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Earnings Report for Fiscal Year ended April 2015 (May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015)

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August 12, 2015

フ ァ ン ド 名	i シェアーズ 米国リート・不動産株 ETF (ダウ・ジョーンズ米国不動産)	上場取引所	東
コ ー ド 番 号	1590	売買単位	1 口
連 動 対 象 指 標	ダウ・ジョーンズ米国不動産指数		
主 要 投 資 資 産	有価証券		
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Fund name:	iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF-JDR	Listed Exchange:	TSE
Code:	1590	Trading unit:	1 unit
Underlying indicator:	Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate™ Index		
Primary invested assets:	Securities		
Management co.:	BlackRock Fund Advisors		
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Scheduled date of submission of securities report:	October 2015

I ファンドの運用状況

I Fund Management

1. 2015 年 4 月期の運用状況 (2014 年 5 月 1 日～2015 年 4 月 30 日)

1. Management Status for Year Ended April 2015 (from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015)

(1) 信託財産である外国 ETF の資産内訳

(百万円未満切捨て)

(1) Assets of Trust Asset Foreign ETF

(amounts below 1 mil. yen are disregarded)

	主要投資資産		現金・預金・その他の資産 (負債控除後)		合計 (純資産)	
	Primary Invested Assets		Cash/Deposits/Other Assets (minus liabilities)		Total (Net Assets)	
	金額 Amount	構成比 ratio	金額 Amount	構成比 ratio	金額 Amount	構成比 ratio
2015 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2015	百万円 JPY mil.	%	百万円 JPY mil.	%	百万円 JPY mil.	%
	642, 792	106. 32	△38, 196	(6. 32)	604, 596	100. 00
2014 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2014	607, 452	109. 09	△50, 624	(9. 09)	556, 828	100. 00

(2) 信託財産である外国 ETF の設定・交換実績

(2) Creation and Redemption of Trust Asset Foreign ETF

	前計算期間末 発行済口数 No. of Issued Units at End of Previous Calculation Period (①)	設定口数 No. of Units Created (②)	交換口数 No. of Units Redeemed (③)	当計算期間末 発行済口数 No. of Issued Units at End of Calculation Period (①+②-③)
	千口 '000 units	千口 '000 units	千口 '000 units	千口 '000 units
2015 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2015	65,200	338,000	337,750	65,450
2014 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2014	78,550	323,050	336,400	65,200

(3) 信託財産である外国 ETF の基準価額

(3) Net Asset Value of Trust Asset Foreign ETF

	総資産 Total Assets (①)	負債 Liabilities (②)	純資産 Net Assets (③(①-②))	1口当たり基準価額 Net Asset Value per unit (③/③/当計算期間末 発行済口数) × 1) (③/No. of Issued Units at End of Calculation Period) × 1)
	百万円 JPY mil.	百万円 JPY mil.	百万円 JPY mil.	円 JPY
2015 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2015	643,361	38,765	604,596	9,237.52
2014 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2014	608,575	51,747	556,828	8,540.31

(4) 上場外国 ETF 信託受益証券に係る設定・交換実績

(4) Creation and Redemption of Listed Foreign ETF Trust Beneficiary Certificates (JDR)

	前計算期間末 発行済口数 No. of Issued Units at End of Previous Calculation Period (①)	設定口数 No. of Units Created (②)	交換口数 No. of Units Redeemed (③)	当計算期間末 発行済口数 No. of Issued Units at End of Calculation Period (①+②-③)
	千口 '000 units	千口 '000 units	千口 '000 units	千口 '000 units
2015 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2015	89	56	0	145
2014 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2014	0	89	0	89

※ 上場外国 ETF 信託受益証券は 2013 年 12 月 3 日に新規に発行されたため、2014 年 4 月期については、2013 年 12 月 3 日～2014 年 4 月 30 日の期間に関する実績を記載しております。

※ Since the Listed Foreign ETF Trust Beneficiary Certificates (JDR) were issued on December 3, 2013, the figures presented for the Fiscal Year ended April 2014 are those of the Accounting Period starting December 3, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014.

(5) 上場外国 ETF 信託受益証券の分配金

(5) Dividend Payment of Listed Foreign ETF Trust Beneficiary Certificates (JDR)

2015 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2015	1 口当たり分配金 Dividend per unit	2014 年 4 月期 FY ended April 2014	1 口当たり分配金 Dividend per unit
※	円 JPY	※	円 JPY
2014 年 6 月 26 日 June 26, 2014	41	2013 年 12 月 26 日 December 26, 2013	41
2014 年 9 月 26 日 September 26, 2014	46	2014 年 3 月 27 日 March 27, 2014	54
2014 年 12 月 29 日 December 29, 2014	66	—	—
2015 年 3 月 27 日 March 27, 2015	53	—	—

※ 当該期間における分配のための基準日を記載しております。

※ The record dates for distributions corresponding to the relevant period are indicated.

(注) 上記 (1) ~ (3) の表における米ドルから日本円への換算は、1 米ドル=122.45 円の換算率 (2015 年 6 月 30 日に株式会社三菱東京 UFJ 銀行が公表した対顧客電信売買相場の仲値) により計算されています。

(Note) Conversion from United States dollars into Japanese yen with respect to the tables in (1) through (3) above has been made at the exchange rate of \$1 = ¥ 122.45 (the telegraphic transfer middle exchange rate vis-à-vis customers quoted by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. on June 30, 2015).

2. 信託財産である外国 ETF の会計方針の変更

2. Change in Accounting Policies of Trust Asset Foreign ETF

(1) 会計基準等の改正に伴う会計方針の変更 : 無

(1) Changes accompanying revision to accounting standards, etc. : No

(2) (1) 以外の会計方針の変更 : 無

(2) Changes other than those in (1) : No

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- ▶ iShares U.S. Financial Services ETF | IYG | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF | IYR | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares MSCI KLD 400 Social ETF | DSI | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares MSCI USA ESG Select ETF | KLD | NYSE Arca
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Statements of Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

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April 30, 2015

	iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF	iShares MSCI KLD 400 Social ETF	iShares MSCI USA ESG Select ETF
ASSETS			
Investments, at cost:			
Unaffiliated	\$5,405,284,537	\$343,032,226	\$254,692,606
Affiliated (Note 2)	310,217,319	15,472,347	7,716,019
Total cost of investments	<u>\$5,715,501,856</u>	<u>\$358,504,573</u>	<u>\$262,408,625</u>
Investments in securities, at fair value (including securities on loan ^a) (Note 1):			
Unaffiliated	\$4,939,210,562	\$425,663,945	\$324,004,114
Affiliated (Note 2)	310,217,319	16,899,635	8,088,048
Total fair value of investments	5,249,427,881	442,563,580	332,092,162
Cash	1,563	—	—
Receivables:			
Dividends and interest	2,703,141	531,428	354,929
Capital shares sold	1,943,222	—	—
Total Assets	<u>5,254,075,807</u>	<u>443,095,008</u>	<u>332,447,091</u>
LIABILITIES			
Payables:			
Investment securities purchased	—	—	428,253
Collateral for securities on loan (Note 1)	300,487,958	11,211,847	3,606,749
Capital shares redeemed	14,048,328	—	—
Investment advisory fees (Note 2)	2,044,225	179,662	135,380
Total Liabilities	<u>316,580,511</u>	<u>11,391,509</u>	<u>4,170,382</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$4,937,495,296</u>	<u>\$431,703,499</u>	<u>\$328,276,709</u>
Net assets consist of:			
Paid-in capital	\$5,442,123,471	\$354,064,661	\$269,424,935
Undistributed net investment income	—	477,847	153,877
Accumulated net realized loss	(38,554,200)	(6,898,016)	(10,985,640)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(466,073,975)	84,059,007	69,683,537
NET ASSETS	<u>\$4,937,495,296</u>	<u>\$431,703,499</u>	<u>\$328,276,709</u>
Shares outstanding ^b	<u>65,450,000</u>	<u>5,600,000</u>	<u>3,800,000</u>
Net asset value per share	<u>\$ 75.44</u>	<u>\$ 77.09</u>	<u>\$ 86.39</u>

^a Securities on loan with values of \$288,424,243, \$10,802,117 and \$3,524,172, respectively. See Note 1.

^b No par value, unlimited number of shares authorized.

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of Operations (Continued)

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Year ended April 30, 2015

	iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF	iShares MSCI KLD 400 Social ETF	iShares MSCI USA ESG Select ETF
NET INVESTMENT INCOME			
Dividends — unaffiliated ^a	\$ 159,147,144	\$ 7,298,341	\$ 5,182,596
Dividends — affiliated (Note 2)	—	111,879	58,636
Interest — affiliated (Note 2)	390	23	17
Securities lending income — affiliated — net (Note 2)	1,164,537	31,859	6,941
Total investment income	<u>160,312,071</u>	<u>7,442,102</u>	<u>5,248,190</u>
EXPENSES			
Investment advisory fees (Note 2)	<u>23,278,654</u>	<u>1,965,089</u>	<u>1,464,484</u>
Total expenses	<u>23,278,654</u>	<u>1,965,089</u>	<u>1,464,484</u>
Net investment income	<u>137,033,417</u>	<u>5,477,013</u>	<u>3,783,706</u>
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)			
Net realized gain (loss) from:			
Investments — unaffiliated	(107,016,009)	(7,443)	238,230
Investments — affiliated (Note 2)	—	(2,288)	(219)
In-kind redemptions — unaffiliated	884,681,165	25,534,786	17,612,534
In-kind redemptions — affiliated (Note 2)	—	307,180	11,201
Net realized gain	<u>777,665,156</u>	<u>25,832,235</u>	<u>17,861,746</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	<u>(310,943,554)</u>	<u>8,740,824</u>	<u>9,199,066</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain	<u>466,721,602</u>	<u>34,573,059</u>	<u>27,060,812</u>
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 603,755,019</u>	<u>\$40,050,072</u>	<u>\$30,844,518</u>

^a Net of foreign withholding tax of \$ —, \$258 and \$ —, respectively.

See notes to financial statements.

Statements of Changes in Net Assets (Continued)

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	<i>iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF</i>		<i>iShares MSCI KLD 400 Social ETF</i>	
	Year ended April 30, 2015	Year ended April 30, 2014	Year ended April 30, 2015	Year ended April 30, 2014
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS				
OPERATIONS:				
Net investment income	\$ 137,033,417	\$ 133,176,402	\$ 5,477,013	\$ 3,874,678
Net realized gain	777,665,156	94,544,908	25,832,235	15,032,812
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(310,943,554)	(406,272,770)	8,740,824	27,211,135
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	603,755,019	(178,551,460)	40,050,072	46,118,625
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:				
From net investment income	(177,990,317)	(162,396,953)	(5,321,488)	(3,682,697)
From net realized gain	(10,391,973)	(5,226,731)	—	—
Total distributions to shareholders	(188,382,290)	(167,623,684)	(5,321,488)	(3,682,697)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:				
Proceeds from shares sold	25,380,070,070	21,360,992,147	108,173,520	146,596,017
Cost of shares redeemed	(25,405,340,051)	(22,236,633,684)	(61,998,542)	(49,068,357)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions	(25,269,981)	(875,641,537)	46,174,978	97,527,660
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	390,102,748	(1,221,816,681)	80,903,562	139,963,588
NET ASSETS				
Beginning of year	4,547,392,548	5,769,209,229	350,799,937	210,836,349
End of year	\$ 4,937,495,296	\$ 4,547,392,548	\$431,703,499	\$350,799,937
Undistributed net investment income included in net assets at end of year	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 477,847	\$ 322,322
SHARES ISSUED AND REDEEMED				
Shares sold	338,000,000	323,050,000	1,450,000	2,200,000
Shares redeemed	(337,750,000)	(336,400,000)	(850,000)	(750,000)
Net increase (decrease) in shares outstanding	250,000	(13,350,000)	600,000	1,450,000

See notes to financial statements.

Financial Highlights (Continued)

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(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF

	Year ended Apr. 30, 2015	Year ended Apr. 30, 2014	Year ended Apr. 30, 2013	Year ended Apr. 30, 2012	Year ended Apr. 30, 2011
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 69.75	\$ 73.45	\$ 63.90	\$ 62.15	\$ 52.92
Income from investment operations:					
Net investment income ^a	1.92	2.03	2.07	1.81	1.54
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) ^b	6.47	(3.16)	9.93	2.15	9.68
Total from investment operations	8.39	(1.13)	12.00	3.96	11.22
Less distributions from:					
Net investment income	(2.55)	(2.49)	(2.45)	(2.21)	(1.99)
Net realized gain	(0.15)	(0.08)	—	—	—
Total distributions	(2.70)	(2.57)	(2.45)	(2.21)	(1.99)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 75.44	\$ 69.75	\$ 73.45	\$ 63.90	\$ 62.15
Total return	12.14%	(1.23)%	19.35%	6.84%	21.88%
Ratios/Supplemental data:					
Net assets, end of year (000s)	\$4,937,495	\$4,547,393	\$5,769,209	\$3,926,945	\$3,598,770
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	0.43%	0.45%	0.46%	0.47%	0.47%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	2.55%	3.04%	3.16%	3.11%	2.83%
Portfolio turnover rate ^c	21%	27%	16%	14%	17%

^a Based on average shares outstanding throughout each period.

^b The amounts reported for a share outstanding may not accord with the change in aggregate gains and losses in securities for the fiscal period due to the timing of capital share transactions in relation to the fluctuating market values of the Fund's underlying securities.

^c Portfolio turnover rates exclude portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of processing capital share transactions in Creation Units.

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

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iShares Trust (the “Trust”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as an open-end management investment company. The Trust was established as a Delaware statutory trust pursuant to an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated December 16, 1999.

These financial statements relate only to the following funds (each, a “Fund,” and collectively, the “Funds”):

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Diversification Classification</i>	<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Diversification Classification</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	Non-diversified	U.S. Financial Services	Non-diversified
U.S. Consumer Goods	Non-diversified	U.S. Real Estate	Diversified
U.S. Consumer Services	Diversified	MSCI KLD 400 Social	Diversified
U.S. Financials	Diversified	MSCI USA ESG Select	Diversified
U.S. Industrials	Diversified	Cohen & Steers REIT	Non-diversified

The investment objective of each Fund is to seek investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of its underlying index. The investment adviser uses a “passive” or index approach to try to achieve each Fund’s investment objective.

Pursuant to the Trust’s organizational documents, the Funds’ officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of the performance of their duties to the Funds. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Funds enter into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Funds’ maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Funds that have not yet occurred.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following significant accounting policies are consistently followed by the Funds in the preparation of their financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Each Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies.

SECURITY VALUATION

Each Fund’s investments are valued at fair value each day that the Fund’s listing exchange is open and, for financial reporting purposes, as of the report date should the reporting period end on a day that the Fund’s listing exchange is not open. U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the price a fund would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The BlackRock Global Valuation Methodologies Committee (the “Global Valuation Committee”) provides oversight of the valuation of investments for the Funds. The investments of each Fund are valued pursuant to policies and procedures developed by the Global Valuation Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”).

- Equity investments traded on a recognized securities exchange are valued at that day’s last reported trade price or the official closing price, as applicable, on the exchange where the stock is primarily traded. Equity investments traded on a recognized exchange for which there were no sales on that day are valued at the last traded price.
- Open-end U.S. mutual funds are valued at that day’s published net asset value (“NAV”).

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In the event that application of these methods of valuation results in a price for an investment which is deemed not to be representative of the fair value of such investment or if a price is not available, the investment will be valued based upon other available factors deemed relevant by the Global Valuation Committee, in accordance with policies approved by the Board. These factors include but are not limited to (i) attributes specific to the investment; (ii) the principal market for the investment; (iii) the customary participants in the principal market for the investment; (iv) data assumptions by market participants for the investment, if reasonably available; (v) quoted prices for similar investments in active markets; and (vi) other factors, such as future cash flows, interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and/or default rates. Valuations based on such factors are reported to the Board on a quarterly basis.

The Global Valuation Committee employs various methods for calibrating valuation approaches for investments where an active market does not exist, including regular due diligence of the Trust's pricing vendors, a regular review of key inputs and assumptions, transactional back-testing or disposition analysis to compare unrealized gains and losses to realized gains and losses, reviews of missing or stale prices, reviews of large movements in market values, and reviews of market related activity.

Fair value pricing could result in a difference between the prices used to calculate a Fund's NAV and the prices used by the Fund's underlying index, which in turn could result in a difference between the Fund's performance and the performance of the Fund's underlying index.

Various inputs are used in determining the fair value of financial instruments. Inputs may be based on independent market data ("observable inputs") or they may be internally developed ("unobservable inputs"). These inputs are categorized into a disclosure hierarchy consisting of three broad levels for financial reporting purposes. The level of a value determined for a financial instrument within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The categorization of a value determined for a financial instrument within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and is not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in the instrument. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 — Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not considered to be active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (such as exchange rates, financing terms, interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates) or other market-corroborated inputs; and
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, including the Global Valuation Committee's assumptions used in determining the fair value of investments.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy. In accordance with the Trust's policy, transfers between different levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred as of the beginning of the reporting period.

As of April 30, 2015, the value of each of the Funds' investments was classified as Level 1. The breakdown of each Fund's investments into major categories is disclosed in its respective schedule of investments.

SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND INCOME RECOGNITION

Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Dividend income and capital gain distributions, if any, are recognized on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign taxes withheld at source. Any taxes withheld that are reclaimable from foreign tax

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authorities as of April 30, 2015 are reflected in dividends receivable. Non-cash dividends received in the form of stock in an elective dividend, if any, are recorded as dividend income at fair value. Distributions received by the Funds may include a return of capital that is estimated by management. Such amounts are recorded as a reduction of the cost of investments or reclassified to capital gains. Interest income is accrued daily. Realized gains and losses on investment transactions are determined using the specific identification method.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dividends and distributions paid by each Fund are recorded on the ex-dividend dates. Distributions are determined on a tax basis and may differ from net investment income and net realized capital gains for financial reporting purposes. Dividends and distributions are paid in U.S. dollars and cannot be automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Funds.

LOANS OF PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Each Fund may lend its investment securities to approved borrowers, such as brokers, dealers and other financial institutions. The borrower pledges and maintains with the Fund collateral consisting of cash, an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank, or securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government. The initial collateral received by each Fund is required to have a value of at least 102% of the current value of the loaned securities for securities traded on U.S. exchanges and a value of at least 105% for all other securities. The collateral is maintained thereafter, at a value equal to at least 100% of the current value of the securities on loan. The market value of the loaned securities is determined at the close of each business day of the Funds and any additional required collateral is delivered to the Funds on the next business day. During the term of the loan, each Fund is entitled to all distributions made on or in respect of the loaned securities. Loans of securities are terminable at any time and the borrower, after notice, is required to return borrowed securities within the standard time period for settlement of securities transactions.

Any cash received as collateral for securities on loan may be reinvested in certain short-term instruments either directly on behalf of a fund or through one or more joint accounts or money market funds, including those managed by BlackRock Fund Advisors ("BFA"), the Funds' investment adviser, or its affiliates. As of April 30, 2015, any securities on loan were collateralized by cash. The cash collateral received was invested in money market funds managed by BFA and is disclosed in the schedules of investments. The value of any securities on loan as of April 30, 2015 and the value of the related collateral are disclosed in the statements of assets and liabilities. Income earned by the Funds from securities lending is disclosed in the statements of operations.

The risks of securities lending include the risk that the borrower may not provide additional collateral when required or may not return the securities when due. To mitigate these risks, the Funds benefit from a borrower default indemnity provided by BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock"). BlackRock's indemnity allows for full replacement of securities lent. Each Fund could suffer a loss if the value of the investments purchased with cash collateral falls below the value of the cash collateral received.

Securities lending transactions are entered into by the Funds under Master Securities Lending Agreements ("MSLA") which provide the right, in the event of default (including bankruptcy or insolvency) for the non-defaulting party to liquidate the collateral and calculate a net exposure to the defaulting party or request additional collateral. In the event that a borrower defaults, a Fund, as lender, would offset the market value of the collateral received against the market value of the securities loaned. The value of the collateral is typically greater than that of the market value of the securities loaned, leaving the lender with a net amount payable to the defaulting party. However, bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may impose restrictions on or prohibitions against such a right of offset in the event of an MSLA counterparty's bankruptcy or insolvency. Under the MSLA, the borrower can resell or re-pledge the loaned securities, and a Fund can reinvest cash collateral, or, upon an event of default, resell or re-pledge the collateral.

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The following table is a summary of each Fund's securities lending agreements which are subject to offset under an MSLA as of April 30, 2015:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Market Value of Securities on Loan</i>	<i>Cash Collateral Received^a</i>	<i>Net Amount</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$ 6,489,881	\$ 6,489,881	\$ —
U.S. Consumer Goods	16,402,812	16,402,812	—
U.S. Consumer Services	25,760,647	25,760,647	—
U.S. Financials	30,435,148	30,435,148	—
U.S. Industrials	27,705,974	27,705,974	—
U.S. Financial Services	1,946,142	1,946,142	—
U.S. Real Estate	288,424,243	288,424,243	—
MSCI KLD 400 Social	10,802,117	10,802,117	—
MSCI USA ESG Select	3,524,172	3,524,172	—
Cohen & Steers REIT	147,125,454	147,125,454	—

^a Collateral received in excess of the market value of securities on loan is not presented for financial reporting purposes. The total collateral received is disclosed in each Fund's statement of assets and liabilities.

RECENT ACCOUNTING STANDARD

In June 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued guidance to improve the financial reporting of reverse repurchase agreements and other similar transactions. The guidance will require expanded disclosure for entities that enter into reverse repurchase agreements and similar transactions accounted for as secured borrowings, including securities lending. The guidance is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Management does not expect the guidance to have a material impact on the Funds' financial statements and disclosures.

2. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement with the Trust, BFA manages the investment of each Fund's assets. BFA is a California corporation indirectly owned by BlackRock. Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, BFA is responsible for substantially all expenses of the Funds, except interest, taxes, brokerage commissions and other expenses connected with the execution of portfolio transactions, distribution fees, litigation expenses and any extraordinary expenses.

For its investment advisory services to each of the iShares U.S. Basic Materials, iShares U.S. Consumer Goods, iShares U.S. Consumer Services, iShares U.S. Financials, iShares U.S. Industrials, iShares U.S. Financial Services and iShares U.S. Real Estate ETFs, BFA is entitled to an annual investment advisory fee based on each Fund's allocable portion of the aggregate of the average daily net assets of the Fund and certain other iShares funds, as follows:

<i>Investment Advisory Fee</i>	<i>Aggregate Average Daily Net Assets</i>
0.480%	First \$10 billion
0.430	Over \$10 billion, up to and including \$20 billion
0.380	Over \$20 billion, up to and including \$30 billion
0.342	Over \$30 billion ^a

^a Breakpoint level added effective July 1, 2014.

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For its investment advisory services to each of the following Funds, BFA is entitled to an annual investment advisory fee based on the average daily net assets of each Fund as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Investment Advisory Fee</i>
MSCI KLD 400 Social	0.50%
MSCI USA ESG Select	0.50

For its investment advisory services to the iShares Cohen & Steers REIT ETF, BFA is entitled to an annual investment advisory fee based on the Fund's allocable portion of the aggregate of the average daily net assets of the Fund and certain other iShares funds, as follows:

<i>Investment Advisory Fee</i>	<i>Aggregate Average Daily Net Assets</i>
0.3500%	First \$121 billion
0.3325 ^a	Over \$121 billion, up to and including \$211 billion
0.3159 ^a	Over \$211 billion

^a Investment advisory fee level reflects a 5% reduction (rounded to the fourth decimal place) from the investment advisory fee at the prior aggregate average daily net asset level.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has issued an exemptive order which permits BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC"), an affiliate of BFA, to serve as securities lending agent for the Funds, subject to applicable conditions. As securities lending agent, BTC bears all operational costs directly related to securities lending. Each Fund is responsible for fees in connection with the investment of cash collateral received for securities on loan in a money market fund managed by BFA, however, BTC has agreed to reduce the amount of securities lending income it receives in order to effectively limit the collateral investment fees each Fund bears to an annual rate of 0.04% (the "collateral investment fees"). Securities lending income is equal to the total of income earned from the reinvestment of cash collateral, net of fees and other payments to and from borrowers of securities, and less the collateral investment fees. The Funds retain a portion of securities lending income and remit the remaining portion to BTC as compensation for its services as securities lending agent.

Pursuant to a securities lending agreement, each Fund retains 71.5% of securities lending income and the amount retained can never be less than 65% of the total of securities lending income plus the collateral investment fees. In addition, commencing the business day following the date that the aggregate securities lending income plus the collateral investment fees generated across all 1940 Act iShares exchange-traded funds (the "iShares ETF Complex") in a given calendar year exceeds the aggregate securities lending income generated across the iShares ETF Complex in the calendar year 2013, each Fund, pursuant to a securities lending agreement, will retain for the remainder of that calendar year 75% of securities lending income and the amount retained can never be less than 65% of the total of securities lending income plus the collateral investment fees.

Prior to January 1, 2015, each Fund retained 70% of securities lending income and the amount retained was never less than 65% of the total of securities lending income plus the collateral investment fees. In addition, commencing the business day following the date that the aggregate securities lending income plus the collateral investment fees generated across the iShares ETF Complex in the calendar year 2014 exceeded the aggregate securities lending income generated across the iShares ETF Complex in the calendar year 2013 and pursuant to a securities lending agreement, each Fund retained for the remainder of the calendar year 2014, 75% of securities lending income and the amount retained was never less than 65% of the total of securities lending income plus the collateral investment fees.

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For the year ended April 30, 2015, each Fund paid to BTC the following amounts in total for securities lending agent services and collateral investment fees:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Fees Paid to BTC</i>	<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Fees Paid to BTC</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$ 67,148	U.S. Financial Services	\$ 4,018
U.S. Consumer Goods	19,341	U.S. Real Estate	604,138
U.S. Consumer Services	51,170	MSCI KLD 400 Social	15,622
U.S. Financials	32,416	MSCI USA ESG Select	3,710
U.S. Industrials	36,047	Cohen & Steers REIT	320,631

BlackRock Investments, LLC, an affiliate of BFA, is the distributor for each Fund. Pursuant to the distribution agreement, BFA is responsible for any fees or expenses for distribution services provided to the Funds.

Cross trades for the year ended April 30, 2015, if any, were executed by the Funds pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act. Cross trading is the buying or selling of portfolio securities between funds to which BFA (or an affiliate) serves as investment adviser. At its regularly scheduled quarterly meetings, the Board reviews such transactions as of the most recent calendar quarter for compliance with the requirements and restrictions set forth by Rule 17a-7.

Each Fund may invest its positive cash balances in certain money market funds managed by BFA or an affiliate. The income earned on these temporary cash investments is included in "Interest – affiliated" in the statements of operations.

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. is the largest stockholder of BlackRock and is considered to be an affiliate of the Funds for 1940 Act purposes.

Investments in issuers considered to be affiliates of the Funds (excluding money market funds) during the year ended April 30, 2015, for purposes of Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act, were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF and Name of Affiliated Issuer</i>	<i>Shares Held at Beginning of Year</i>	<i>Shares Purchased</i>	<i>Shares Sold</i>	<i>Shares Held at End of Year</i>	<i>Value at End of Year</i>	<i>Dividend Income</i>	<i>Net Realized Gain (Loss)</i>
<i>U.S. Financials</i>							
BlackRock Inc.	55,133	68,098	(86,053)	37,178	\$13,530,561	\$351,534	\$ 4,359,049
PNC Financial Services Group Inc. (The)	234,333	284,614	(366,339)	152,608	13,998,732	435,356	2,578,396
					<u>\$27,529,293</u>	<u>\$786,890</u>	<u>\$ 6,937,445</u>
<i>U.S. Financial Services</i>							
BlackRock Inc.	37,044	8,227	(13,352)	31,919	\$11,616,601	\$272,342	\$ 1,484,282
PNC Financial Services Group Inc. (The)	157,487	33,340	(59,818)	131,009	12,017,456	279,804	1,071,403
					<u>\$23,634,057</u>	<u>\$552,146</u>	<u>\$ 2,555,685</u>

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<i>iShares ETF and Name of Affiliated Issuer</i>	<i>Shares Held at Beginning of Year</i>	<i>Shares Purchased</i>	<i>Shares Sold</i>	<i>Shares Held at End of Year</i>	<i>Value at End of Year</i>	<i>Dividend Income</i>	<i>Net Realized Gain (Loss)</i>
<i>MSCI KLD 400 Social</i>							
BlackRock Inc.	7,144	2,107	(1,884)	7,367	\$ 2,681,146	\$ 56,318	\$ 157,224
PNC Financial Services Group Inc. (The)	28,386	8,601	(7,660)	29,327	2,690,166	55,561	147,668
					<u>\$ 5,371,312</u>	<u>\$111,879</u>	<u>\$ 304,892</u>
<i>MSCI USA ESG Select</i>							
BlackRock Inc.	807	10,020	(238)	10,589	<u>\$ 3,853,761</u>	<u>\$ 58,636</u>	<u>\$ 10,982</u>

Certain trustees and officers of the Trust are also officers of BTC and/or BFA.

3. INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding in-kind transactions and short-term investments) for the year ended April 30, 2015 were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Purchases</i>	<i>Sales</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$ 52,165,327	\$ 50,540,880
U.S. Consumer Goods	21,186,540	20,252,118
U.S. Consumer Services	48,137,026	47,692,088
U.S. Financials	85,994,408	100,543,156
U.S. Industrials	68,783,395	68,014,549
U.S. Financial Services	20,307,740	20,210,723
U.S. Real Estate	1,107,692,618	1,113,670,287
MSCI KLD 400 Social	57,149,624	56,867,958
MSCI USA ESG Select	57,108,868	56,742,757
Cohen & Steers REIT	275,893,323	250,887,958

In-kind transactions (see Note 4) for the year ended April 30, 2015 were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>In-kind Purchases</i>	<i>In-kind Sales</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$ 722,805,996	\$ 1,167,645,045
U.S. Consumer Goods	535,494,075	262,621,136
U.S. Consumer Services	748,456,797	214,549,973
U.S. Financials	2,067,318,874	2,511,803,742
U.S. Industrials	2,831,387,550	2,811,062,567
U.S. Financial Services	122,175,966	215,092,486
U.S. Real Estate	24,378,409,471	24,386,574,632
MSCI KLD 400 Social	107,862,907	61,725,944
MSCI USA ESG Select	88,016,124	42,018,383
Cohen & Steers REIT	949,309,180	573,206,800

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4. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

Capital shares are issued and redeemed by each Fund only in aggregations of a specified number of shares or multiples thereof ("Creation Units") at NAV. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares of each Fund are not redeemable. Transactions in capital shares for each Fund are disclosed in detail in the statements of changes in net assets.

The consideration for the purchase of Creation Units of a fund in the Trust generally consists of the in-kind deposit of a designated portfolio of securities and a specified amount of cash. Certain funds in the Trust may be offered in Creation Units solely or partially for cash in U.S. dollars. Investors purchasing and redeeming Creation Units may pay a purchase transaction fee and a redemption transaction fee directly to State Street Bank and Trust Company, the Trust's administrator, to offset transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance and redemption of Creation Units, including Creation Units for cash. Investors transacting in Creation Units for cash may also pay an additional variable charge to compensate the relevant fund for certain transaction costs (i.e., stamp taxes, taxes on currency or other financial transactions, and brokerage costs) and market impact expenses relating to investing in portfolio securities. Such variable charges, if any, are included in "Proceeds from shares sold" in the statements of changes in net assets.

5. MARKET AND CREDIT RISK

In the normal course of business, each Fund's investment activities expose it to various types of risk associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The significant types of financial risks each Fund is exposed to include market risk and credit risk. Each Fund's prospectus provides details of these and other types of risk.

BFA uses a "passive" or index approach to try to achieve each Fund's investment objective following the securities included in its underlying index during upturns as well as downturns. BFA does not take steps to reduce market exposure or to lessen the effects of a declining market. Divergence from the underlying index and the composition of the portfolio is monitored by BFA.

MARKET RISK

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future values of financial instruments influenced by price, currency and interest rate movements. It represents the potential loss each Fund may suffer through holding market positions in the face of market movements. Each Fund is exposed to market risk by virtue of its investment in equity instruments. The fair value of securities held by the Funds may decline due to general market conditions, economic trends or events that are not specifically related to the issuers of the securities including local, regional or global political, social or economic instability or to factors that affect a particular industry or group of industries. The extent of each Fund's exposure to market risk is the market value of the investments held as shown in the Fund's schedule of investments.

A diversified portfolio, where this is appropriate and consistent with a fund's objectives, minimizes the risk that a price change of a particular investment will have a material impact on the NAV of a fund. The investment concentrations within each Fund's portfolio are disclosed in its schedule of investments.

The iShares U.S. Basic Materials ETF, iShares U.S. Consumer Goods ETF, iShares U.S. Consumer Services ETF, iShares U.S. Financials ETF, iShares U.S. Industrials ETF, iShares U.S. Financial Services ETF, iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF and iShares Cohen & Steers REIT ETF each invests all or substantially all of its assets in securities within a single or limited number of market sectors. When a fund concentrates its investments in this manner, it assumes the risk that economic, political and social conditions affecting those market sectors may have a significant impact on its investment performance.

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CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or guarantor of debt instruments or the counterparty to a financial transaction, including derivatives contracts, repurchase agreements or loans of portfolio securities, is unable or unwilling to make timely interest and/or principal payments or to otherwise honor its obligations. BFA and its affiliates manage counterparty credit risk by entering into transactions only with counterparties that they believe have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties. Financial assets, which potentially expose the Funds to issuer and counterparty credit risks, consist principally of financial instruments and receivables due from counterparties. The extent of each Fund's exposure to credit and counterparty risks with respect to those financial assets is approximated by their value recorded in its statement of assets and liabilities.

6. INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Each Fund is treated as an entity separate from the Trust's other funds for federal income tax purposes. It is the policy of each Fund to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the provisions applicable to regulated investment companies, as defined under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to annually distribute substantially all of its ordinary income and any net capital gains (taking into account any capital loss carryforwards) sufficient to relieve it from all, or substantially all, federal income and excise taxes. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes is required.

U.S. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets be adjusted to reflect permanent differences between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or NAV per share. The following permanent differences as of April 30, 2015, attributable to the expiration of capital loss carryforwards, distributions paid in excess of taxable income and realized gains (losses) from in-kind redemptions, were reclassified to the following accounts:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Paid-in Capital</i>	<i>Undistributed Net Investment Income/Distributions in Excess of Net Investment Income</i>	<i>Undistributed Net Realized Gain/Accumulated Net Realized Loss</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$ 76,096,422	\$ —	\$ (76,096,422)
U.S. Consumer Goods	79,371,954	—	(79,371,954)
U.S. Consumer Services	70,970,857	—	(70,970,857)
U.S. Financials	196,948,699	1,075,493	(198,024,192)
U.S. Industrials	76,171,379	442,386	(76,613,765)
U.S. Financial Services	50,023,942	—	(50,023,942)
U.S. Real Estate	732,899,229	40,956,900	(773,856,129)
MSCI KLD 400 Social	24,855,111	—	(24,855,111)
MSCI USA ESG Select	17,414,166	—	(17,414,166)
Cohen & Steers REIT	93,455,753	19,431,276	(112,887,029)

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended April 30, 2015 and April 30, 2014 was as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
<i>U.S. Basic Materials</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$13,514,536</u>	<u>\$12,509,443</u>
<i>U.S. Consumer Goods</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$10,472,609</u>	<u>\$ 9,220,300</u>

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<i>iShares ETF</i>	2015	2014
<i>U.S. Consumer Services</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$ 6,531,675</u>	<u>\$ 4,104,568</u>
<i>U.S. Financials</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$ 23,131,223</u>	<u>\$ 19,805,516</u>
<i>U.S. Industrials</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$ 15,902,897</u>	<u>\$ 18,035,938</u>
<i>U.S. Financial Services</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$ 7,568,428</u>	<u>\$ 6,803,793</u>
<i>U.S. Real Estate</i>		
Long-term capital gain	\$ 10,391,973	\$ 5,226,731
Ordinary income	<u>177,990,317</u>	<u>162,396,953</u>
	<u>\$188,382,290</u>	<u>\$167,623,684</u>
<i>MSCI KLD 400 Social</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$ 5,321,488</u>	<u>\$ 3,682,697</u>
<i>MSCI USA ESG Select</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$ 3,739,686</u>	<u>\$ 3,268,145</u>
<i>Cohen & Steers REIT</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$102,639,910</u>	<u>\$ 85,863,837</u>

As of April 30, 2015, the tax components of accumulated net earnings (losses) were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Undistributed Ordinary Income</i>	<i>Capital Loss Carryforwards</i>	<i>Net Unrealized Gains (Losses)^a</i>	<i>Qualified Late-Year Losses^b</i>	<i>Total</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$ 607,687	\$ (78,724,516)	\$ (100,962,750)	\$(2,023,576)	\$(181,103,155)
U.S. Consumer Goods	1,485,077	(15,547,468)	38,770,775	—	24,708,384
U.S. Consumer Services	457,015	(20,917,731)	90,131,622	—	69,670,906
U.S. Financials	—	(107,732,459)	(61,743,377)	—	(169,475,836)
U.S. Industrials	—	(13,338,895)	(35,164,356)	(717,908)	(49,221,159)
U.S. Financial Services	870,328	(99,636,750)	45,861,946	(78,545)	(52,983,021)
U.S. Real Estate	—	—	(504,628,175)	—	(504,628,175)
MSCI KLD 400 Social	477,847	(2,518,143)	79,679,134	—	77,638,838
MSCI USA ESG Select	153,877	(8,712,966)	67,410,863	—	58,851,774
Cohen & Steers REIT	—	(298,841,944)	317,766,218	—	18,924,274

^a The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized gains (losses) was attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales.

^b The Funds have elected to defer certain qualified late-year losses and recognize such losses in the next taxable year.

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As of April 30, 2015, the following Funds had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future realized capital gains through the indicated expiration dates as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Non-Expiring^a</i>	<i>Expiring 2016</i>	<i>Expiring 2017</i>	<i>Expiring 2018</i>	<i>Expiring 2019</i>	<i>Total</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$57,277,084	\$2,533,237	\$ 8,036,664	\$10,812,780	\$ 64,751	\$ 78,724,516
U.S. Consumer Goods	2,055,807	—	1,597,881	11,893,780	—	15,547,468
U.S. Consumer Services	9,094,384	—	3,693,668	6,983,187	1,146,492	20,917,731
U.S. Financials	1,860,180	2,428,708	50,933,047	52,510,524	—	107,732,459
U.S. Industrials	4,016,935	—	276,129	9,045,831	—	13,338,895
U.S. Financial Services	10,243,129	1,046,051	40,231,342	41,743,037	6,373,191	99,636,750
MSCI KLD 400 Social	—	—	—	2,143,183	374,960	2,518,143
MSCI USA ESG Select	—	—	—	8,638,841	74,125	8,712,966
Cohen & Steers REIT	6,620,253	—	195,808,359	96,413,332	—	298,841,944

^a Must be utilized prior to losses subject to expiration.

For the year ended April 30, 2015, the Funds utilized their capital loss carryforwards as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Utilized</i>
U.S. Consumer Goods	\$ 1,622,649
U.S. Financials	1,480,734
MSCI KLD 400 Social	1,618,611
MSCI USA ESG Select	1,051,116
Cohen & Steers REIT	23,372,210

As of April 30, 2015, gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation based on cost for federal income tax purposes were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Tax Cost</i>	<i>Gross Unrealized Appreciation</i>	<i>Gross Unrealized Depreciation</i>	<i>Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</i>
U.S. Basic Materials	\$ 602,358,845	\$ 9,968,216	\$(110,930,966)	\$(100,962,750)
U.S. Consumer Goods	755,748,315	54,575,560	(15,804,785)	38,770,775
U.S. Consumer Services	991,741,505	108,407,858	(18,276,236)	90,131,622
U.S. Financials	1,257,148,643	10,953,966	(72,697,343)	(61,743,377)
U.S. Industrials	982,590,491	29,425,250	(64,589,606)	(35,164,356)
U.S. Financial Services	520,373,939	74,950,388	(29,088,442)	45,861,946
U.S. Real Estate	5,754,056,056	23,765,070	(528,393,245)	(504,628,175)
MSCI KLD 400 Social	362,884,446	86,812,353	(7,133,219)	79,679,134
MSCI USA ESG Select	264,681,299	70,649,461	(3,238,598)	67,410,863
Cohen & Steers REIT	3,246,808,025	484,397,630	(166,631,412)	317,766,218

Management has analyzed tax laws and regulations and their application to the Funds as of April 30, 2015, inclusive of the open tax return years, and does not believe there are any uncertain tax positions that require recognition of a tax liability in the Funds' financial statements.

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7. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On January 18, 2013, a lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee by Laborers' Local 265 Pension Fund and Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 572 Pension Fund (the "Plaintiffs") against BFA, BTC, and the current members of the iShares Trust Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of iShares, Inc. (collectively, "Defendants") for alleged violations of, among other things, Sections 36(a) and 36(b) of the 1940 Act. The complaint purports to be brought derivatively on behalf of iShares Trust and iShares, Inc., as well as the following eight funds: iShares Russell Mid-Cap ETF; iShares MSCI EAFE ETF; iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF; iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF; iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF; iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF; iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF; and iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF. The complaint alleges, among other things, that BFA and BTC breached their fiduciary duties under the 1940 Act by charging allegedly excessive fees in connection with the provision of securities lending services to the above eight funds, that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties under the 1940 Act by approving those fee arrangements, and that the securities lending contracts are unenforceable under Section 47(b) of the 1940 Act. The Plaintiffs sought injunctive relief, rescission of the securities lending contracts, and monetary damages of an unspecified amount. The Defendants believe that the claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend themselves against the allegations in the lawsuit. The Court dismissed the complaint with prejudice on October 24, 2013. The Plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal on November 8, 2013. On February 13, 2014, the Plaintiffs filed an appeal brief with the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (the "Sixth Circuit"). Oral argument of the Plaintiffs' appeal was heard by the Sixth Circuit on July 30, 2014. On September 30, 2014, the Sixth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of the lawsuit. On December 29, 2014, the Plaintiffs filed a petition for a writ of certiorari asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their appeal of the Sixth Circuit's ruling. On March 2, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court denied the Plaintiffs' petition, which concluded the lawsuit.

8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Funds through the date the financial statements were available to be issued and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.