## 2017年3月期 決算短信(2016年4月1日~2017年3月31日)

Earnings Report for Fiscal Year ended March 2017 (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017)

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June 30th, 2017

コース・バーター i シェアーズ 米国リート・不動産株 ETF(ダウ・

ファイ ジョーンズ米国不動産)

上場取引所

東

コード番号 1590

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

管 理 会 社 ブラックロック・ファンド・アドバイザーズ

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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<sup>TM</sup> Index

Primary invested assets: Securities

Management co.: BlackRock Fund Advisors

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## I ファンドの運用状況

I Fund Management

- 1. 2017年3月期の運用状況(2016年4月1日~2017年3月31日)
- 1. Management Status for Year Ended March 2017 (from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017)

## (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											
		現金・預金・その他の資産合計(純資産)										
		(負債控防	徐後)									
		Primary Invested	l Assets	Cash/Deposits/O	ther Assets	Total (Net Assets)						
					lities)							
		金額	構成比	金額	構成比	金額	構成比					
		Amount	ratio	Amount	ratio	Amount	ratio					
		百万円	%	百万円	%	百万円	%					
		JPY mil.	%	JPY mil.	%	JPY mil.	%					
	2017年3月期	549, 301	107. 42	△37, 940	(7. 42)	511, 361	100. 00					
	FY ended March 2017	5 <del>4</del> 9, 501	107.42	∆37, 940	(7. 42)	311, 301	100.00					
	2016年3月期	E40 020	110 74	V E5 350	(10.74)	405 500	100.00					
	FY ended March 2016	548, 820	110. 74	△53, 230	(10. 74)	495, 589	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

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	前計算期間末	設定口数	交換口数	当計算期間末						
	発行済口数			発行済口数						
	No. of Issued Units	No. of Units Created	No. of Units Redeemed	No. of Issued Units at						
	at End of Previous			End of Calculation						
	Calculation Period			Period						
	(①)	(2)	(3)	(1+2-3)						
	千口	十口	千口	千口						
	'000 units	'000 units	'000 units	'000 units						
2017年3月期 FY ended March 2017	57, 350	210, 800	209, 450	58, 700						
2016年3月期 FY ended March 2016	65, 450	231, 600	239, 700	57, 350						

## (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

7) Net Asset Value of Trust Asset Foleign ETF										
	総資産	負債	純資産	1口当たり基準価額						
	Total Assets	Liabilities	Net Assets	Net Asset Value						
	(1)	(2)	(3(1-2))	per unit ((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						
2017年3月期 FY ended March 2017	551, 725	40, 363	511, 361	8, 711. 44						
2016年3月期 FY ended March 2016	551, 487	55, 897	495, 589	8, 641. 49						

## (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)

Trust Beneficiary Continues (3D1)										
前計算期間末		設定口数	交換口数	当計算期間末						
	<b>全人</b>			発行済口数						
No. of Issued Units		No. of Units Created	No. of Units Redeemed	No. of Issued Units at						
	at End of Previous			End of Calculation Period						
	Calculation Period									
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1+2-3)						
	千口	千口	千口	千口						
	'000 units	'000 units	'000 units	'000 units						
2017年3月期 FY ended March 2017	176. 500	17. 000	9. 732	183. 768						
<b>2016 年 3 月期</b> FY ended March 2016	145. 000	31. 500	0	176. 500						

## (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)

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2017年3月期	1 口当たり分配金	2016年3月期	1口当たり分配金					
FY ended March 2017	Dividend per unit	FY ended March 2016	Dividend per unit					
<b>※</b> 1	円	<b>※</b> 1	円					
	JPY		JPY					
2016年6月23日 June 23, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10%: 63 税率(Tax Rate)30%: 49	<b>2015年6月26日</b> June 26, 2015	55					
2016年9月28日 September 28, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10%: 63 税率(Tax Rate)30%: 49	2015年9月25日 September 25, 2015	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10%: 70 税率(Tax Rate)30%: 54					
2016年12月23日 December 23, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10%:110 税率(Tax Rate)30%:85	2015年12月29日 December 29, 2015	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10%: 100 税率(Tax Rate)30%: 77					
2017年3月28日 March 28, 2017	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10%: 72 税率(Tax Rate)30%: 56	2016年3月28日 March 28, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10%: 86 税率(Tax Rate)30%: 66					

- ※1 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。
- $\frak{1}\$ The record dates for distributions corresponding to the relevant period are indicated.
- ※21 口あたり分配金単価(外国源泉税控除後)は、適用される米国源泉税率毎に算出されています。上記以外の税率

## についての記載は省略しております。

- \*2 These amounts of dividend per unit are shown together with, and after the application of, the respective applicable U.S. withholding tax rates. Except to the extent given above, the information concerning the tax rates is omitted.
- (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=110.96 円の換算率(2017 年 5 月 31 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 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ 110.96}\$ (the telegraphic transfer middle exchange rate vis-à-vis customers quoted by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. on May 31, 2017).

## 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. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges ETF | IAI | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Healthcare Providers ETF | IHF | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Home Construction ETF | ITB | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Insurance ETF | IAK | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Medical Devices ETF | IHI | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production ETF | IEO | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Oil Equipment & Services ETF | IEZ | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Pharmaceuticals ETF | IHE | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF | IYR | NYSE Arca
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# Statements of Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

iSHARES® TRUST

March 31, 2017

	iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF	iShares U.S. Regional Banks ETF	iShares U.S. Telecommunications ETF
ASSETS			
Investments, at cost:			
Unaffiliated	\$4,974,547,306	\$641,087,206	\$ 565,507,256
Affiliated (Note 2)	359,807,003	79,941,123	106,063,912
Total cost of investments	\$5,334,354,309	\$721,028,329	\$ 671,571,168
Investments in securities, at fair value (including securities on loan <sup>a</sup> ) (Note 1):			
Unaffiliated	\$4,590,549,908	\$663,280,423	\$ 509,579,946
Affiliated (Note 2)	359,899,240	85,468,301	83,100,792
Total fair value of investments	4,950,449,148	748,748,724	592,680,738
Cash	2,271,240	132,659	_
Receivables:			
Due from custodian (Note 4)	24,417	74,707	_
Dividends and interest	19,545,659	1,350,851	592,186
Total Assets	4,972,290,464	750,306,941	593,272,924
LIABILITIES			
Payables:			
Investment securities purchased	24,417	753,627	106,053
Collateral for securities on loan (Note 1)	359,792,013	1,312,677	72,516,457
Capital shares redeemed	2,284,001	_	682,478
Investment advisory fees (Note 2)	1,667,944	283,603	199,876
Total Liabilities	363,768,375	2,349,907	73,504,864
NET ASSETS	\$4,608,522,089	<u>\$747,957,034</u>	\$ 519,768,060
Net assets consist of:			
Paid-in capital	\$5,038,656,506	\$750,233,241	\$ 799,162,575
Undistributed net investment income	_	837,493	_
Accumulated net realized loss	(46,229,256)	(30,834,095)	(200,504,085)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(383,905,161)	27,720,395	(78,890,430)
NET ASSETS	\$4,608,522,089	\$747,957,034	\$ 519,768,060
Shares outstanding <sup>b</sup>	58,700,000	16,700,000	16,050,000
Net asset value per share	\$ 78.51	\$ 44.79	\$ 32.38

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}$  Securities on loan with values of \$353,472,189, \$1,271,171 and \$69,085,202, respectively. See Note 1.  $^{\rm b}$  No par value, unlimited number of shares authorized.

See notes to financial statements.

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# Statements of Operations (Continued)

iSHARES® TRUST

Year ended March 31, 2017

	iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF	iShares U.S. Regional Banks ETF	iShares U.S. Telecommunications ETF
NET INVESTMENT INCOME			
Dividends — unaffiliated <sup>a</sup>	\$ 140,738,782	\$ 9,164,376	\$ 12,769,391
Dividends — affiliated (Note 2)	16,215	1,014,320	2,497
Securities lending income — affiliated — net (Note 2)	1,047,877	12,426	2,319,829
Total investment income	141,802,874	10,191,122	15,091,717
EXPENSES			
Investment advisory fees (Note 2)	19,498,607	2,012,427	2,710,372
Total expenses	19,498,607	2,012,427	2,710,372
Net investment income	122,304,267	8,178,695	12,381,345
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)			
Net realized gain (loss) from:			
Investments — unaffiliated	(157,929,154)	(1,626,449)	(18,241,477)
Investments — affiliated (Note 2)	14,991	(255,853)	(3,297,274)
In-kind redemptions — unaffiliated	302,276,879	30,923,936	93,929,817
In-kind redemptions — affiliated (Note 2)	_	3,777,249	(2,680,340)
Realized gain distributions from affiliated funds	119	17	28
Net realized gain	144,362,835	32,818,900	69,710,754
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(104,336,258)	80,922,975	(48,851,291)
Net realized and unrealized gain	40,026,577	113,741,875	20,859,463
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 162,330,844	\$121,920,570	\$ 33,240,808

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Net of foreign withholding tax of \$ —, \$8,157 and \$ —, respectively.

See notes to financial statements.

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# Statements of Changes in Net Assets (Continued)

iSHARES® TRUST

	iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF						
	Year ended March 31, 2017	Period from May 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 <sup>a</sup>	Year ended April 30, 2015				
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS							
OPERATIONS:							
Net investment income Net realized gain Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	\$ 122,304,267 144,362,835 (104,336,258)	\$ 109,014,079 427,424 186,505,072	\$ 137,033,417 777,665,156 (310,943,554)				
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	162,330,844	295,946,575	603,755,019				
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS: From net investment income From net realized gain	(182,863,277)	(150,743,219) (34,165,146)	(177,990,317) (10,391,973)				
Total distributions to shareholders	(182,863,277)	(184,908,365)	(188,382,290)				
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS: Proceeds from shares sold Cost of shares redeemed	16,590,501,935 (16,427,827,097)	17,077,452,277 (17,659,606,099)	25,380,070,070 (25,405,340,051)				
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital share transactions	162,674,838	(582,153,822)	(25,269,981)				
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	142,142,405	(471,115,612)	390,102,748				
NET ASSETS Beginning of period End of period	4,466,379,684 \$ 4,608,522,089	4,937,495,296 \$ 4,466,379,684	4,547,392,548 \$ 4,937,495,296				
SHARES ISSUED AND REDEEMED Shares sold	210,800,000	231,600,000	338,000,000				
Shares redeemed	(209,450,000)	(239,700,000)	(337,750,000)				
Net increase (decrease) in shares outstanding	1,350,000	(8,100,000)	250,000				

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}\,$  The Fund's fiscal year-end was changed from April 30 to March 31.

See notes to financial statements.

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# Financial Highlights (Continued)

## iSHARES® TRUST

(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

	iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF											
		ear ended . 31, 2017	Ма	eriod from by 1, 2015 to 31, 2016 <sup>a</sup>		Year ended or. 30, 2015		ear ended : 30, 2014		ear ended . 30, 2013		ear ended 30, 2012
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$	77.88	\$	75.44	\$	69.75	\$	73.45	\$	63.90	\$	62.15
Income from investment operations:												
Net investment income <sup>b</sup>		2.19		1.84		1.92		2.03		2.07		1.81
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) <sup>c</sup>		1.67		3.79		6.47		(3.16)		9.93		2.15
Total from investment operations		3.86		5.63	_	8.39		(1.13)		12.00		3.96
Less distributions from:												
Net investment income		(3.23)		(2.60)		(2.55)		(2.49)		(2.45)		(2.21)
Net realized gain				(0.59)		(0.15)		(0.08)				
Total distributions		(3.23)		(3.19)		(2.70)		(2.57)		(2.45)		(2.21)
Net asset value, end of period	\$	78.51	\$	77.88	\$	75.44	\$	69.75	\$	73.45	\$	63.90
Total return	_	5.03%	_	7.77%	od	12.14%	_	(1.23)%	% <u></u>	19.35%		6.84%
Ratios/Supplemental data:												
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$4,	608,522	\$4,4	466,380	\$4	,937,495	\$4,	547,393	\$5,	769,209	\$3,9	926,945
Ratio of expenses to average net assets <sup>e</sup>		0.44%		0.44%	)	0.43%		0.45%	)	0.46%		0.47%
Ratio of net investment income to average												
net assets <sup>e</sup>		2.77%		2.72%		2.55%		3.04%		3.16%		3.11%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>f</sup>		18%		13%	d	21%		27%	)	16%		14%

 $_{\cdot}^{\rm a}$  The Fund's fiscal year-end was changed from April 30 to March 31.

See notes to financial statements.

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b Based on average shares outstanding throughout each period.

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.

d Not annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Annualized for periods of less than one year.

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

## Notes to Financial Statements

#### iSHARES® TRUST

iShares Trust (the "Trust") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an openend 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"):

	Diversification		Diversification
iShares ETF	Classification	iShares ETF	Classification
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	Non-diversified	U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	Non-diversified
U.S. Broker-Dealers Securities Exchanges	Non-diversified	U.S. Oil Equipment & Services	Non-diversified
U.S. Healthcare Providers	Non-diversified	U.S. Pharmaceuticals	Non-diversified
U.S. Home Construction	Non-diversified	U.S. Real Estate	Diversified
U.S. Insurance	Non-diversified	U.S. Regional Banks	Non-diversified
U.S. Medical Devices	Non-diversified	U.S. Telecommunications	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 each Fund in the preparation of its 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 (including money market 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 by the Global Valuation Committee, in accordance with policies approved by the Board. The fair valuation approaches that may be utilized by the Global Valuation Committee to determine fair value include market approach, income approach and the cost approach. The valuation techniques used under these approaches take into consideration factors that 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 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 based on the best information available in the circumstances, to the
  extent observable inputs are not available, including the Global Valuation Committee's assumptions used in determining the
  fair value of investments.

The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). Accordingly, the degree of judgement exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the fair value hierarchy classification is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The fair value hierarchy for each Fund's investments is included in its schedule of investments.

Changes in valuation techniques may result in transfers in or out of an assigned level within the fair value 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. The categorization of values determined for financial instruments are based on the pricing transparency of the financial instruments and are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities.

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### 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 authorities as of March 31, 2017 are reflected in tax reclaims 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.

U.S. real estate investment trusts (REITs) determine the tax character of their distributions annually and may characterize a portion of their distributions as a return of capital or capital gain. U.S. REIT distributions are initially recorded as dividend income on ex-dividend date and then re-designated as return of capital and/or capital gain distributions at the end of the reporting period based on information provided by the REIT or management's estimates of such re-designations when actual information has not yet been reported.

#### 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 an approved 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. Any additional required collateral is delivered to the Funds and any excess collateral is returned by 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 but does not receive interest income on securities received as collateral. 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.

On October 11, 2016, BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock") implemented changes required by amendments to Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act, which governs the operations of U.S. money market funds. The Funds may be exposed to additional risks when reinvesting the cash collateral in money market funds that do not seek to maintain a stable NAV per share of \$1.00 and which may be subject to redemption gates or liquidity fees under certain circumstances.

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 March 31, 2017, any securities on loan were collateralized by cash and/or U.S. government obligations. Cash collateral received was invested in money market funds managed by BFA and is disclosed in the schedules of investments. Any non-cash collateral received cannot be sold, re-invested or pledged by the Fund, except in the event of borrower default. The securities on loan for each Fund are also disclosed in its schedule of investments.

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The total value of any securities on loan as of March 31, 2017 and the total value of the related cash 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. 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.

The following table is a summary of securities lending agreements which are subject to offset under an MSLA as of March 31, 2017:

iShares ETF	٨	Market Value of	Ca	ash Collateral	Net
and Counterparty	Sec	urities on Loan		Received <sup>a</sup>	Amount <sup>b</sup>
U.S. Aerospace & Defense					
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	3,149,975	\$	3,149,975	\$ _
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		2,478,286		2,478,286	_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		22,810,543		22,810,543	_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		6,034,653		6,034,653	_
Goldman Sachs & Co.		14,511,337		14,511,337	_
Jefferies LLC		116,953		116,953	_
JPMorgan Securities LLC		9,701,385		9,701,385	_
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		427,588		427,588	_
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		14,606,831		14,606,831	_
Nomura Securities International Inc.		8,409		8,409	_
State Street Bank & Trust Company		3,011,730		3,011,730	_
UBS AG		1,625,028		1,625,028	_
UBS Securities LLC		2,634,007		2,634,007	_
Wells Fargo Securities LLC		34,185		34,185	 
	\$	81,150,910	\$	81,150,910	\$ _
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges					
JPMorgan Securities LLC	\$	405,758	\$	405,758	\$ _
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		2,392		2,392	_
Nomura Securities International Inc.		40,152		40,152	_
UBS Securities LLC		4,485		4,485	_
	\$	452,787	\$	452,787	\$ _

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iShares ETF	Market Value of		Cá	ash Collateral	Net
and Counterparty	Seci	urities on Loan		Received <sup>a</sup>	Amount <sup>b</sup>
U.S. Healthcare Providers					
BNP Paribas New York Branch	\$	1,301,809	\$	1,301,809	\$ _
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		773,131		773,131	_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		2,342,350		2,342,350	_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		2,519,208		2,519,208	_
Goldman Sachs & Co.		19,746,394		19,746,394	
JPMorgan Securities LLC		5,031,110		5,031,110	_
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		1,263,830		1,263,830	_
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		2,359,009		2,359,009	_
National Financial Services LLC		360,360		360,360	_
State Street Bank & Trust Company		2,133,261		2,133,261	_
UBS Securities LLC		4,170,358		4,170,358	
Wells Fargo Securities LLC		218,000		218,000	_
	\$	42,218,820	\$	42,218,820	\$
U.S. Home Construction					
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	267,821	\$	267,821	\$ _
BNP Paribas New York Branch		226,974		226,974	_
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage Inc.		800,276		800,276	_
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		729,565		729,565	_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		2,764,717		2,764,717	_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		3,871,480		3,734,991	(136,489)
Goldman Sachs & Co.		2,838,010		2,809,931	(28,079)
Jefferies LLC		117,875		117,875	_
JPMorgan Securities LLC		36,485,422		36,485,422	_
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		1,734,824		1,710,035	(24,789)
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		10,650,109		10,650,109	_
National Financial Services LLC		304,150		304,150	_
Nomura Securities International Inc.		6,969		6,969	_
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.		47,000		47,000	_
State Street Bank & Trust Company		2,407,156		2,335,311	(71,845)
UBS AG		2,226,086		2,226,086	_
UBS Securities LLC		1,155,000		1,155,000	 
	\$	66,633,434	\$	66,372,232	\$ (261,202)
U.S. Insurance					
JPMorgan Securities LLC	\$	14,399	\$	14,399	\$ 

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iShares ETF	Λ	larket Value of	Ca	ash Collateral		Net
and Counterparty	Sec	urities on Loan		Received <sup>a</sup>		Amount <sup>b</sup>
U.S. Medical Devices						
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage Inc.	\$	4,737,750	\$	4,737,750	\$	_
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International Ltd.		6,446,156		6,446,156		_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		1,945,341		1,945,341		_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		1,339,147		1,339,147		_
Goldman Sachs & Co.		3,321,266		3,321,266		_
JPMorgan Securities LLC		3,277,684		3,277,684		_
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		4,476,652		4,476,652		_
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		15,961,075		15,961,075		_
National Financial Services LLC		110,200		110,200		_
State Street Bank & Trust Company		7,511,992		7,511,992		_
UBS Securities LLC		4,489,847		4,489,847		_
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association		5,394,662		5,394,662		_
Wells Fargo Securities LLC		315,975		315,975	_	
	\$	59,327,747	\$	59,327,747	\$	
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production						
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	4,535	\$	4,535	\$	_
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage Inc.		2,407,396		2,407,396		_
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		276,759		276,759		_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		851,005		851,005		
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		5,169,366		5,169,366		_
HSBC Bank PLC		450,064		450,064		
JPMorgan Securities LLC		1,655,696		1,655,696		_
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		1,806,742		1,805,475		(1,267)
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		757,202		757,202		_
Nomura Securities International Inc.		193,488		193,488		_
UBS Securities LLC		71,097		71,097		_
	\$	13,643,350	\$	13,642,083	\$	(1,267)
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services		_				
BNP Paribas New York Branch	\$	67,500	\$	67,500	\$	
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage Inc.		648,998		648,998		_
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		1,757,984		1,757,984		
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		8,612,353		8,612,353		_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		554,727		551,175		(3,552)
Goldman Sachs & Co.		4,558,761		4,558,761		_
JPMorgan Securities LLC		4,231,932		4,231,932		_
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		447,181		447,181		_
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.		102,060		102,060		_
State Street Bank & Trust Company		2,022		2,013		(9)
UBS AG		190	_	190	_	
	\$	20,983,708	\$	20,980,147	\$	(3,561)

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iShares ETF	٨	Market Value of	Ca	ash Collateral		Net
and Counterparty	Sec	urities on Loan		Received <sup>a</sup>		Amount <sup>b</sup>
U.S. Pharmaceuticals						
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	976,685	\$	976,685	\$	_
BNP Paribas New York Branch		49,734		49,734		_
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage Inc.		71,795		71,795		_
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International Ltd.		2,968,907		2,968,907		_
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		7,000,552		7,000,552		_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		12,493,616		12,493,616		_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		10,870,122		10,870,122		_
Goldman Sachs & Co.		5,834,967		5,834,967		_
Jefferies LLC		710,259		710,259		_
JPMorgan Securities LLC		15,203,836		15,203,836		_
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		11,018,718		11,018,718		_
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		3,271,960		3,271,960		_
National Financial Services LLC		808,091		808,091		_
Nomura Securities International Inc.		67,580		67,580		_
RBC Capital Markets LLC		3,223,333		3,223,333		_
State Street Bank & Trust Company		14,521,528		14,521,528		_
UBS AG		1,410,562		1,410,562		_
UBS Securities LLC		6,530,285		6,530,285		_
Wells Fargo Securities LLC		4,930,604		4,930,604		_
	\$	101,963,134	\$	101,963,134	\$	_
U.S. Real Estate	-		_			
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	18,942,366	\$	18,942,366	\$	_
BNP Paribas New York Branch	Ψ	468,742	Ψ	468,742	Ψ	_
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage Inc.		913,346		913,346		_
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		6,184,712		6,184,712		_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		7,749,278		7,749,278		_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		72,771,054		72,771,054		_
Goldman Sachs & Co.		31,241,316		31,241,316		_
HSBC Bank PLC		13,809,900		13,809,900		_
JPMorgan Securities LLC		25,312,245		25,312,245		
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		49,507,972		49,507,972		_
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		105,459,857		105,459,857		_
National Financial Services LLC		567,109		567,109		_
Nomura Securities International Inc.		772,003		772,003		_
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.		4,697,946		4,697,946		_
State Street Bank & Trust Company		9,296,427		9,296,427		_
UBS Securities LLC		5,777,916		5,777,916		_
SES SOSMITHOS EES	\$	353,472,189	\$	353,472,189	\$	

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iShares ETF	Market Value of		Ca	ash Collateral	Net
and Counterparty	Sec	urities on Loan	Received <sup>a</sup>		Amount <sup>b</sup>
U.S. Regional Banks					
Goldman Sachs & Co.	\$	42,977	\$	42,977	\$ _
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		1,228,194	_	1,228,194	 
	\$	1,271,171	\$	1,271,171	\$ 
U.S. Telecommunications					
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	1,325,157	\$	1,325,157	\$ _
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International Ltd.		8,958,446		8,958,446	_
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		1,669,386		1,669,386	_
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC		13,831,788		13,831,788	_
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.		6,615,677		6,615,677	_
Goldman Sachs & Co.		3,447,453		3,447,453	_
HSBC Bank PLC		218,489		218,489	_
Jefferies LLC		507,590		507,590	_
JPMorgan Securities LLC		17,942,630		17,942,630	_
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith		3,100,312		3,100,312	_
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (U.S. Equity Securities Lending)		8,211,894		8,211,894	_
Nomura Securities International Inc.		14,160		14,160	_
UBS Securities LLC		610,454		610,454	_
Wells Fargo Securities LLC		2,631,766	_	2,631,766	
	\$	69,085,202	\$	69,085,202	\$

a Collateral received in excess of the market value of securities on loan is not presented in this table. The total cash collateral received by each Fund is disclosed in the Fund's statement of assets and liabilities.

## 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 (i) interest and taxes; (ii) brokerage commissions and other expenses connected with the execution of portfolio transactions; (iii) distribution fees; (iv) the advisory fee payable to BFA; and (v) litigation expenses and any extraordinary expenses (in each case as determined by a majority of the independent Trustees).

For its investment advisory services to each Fund, BFA is entitled to an annual investment advisory fee, accrued daily and paid monthly by the Funds, 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:

Investment Advisory Fee	Aggregate Average Daily Net Assets
0.48%	First \$10 billion
0.43	Over \$10 billion, up to and including \$20 billion
0.38	Over \$20 billion, up to and including \$30 billion
0.34	Over \$30 billion, up to and including \$40 billion
0.33	Over \$40 billion, up to and including \$50 billion
0.31	Over \$50 billion

Additional collateral is delivered to the Funds on the next business day in accordance with the MSLA. The net amount would be subject to the borrower default indemnity in the event of default by a counterparty.

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The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") 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.

For the year ended March 31, 2017, the total of securities lending agent services and collateral investment fees paid were as follows:

-	Fees Paid		Fees Paid
iShares ETF	to BTC	iShares ETF	to BTC
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	\$ 261,996	U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	\$ 28,219
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges	7,569	U.S. Oil Equipment & Services	67,994
U.S. Healthcare Providers	157,122	U.S. Pharmaceuticals	371,885
U.S. Home Construction	224,644	U.S. Real Estate	530,195
U.S. Insurance	81	U.S. Regional Banks	5,381
U.S. Medical Devices	104,792	U.S. Telecommunications	935,759

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 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.

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For the year ended March 31, 2017, transactions executed by the Funds pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act were as follows:

iShares ETF	Purchases	Sales
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	\$27,038,825	\$61,542,675
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges	5,406,327	5,122,965
U.S. Healthcare Providers	23,518,507	32,643,325
U.S. Home Construction	30,946,666	30,595,774
U.S. Insurance	1,946,320	3,275,506
U.S. Medical Devices	33,520,199	73,543,078
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	1,330,178	5,772,657
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services	15,849,092	30,433,123
U.S. Pharmaceuticals	32,615,665	56,921,638
U.S. Real Estate	8,994,430	40,085,284
U.S. Regional Banks	5,252,259	3,332,389
U.S. Telecommunications	34,349,128	38,696,466

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 "Dividends – 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.

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 March 31, 2017 were as follows:

iShares ETF	Purchases	Sales
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	\$190,394,468	\$185,448,030
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges	23,186,736	26,553,854
U.S. Healthcare Providers	73,915,747	76,089,319
U.S. Home Construction	162,798,531	162,491,738
U.S. Insurance	18,505,057	16,040,166
U.S. Medical Devices	243,340,600	223,479,430
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	29,501,397	29,976,056
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services	68,493,588	66,089,737
U.S. Pharmaceuticals	212,362,878	212,852,237
U.S. Real Estate	784,052,468	800,067,203
U.S. Regional Banks	27,969,538	28,375,864
U.S. Telecommunications	302,575,447	286,057,077

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In-kind transactions (see Note 4) for the year ended March 31, 2017 were as follows:

	In-kind	In-kind
iShares ETF	Purchases	Sales
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	\$ 1,968,040,051	\$ 299,855,162
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges	143,029,733	115,374,095
U.S. Healthcare Providers	404,925,262	597,709,923
U.S. Home Construction	1,536,237,000	1,790,208,740
U.S. Insurance	75,607,777	31,068,685
U.S. Medical Devices	1,086,024,173	1,105,609,878
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	165,238,315	172,696,161
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services	41,225,186	59,674,304
U.S. Pharmaceuticals	331,822,510	314,893,289
U.S. Real Estate	16,149,523,195	15,967,925,090
U.S. Regional Banks	614,229,473	388,159,175
U.S. Telecommunications	1,147,739,620	1,205,348,461

### 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.

From time to time, settlement of securities related to in-kind contributions or in-kind redemptions may be delayed. In such cases, securities related to in-kind contributions are reflected as "Due from custodian" and securities related to in-kind redemptions are reflected as "Securities related to in-kind transactions" in the statements of assets and liabilities.

### 5. PRINCIPAL RISKS

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.

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### **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 a fund may suffer through holding market positions in the face of market movements. A fund is exposed to market risk by its investment in equity, fixed income and/or financial derivative instruments or by its investment in underlying funds. The fair value of securities held by a fund 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 a 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.

When a fund concentrates its investments in securities within a single or limited number of market sectors, it assumes the risk that economic, political and social conditions affecting those market sectors may have a significant impact on its investment performance.

### **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 a fund to issuer and counterparty credit risks, consist principally of financial instruments and receivables due from counterparties. The extent of a 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 March 31, 2017, attributable to the characterization of corporate actions, passive foreign investment companies, the expiration of capital loss

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carryforwards, distributions paid in excess of taxable income and realized gains (losses) from in-kind redemptions, were reclassified to the following accounts:

		Undistributed Net Investment Income/Distributions	Undistributed Net Realized
	Paid-in	in Excess of Net	Gain/Accumulated
iShares ETF	Capital	Investment Income	Net Realized Loss
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	\$ 39,871,642	\$ 611,224	\$ (40,482,866)
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges	(15,739,265)	(1,173)	15,740,438
U.S. Healthcare Providers	15,323,921	20	(15,323,941)
U.S. Home Construction	(7,071,884)	83,691	6,988,193
U.S. Insurance	(3,660,646)	13	3,660,633
U.S. Medical Devices	170,963,090	65	(170,963,155)
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	(21,866,999)	372,054	21,494,945
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services	(5,003,762)	143,459	4,860,303
U.S. Pharmaceuticals	29,709,912	242,558	(29,952,470)
U.S. Real Estate	98,729,483	60,559,010	(159,288,493)
U.S. Regional Banks	16,536,517	16	(16,536,533)
U.S. Telecommunications	29,768,592	2,720,820	(32,489,412)

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended March 31, 2017, the period ended March, 31, 2016 and the year ended April 30, 2015 was as follows:

Observe ETE	Year ended	Period ended March 31, 2016	Year ended
iShares ETF	March 31, 2017		April 30, 2015
U.S. Aerospace & Defense			
Ordinary income	\$ 16,364,471	\$ 5,285,595	\$ 6,856,073
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges			
Ordinary income	\$ 2,445,716	\$ 3,991,778	\$ 2,734,450
U.S. Healthcare Providers			
Ordinary income	\$ 1,428,033	\$ 1,650,108	\$ 1,120,709
U.S. Home Construction			
Ordinary income	\$ 5,464,226	\$ 7,346,056	\$ 6,271,832
U.S. Insurance			
Ordinary income	\$ 2,068,942	\$ 2,116,844	\$ 2,060,135
U.S. Medical Devices			
Ordinary income	\$ 6,450,708	\$ 9,457,464	\$ 5,290,800
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production			
Ordinary income	\$ 3,834,069	\$ 6,780,931	\$ 6,133,730

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	Year ended	Period ended	Year ended
iShares ETF	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016	April 30, 2015
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services			
Ordinary income	\$ 2,072,483	\$ 5,049,972	\$ 7,180,947
U.S. Pharmaceuticals			
Ordinary income	\$ 6,054,440	\$ 9,007,065	\$ 8,914,234
Long-term capital gain	<u></u>	8,881,964	970,287
	\$ 6,054,440	\$ 17,889,029	\$ 9,884,521
U.S. Real Estate			
Ordinary income	\$ 182,863,277	\$ 150,743,219	\$177,990,317
Long-term capital gain	<u>_</u>	34,165,146	10,391,973
	<u>\$ 182,863,277</u>	\$ 184,908,365	\$188,382,290
U.S. Regional Banks			
Ordinary income	\$ 7,963,412	\$ 10,060,282	\$ 9,315,181
U.S. Telecommunications			
Ordinary income	\$ 15,102,165	\$ 10,401,869	\$ 12,667,567

## As of March 31, 2017, the tax components of accumulated net earnings (losses) were as follows:

	Und	distributed Ordinary	Capital Loss	Net Unrealized	
iShares ETF		Income	Carryforwards	Gains (Losses) a	Total
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	\$	_	\$ (29,653,924)	\$ 188,987,262	\$ 159,333,338
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges		52,126	(39,728,896)	6,073,257	(33,603,513)
U.S. Healthcare Providers		65,637	(27,551,782)	(30,311,351)	(57,797,496)
U.S. Home Construction		_	(169,318,055)	19,217,625	(150,100,430)
U.S. Insurance		92,146	(5,438,624)	17,033,401	11,686,923
U.S. Medical Devices		199,718	(12,279,301)	68,029,830	55,950,247
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production		_	(68,071,256)	(119,453,220)	(187,524,476)
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services		_	(167,968,169)	(109,227,514)	(277, 195, 683)
U.S. Pharmaceuticals		_	(33,503,987)	(95,150,768)	(128,654,755)
U.S. Real Estate		_	(4,210,689)	(425,923,728)	(430,134,417)
U.S. Regional Banks		837,493	(29,524,013)	26,410,313	(2,276,207)
U.S. Telecommunications		_	(182,520,068)	(96,874,447)	(279,394,515)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized gains (losses) was attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and the timing and recognition of partnership income.

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As of March 31, 2017, the Funds had capital loss carryforwards available to offset future realized capital gains through the indicated expiration dates as follows:

iShares ETF	Non- Expiring <sup>a</sup>	Expiring 2018	Expiring 2019	Total
U.S. Aerospace & Defense	\$ 9,931,981	\$ 18,274,518	\$ 1,447,425	\$ 29,653,924
U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges	19,676,652	17,785,438	2,266,806	39,728,896
U.S. Healthcare Providers	22,301,316	5,250,466	· —	27,551,782
U.S. Home Construction	14,577,492	146,896,099	7,844,464	169,318,055
U.S. Insurance	671,826	2,305,872	2,460,926	5,438,624
U.S. Medical Devices	_	5,371,460	6,907,841	12,279,301
U.S. Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	51,063,414	9,040,459	7,967,383	68,071,256
U.S. Oil Equipment & Services	86,407,173	57,694,132	23,866,864	167,968,169
U.S. Pharmaceuticals	33,503,987	_	_	33,503,987
U.S. Real Estate	4,210,689	_	_	4,210,689
U.S. Regional Banks	9,286,131	19,012,829	1,225,053	29,524,013
U.S. Telecommunications	41,892,348	109,926,562	30,701,158	182,520,068

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Must be utilized prior to losses subject to expiration.

For the year ended March 31, 2017, the following Funds utilized their capital loss carryforwards as follows:

iShares ETF	Utilized
U.S. Medical Devices	\$6,299,117
U.S. Telecommunications	5,157,970

The Funds may own shares in certain foreign investment entities, referred to, under U.S. tax law, as "passive foreign investment companies." The Funds may elect to mark-to-market annually the shares of each passive foreign investment company and would be required to distribute to shareholders any such marked-to-market gains.

Management has analyzed tax laws and regulations and their application to the Funds as of March 31, 2017, 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.

## 7. 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.