 1.59 yrs

**Standard Deviation (3y) :** 7.06%

**Yield To Maturity :** 5.80

**Trailing 12-month Yield :** 4.89%

**Average Weighted Maturity :** 3.47

**3y Beta :** 1.00

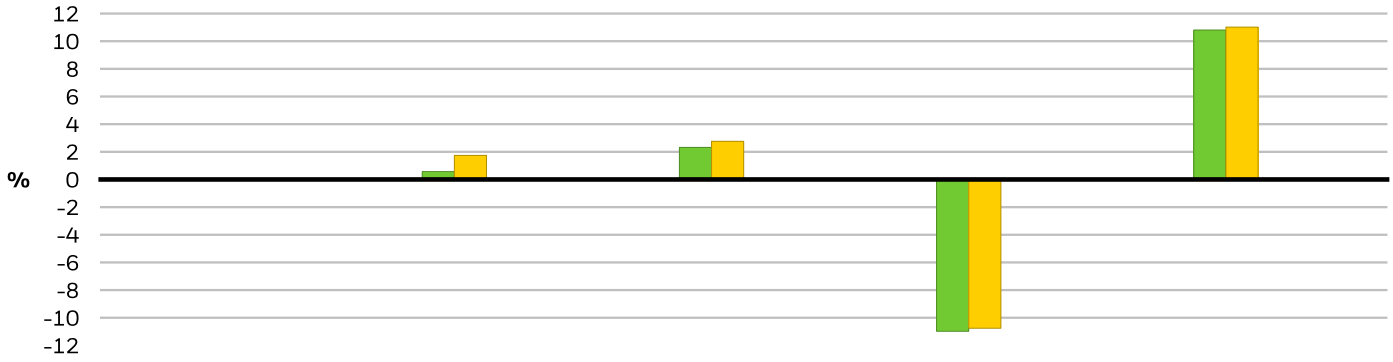
**Number of Holdings :** 393

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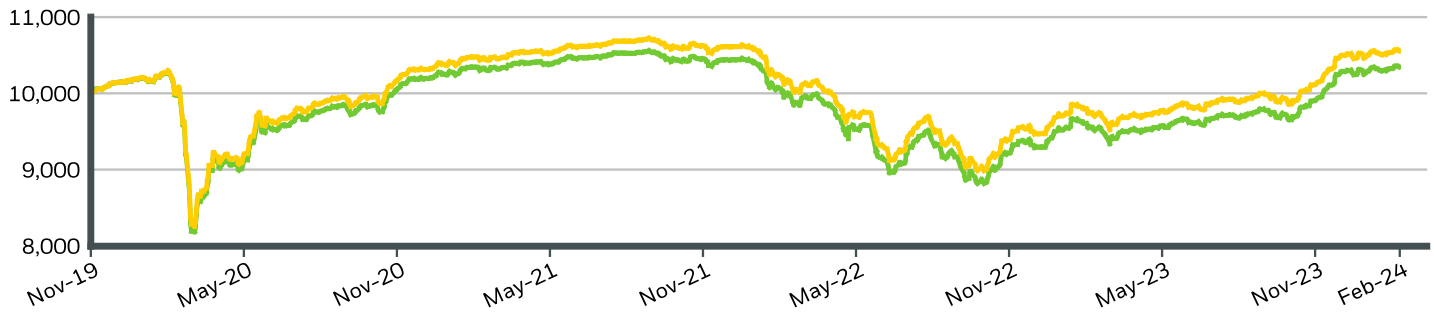
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## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE




| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Share Class | - | 0.57 | 2.32 | -10.98 | 10.81 |
| Benchmark | - | 1.74 | 2.76 | -10.76 | 11.02 |

## GROWTH OF HYPOTHETICAL 10,000 EUR SINCE INCEPTION




## CUMULATIVE & ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE

| | CUMULATIVE (%) | | | | | ANNUALISED (% p.a.) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1m | 3m | 6m | YTD | 1y | 3y | 5y | Since Inception |
| Share Class | 0.17 | 3.32 | 6.37 | 0.45 | 8.53 | 0.15 | - | 0.80 |
| Benchmark | 0.14 | 3.28 | 6.29 | 0.39 | 8.58 | 0.39 | - | 1.27 |

**The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.** Share Class and Benchmark performance displayed in EUR, hedged share class benchmark performance is displayed in EUR. Performance is shown on a Net Asset Value (NAV) basis, with gross income reinvested where applicable. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations if your investment is made in a currency other than that used in the past performance calculation. **Source:** BlackRock

Share Class iShares € High Yield Corp Bond ESG UCITS ETF EUR (Distributing)

Benchmark Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate High Yield Sustainable BB+ SRI Bond Index

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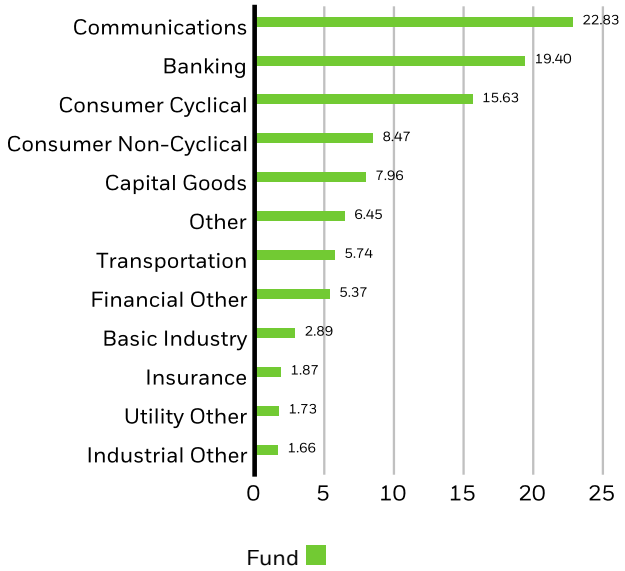
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### TOP ISSUERS

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|---|---|
| TELEFONICA EUROPE BV | 2.97% |
| FORVIA SE | 2.82% |
| TELECOM ITALIA SPA | 2.65% |
| RENAULT SA | 2.43% |
| SOFTBANK GROUP CORP | 2.25% |
| BANCO BPM SPA | 2.21% |
| CELLNEX FINANCE COMPANY SA | 2.10% |
| COMMERZBANK AG | 1.97% |
| ILIAD SA | 1.96% |
| BPER BANCA SPA | 1.94% |
| **Total of Portfolio** | **23.30%** |

Holdings subject to change

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)

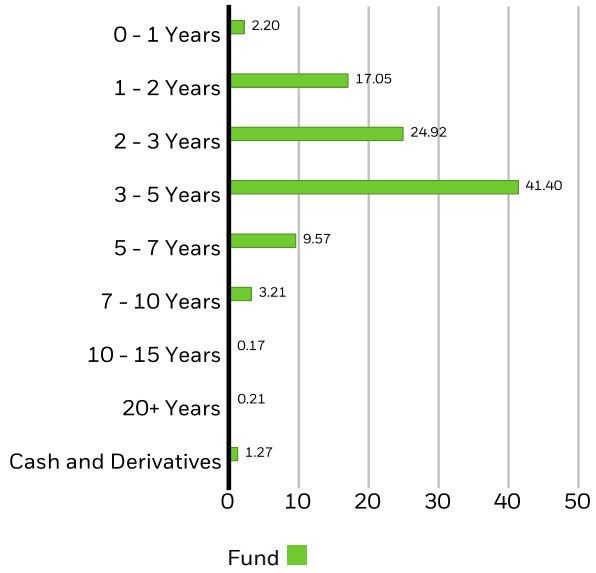



Allocations are subject to change. **Source:** BlackRock

### TRADING INFORMATION

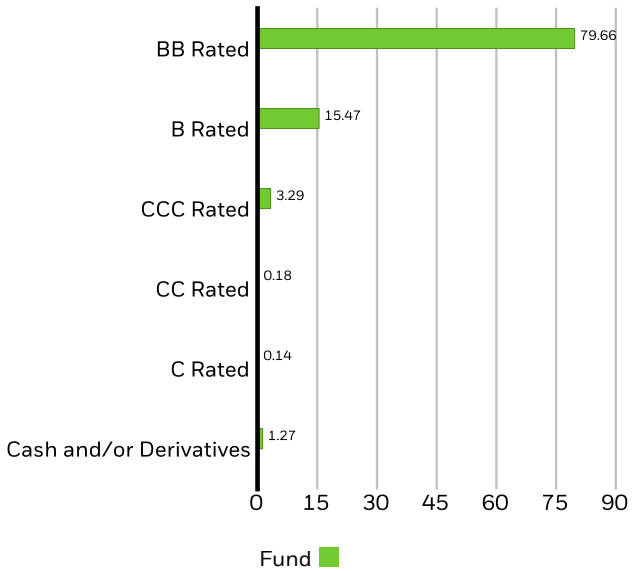
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| Ticker | EHYD |
| Bloomberg Ticker | EHYD NA |
| RIC | EHYD.AS |
| SEDOL | BK6NCZ1 |
| WKN | A2PNJN |
| Listing Currency | EUR |

### MATURITY BREAKDOWN (%)




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### CREDIT RATINGS (%)




Credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the fund are received from S&P, Moody's and Fitch and converted to the equivalent S&P major rating category. This breakdown is provided by BlackRock and takes the median rating of the three agencies when all three agencies rate a security the lower of the two ratings if only two agencies rate a security and one rating if that is all that is provided. Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. Below investment-grade is represented by a rating of BB and below. Ratings and portfolio credit quality may change over time.

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Sustainability Characteristics can help investors integrate non-financial, sustainability considerations into their investment process. These metrics enable investors to evaluate funds based on their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. This analysis can provide insight into the effective management and long-term financial prospects of a fund.

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **MSCI ESG % Coverage** | 99.51% | **MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)** | A |
| **MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile** | 75.76% | **MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)** | 6.64 |
| **Funds in Peer Group** | 99 | **Fund Lipper Global Classification** | Bond EUR High Yield |
| **MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage** | 99.33% | **MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/$M SALES)** | 94.02 |
| **MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C)** | > 2.0° - 2.5° C | **MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage** | 91.81% |

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Feb 2024**, based on holdings as of **31 Jan 2024**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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**GLOSSARY**

**SFDR Classification: Article 8:** Products that promote environmental or social characteristics and promote good governance practices. **Article 9:** Products that have sustainable investments as an objective and follow good governance practices. **Other:** Products that do not meet the criteria to be classified as Article 8 or 9.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

**MSCI Implied Temperature Rise % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Implied Temperature Rise data is available. The MSCI Implied Temperature Rise metric is displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10):** The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/$M SALES):** Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per $1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

**Yield to Maturity:** Yield to Maturity (YTM) is the discount rate that equates the present value of bond's cash flows with its market price (including accrued interest). The fund YTM is the weighted average of fund's individual bond holding YTMs based upon Net Asset Value ('NAV'). The measure does not include fees and expenses. For callable bonds, YTM is the Yield-to-Worst.

**MSCI ESG % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score, and MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage.

**Effective Duration:** Effective duration is a measure of a fund's interest-rate sensitivity. Put simply, the longer a fund's duration, the more sensitive the fund is to shifts in interest rates. So a fund with a duration of 10 years is twice as volatile as a fund with a five-year duration.

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC):** The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

**MSCI Implied Temperature Rise (0-3.0+ °C):** Implied Temperature Rise (ITR) is used to provide an indication of alignment to the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement for a company or a portfolio. ITR employs open source 1.55°C decarbonization pathways derived from the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS). These pathways can be regional and sector specific and set a net zero target of 2050. We make use of this feature for all GHG scopes. A net zero emissions economy is one that balances emissions and removals. Because the ITR metric is calculated in part by considering the potential for a company within the fund's portfolio to reduce its emissions over time, it is forward looking and prone to limitations. As a result, BlackRock publishes MSCI's ITR metric for its funds in temperature range bands. The bands help to underscore the underlying uncertainty in the calculations and the variability of the metric.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score – Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

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