

## 2017年4月期 決算短信 (2016年5月1日~2017年4月30日)

Earnings Report for Fiscal Year ended April 2017 (May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017)

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ファンド名	i シェアーズ 米国高配当株 ETF (モーニングスター配当フォーカス)	上場取引所	東
コード番号	1589	売買単位	1口
連動対象指標	モーニングスター配当フォーカス指数		
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		
URL	<a href="http://www.blackrock.com/jp/products/269026/">http://www.blackrock.com/jp/products/269026/</a>		
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Fund name:	iShares Core High Dividend ETF-JDR	Listed Exchange:	TSE
Code:	1589	Trading unit:	1 unit
Underlying indicator:	Morningstar® Dividend Yield Focus Index <sup>SM</sup>		
Primary invested assets:	Securities		
Management co.:	BlackRock Fund Advisors		
URL:	<a href="http://www.blackrock.com/jp/products/269026/">http://www.blackrock.com/jp/products/269026/</a>		
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### I ファンドの運用状況

#### I Fund Management

##### 1. 2017年4月期の運用状況 (2016年5月1日~2017年4月30日)

##### 1. Management Status for Year Ended April 2017 (from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 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)

	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
	百万円 JPY mil.	% %	百万円 JPY mil.	% %	百万円 JPY mil.	% %
2017年4月期 FY ended April 2017	742,828	100.00	31 (0.00)		742,860	100.00
2016年4月期 FY ended April 2016	567,881	99.87	737 0.13		568,618	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
2017年4月期 FY ended April 2017	64,400	27,050	11,800	79,650
2016年4月期 FY ended April 2016	62,950	18,050	16,600	64,400

## (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)/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4月期 FY ended April 2017	744,563	1,703	742,860	9,326.55
2016年4月期 FY ended April 2016	568,681	62	568,618	8,829.48

## (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
2017年4月期 FY ended April 2017	208.714	0	15.691	193.023
2016年4月期 FY ended April 2016	183.714	30	5	208.714

## (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)

2017年4月期 FY ended April 2017	1口当たり分配金 Dividend per unit	2016年4月期 FY ended April 2016	1口当たり分配金 Dividend per unit
※1	円 JPY	※1	円 JPY
2016年6月23日 June 23, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10% : 60 税率(Tax Rate)30% : 46	2015年6月26日 June 26, 2015	61
2016年9月28日 September 28, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10% : 63 税率(Tax Rate)30% : 48	2015年9月25日 September 25, 2015	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10% : 76 税率(Tax Rate)30% : 59
2016年12月23日 December 23, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10% : 66 税率(Tax Rate)30% : 51	2015年12月29日 December 29, 2015	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10% : 74 税率(Tax Rate)30% : 57
2017年3月28日 March 28, 2017	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10% : 70 税率(Tax Rate)30% : 54	2016年3月28日 March 28, 2016	※2 税率(Tax Rate)10% : 64 税率(Tax Rate)30% : 49

※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。

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

※2 1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=112.00円の換算率(2017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 = ¥ 112.00 (the telegraphic transfer middle exchange rate vis-à-vis customers quoted by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. on June 30, 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 Core High Dividend ETF | HDV | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares International Select Dividend ETF | IDV | NYSE Arca
- ▶ iShares Select Dividend ETF | DVY | NYSE Arca

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# Statements of Assets and Liabilities

## iSHARES® TRUST

April 30, 2017

	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	iShares Core High Dividend ETF	iShares International Select Dividend ETF
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Investments, at cost:			
Unaffiliated	\$1,310,182,310	\$6,173,270,030	\$3,896,699,497
Affiliated (Note 2)	15,085,808	10,411,346	64,378,519
Total cost of investments	<u>\$1,325,268,118</u>	<u>\$6,183,681,376</u>	<u>\$3,961,078,016</u>
Investments in securities, at fair value (Note 1):			
Unaffiliated	\$1,415,097,057	\$6,621,984,867	\$3,931,060,059
Affiliated (Note 2)	16,377,913	10,411,346	55,579,987
Total fair value of investments	1,431,474,970	6,632,396,213	3,986,640,046
Foreign currency, at value <sup>a</sup>	—	—	14,952,585
Cash pledged to broker	106,400	384,600	—
Cash	26,800	—	—
Receivables:			
Dividends and interest	1,705,278	15,110,354	8,619,028
Capital shares sold	55,924	—	—
Tax reclaims	—	—	4,141,472
Foreign withholding tax claims (Note 8)	—	—	4,246,806
Total Assets	<u>1,433,369,372</u>	<u>6,647,891,167</u>	<u>4,018,599,937</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables:			
Investment securities purchased	3,275,518	14,747,232	6,237,070
Capital shares redeemed	—	9,800	—
Futures variation margin	5,880	21,280	—
Professional fees (Note 8)	—	—	42,468
Investment advisory fees (Note 2)	90,766	434,089	1,604,047
Total Liabilities	<u>3,372,164</u>	<u>15,212,401</u>	<u>7,883,585</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,429,997,208</u>	<u>\$6,632,678,766</u>	<u>\$4,010,716,352</u>
<b>Net assets consist of:</b>			
Paid-in capital	\$1,331,694,038	\$6,428,585,225	\$4,517,892,144
Undistributed net investment income	1,452,144	14,814,447	14,975,921
Accumulated net realized loss	(9,386,696)	(259,554,507)	(547,706,882)
Net unrealized appreciation	106,237,722	448,833,601	25,555,169
NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,429,997,208</u>	<u>\$6,632,678,766</u>	<u>\$4,010,716,352</u>
Shares outstanding <sup>b</sup>	<u>46,500,000</u>	<u>79,650,000</u>	<u>126,200,000</u>
Net asset value per share	<u>\$ 30.75</u>	<u>\$ 83.27</u>	<u>\$ 31.78</u>

<sup>a</sup> Cost of foreign currency: \$ —, \$ — and \$14,942,504, respectively.

<sup>b</sup> No par value, unlimited number of shares authorized.

See notes to financial statements.

# Statements of Operations

## iSHARES® TRUST

Year ended April 30, 2017

	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	iShares Core High Dividend ETF	iShares International Select Dividend ETF
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
Dividends — unaffiliated <sup>a</sup>	\$ 21,313,203	\$224,130,399	\$160,472,964
Dividends — affiliated (Note 2)	179,265	44,553	3,433,754
Interest — unaffiliated	228	2,650	—
Securities lending income — affiliated — net (Note 2)	109	445,499	157,363
Foreign withholding tax claims (Note 8)	—	—	4,246,806
Total investment income	<u>21,492,805</u>	<u>224,623,101</u>	<u>168,310,887</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Investment advisory fees (Note 2)	769,926	6,049,591	16,018,767
Professional fees (Note 8)	—	—	60,670
Total expenses	<u>769,926</u>	<u>6,049,591</u>	<u>16,079,437</u>
Net investment income	<u>20,722,879</u>	<u>218,573,510</u>	<u>152,231,450</u>
<b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)</b>			
Net realized gain (loss) from:			
Investments — unaffiliated	(2,873,904)	(55,597,215)	(35,364,179)
Investments — affiliated (Note 2)	(16,807)	—	(87,846)
In-kind redemptions — unaffiliated	45,444,640	141,663,327	1,440,282
In-kind redemptions — affiliated (Note 2)	284,861	—	9,749
Futures contracts	406,675	4,166,028	—
Foreign currency transactions	—	—	(1,213,750)
Realized gain distributions from affiliated funds	236	1,312	68
Net realized gain (loss)	<u>43,245,701</u>	<u>90,233,452</u>	<u>(35,215,676)</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on:			
Investments	80,087,371	207,528,639	269,071,990
Futures contracts	27,001	(182,256)	—
Translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	—	—	(132,309)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	<u>80,114,372</u>	<u>207,346,383</u>	<u>268,939,681</u>
Net realized and unrealized gain	<u>123,360,073</u>	<u>297,579,835</u>	<u>233,724,005</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>\$144,082,952</u>	<u>\$516,153,345</u>	<u>\$385,955,455</u>

<sup>a</sup> Net of foreign withholding tax of \$1,216, \$2,770 and \$12,910,605, respectively.

See notes to financial statements.

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

## iSHARES® TRUST

	<i>iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF</i>		<i>iShares Core High Dividend ETF</i>	
	Year ended April 30, 2017	Year ended April 30, 2016	Year ended April 30, 2017	Year ended April 30, 2016
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</b>				
<b>OPERATIONS:</b>				
Net investment income	\$ 20,722,879	\$ 7,219,351	\$ 218,573,510	\$ 159,956,308
Net realized gain (loss)	43,245,701	(9,021,104)	90,233,452	(61,720,674)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	80,114,372	23,408,511	207,346,383	165,199,596
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	<u>144,082,952</u>	<u>21,606,758</u>	<u>516,153,345</u>	<u>263,435,230</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:</b>				
From net investment income	<u>(19,794,874)</u>	<u>(6,924,753)</u>	<u>(210,133,528)</u>	<u>(167,183,051)</u>
Total distributions to shareholders	<u>(19,794,874)</u>	<u>(6,924,753)</u>	<u>(210,133,528)</u>	<u>(167,183,051)</u>
<b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:</b>				
Proceeds from shares sold	1,097,954,043	313,360,709	2,208,470,716	1,368,869,927
Cost of shares redeemed	<u>(269,200,028)</u>	<u>(19,714,275)</u>	<u>(958,764,601)</u>	<u>(1,246,387,730)</u>
Net increase in net assets from capital share transactions	<u>828,754,015</u>	<u>293,646,434</u>	<u>1,249,706,115</u>	<u>122,482,197</u>
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	953,042,093	308,328,439	1,555,725,932	218,734,376
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
Beginning of year	<u>476,955,115</u>	<u>168,626,676</u>	<u>5,076,952,834</u>	<u>4,858,218,458</u>
End of year	<u>\$1,429,997,208</u>	<u>\$476,955,115</u>	<u>\$6,632,678,766</u>	<u>\$ 5,076,952,834</u>
Undistributed net investment income included in net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 1,452,144</u>	<u>\$ 523,910</u>	<u>\$ 14,814,447</u>	<u>\$ 6,373,191</u>
<b>SHARES ISSUED AND REDEEMED</b>				
Shares sold	38,000,000	12,250,000	27,050,000	18,050,000
Shares redeemed	<u>(9,350,000)</u>	<u>(800,000)</u>	<u>(11,800,000)</u>	<u>(16,600,000)</u>
Net increase in shares outstanding	<u>28,650,000</u>	<u>11,450,000</u>	<u>15,250,000</u>	<u>1,450,000</u>

See notes to financial statements.



# Financial Highlights (Continued)

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(For a share outstanding throughout each period)

### iShares Core High Dividend ETF

	Year ended Apr. 30, 2017	Year ended Apr. 30, 2016	Year ended Apr. 30, 2015	Year ended Apr. 30, 2014	Year ended Apr. 30, 2013
<b>Net asset value, beginning of year</b>	\$ 78.83	\$ 77.18	\$ 73.80	\$ 68.58	\$ 57.95
<b>Income from investment operations:</b>					
Net investment income <sup>a</sup>	2.85	2.70	2.71	2.27	2.11
Net realized and unrealized gain <sup>b</sup>	4.34	1.79	3.27	5.21	10.63
Total from investment operations	7.19	4.49	5.98	7.48	12.74
<b>Less distributions from:</b>					
Net investment income	(2.75)	(2.84)	(2.60)	(2.26)	(2.11)
Total distributions	(2.75)	(2.84)	(2.60)	(2.26)	(2.11)
<b>Net asset value, end of year</b>	\$ 83.27	\$ 78.83	\$ 77.18	\$ 73.80	\$ 68.58
<b>Total return</b>	9.22%	6.12%	8.21%	11.20%	22.49%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental data:</b>					
Net assets, end of year (000s)	\$6,632,679	\$5,076,953	\$4,858,218	\$3,542,299	\$3,518,312
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	0.10%	0.12%	0.14%	0.40%	0.40%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	3.49%	3.63%	3.57%	3.29%	3.45%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>c</sup>	49%	74%	63%	47%	43%

<sup>a</sup> Based on average shares outstanding throughout each period.

<sup>b</sup> 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.

<sup>c</sup> 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

## *iSHARES® TRUST*

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”):

<u><i>iShares ETF</i></u>	<u><i>Diversification Classification</i></u>
Core Dividend Growth	Diversified
Core High Dividend	Non-diversified
International Select Dividend	Diversified
Select Dividend	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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- Futures contracts are valued at that day's last reported settlement price on the exchange where the contract is traded.

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

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transparency of the financial instruments and are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities.

### **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 April 30, 2017 are reflected in tax reclaims receivable. Upon notification from issuers, some of the dividend income received from a real estate investment trust may be re-designated and recorded as a reduction of cost of the related investment and/or reclassified to capital gains. 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.

### **FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION**

The accounting records of the Funds are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, as well as investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are translated into U.S. dollars using exchange rates deemed appropriate by the investment adviser. Purchases and sales of securities, income receipts and expense payments are translated into U.S. dollars on the respective dates of such transactions.

Each Fund does not isolate the effect of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates from the effect of fluctuations in the market prices of securities. Such fluctuations are reflected by the Funds as a component of realized and unrealized gains and losses from investments for financial reporting purposes.

### **FOREIGN TAXES**

The Funds may be subject to foreign taxes (a portion of which may be reclaimable) on income, stock dividends, capital gains on investments, or certain foreign currency transactions. All foreign taxes are recorded in accordance with the applicable foreign tax regulations and rates that exist in the foreign jurisdictions in which the Funds invest. These foreign taxes, if any, are paid by the Funds and are reflected in their statements of operations as follows: foreign taxes withheld at source are presented as a reduction of income, foreign taxes on securities lending income are presented as a reduction of securities lending income, foreign taxes on stock dividends are presented as "other foreign taxes", and foreign taxes on capital gains from sales of investments and foreign taxes on foreign currency transactions are included in their respective net realized gain (loss) categories. Foreign taxes payable or deferred as of April 30, 2017, if any, are disclosed in the Funds' statements of assets and liabilities.

### **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

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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 April 30, 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. The total value of any securities on loan as of April 30, 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.

## **RECENT ACCOUNTING STANDARD**

In October 2016, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) issued a new rule, Investment Company Reporting Modernization, that modernizes and enhances the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies. As part of these changes, the new rule amends Regulation S-X to require standardized, enhanced disclosures related to derivatives and updates to other disclosures in investment company financial statements. The compliance date for the amendments to Regulation S-X is August 1, 2017. Management is evaluating the impact, if any, of these changes on the Funds’ financial statements.

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### 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 of the iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF and iShares Core High Dividend ETF, BFA is entitled to an annual investment advisory fee of 0.08%, accrued daily and paid monthly by the Funds, based on the average daily net assets of each Fund. Prior to October 5, 2016, for its investment advisory services to each of these Funds, BFA was entitled to an annual investment advisory fee of 0.12% based on the average daily net assets of each Fund.

For its investment advisory services to the iShares International Select Dividend ETF, BFA is entitled to an annual investment advisory fee, accrued daily and paid monthly by the Fund, 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>
0.5000%	First \$12 billion
0.4750 <sup>a</sup>	Over \$12 billion, up to and including \$18 billion <sup>b</sup>
0.4513 <sup>a</sup>	Over \$18 billion, up to and including \$24 billion <sup>b</sup>
0.4287 <sup>a</sup>	Over \$24 billion <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> 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.

<sup>b</sup> Breakpoint level was added or amended effective July 1, 2016.

For its investment advisory services to the iShares Select Dividend ETF, BFA is entitled to an annual investment advisory fee, accrued daily and paid monthly by the Fund, 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>
0.4000%	First \$46 billion
0.3800 <sup>a</sup>	Over \$46 billion, up to and including \$81 billion
0.3610 <sup>a</sup>	Over \$81 billion, up to and including \$111 billion
0.3430 <sup>a</sup>	Over \$111 billion, up to and including \$141 billion
0.3259 <sup>a</sup>	Over \$141 billion

<sup>a</sup> 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 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.

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Pursuant to a securities lending agreement, the iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF, iShares Core High Dividend ETF and iShares Select Dividend ETF (the “Group 1 Funds”), retain 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.

Pursuant to a securities lending agreement, the iShares International Select Dividend ETF (the “Group 2 Fund”), retains 80% of securities lending income and the amount retained can never be less than 70% 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 Group 1 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. The Group 2 Fund will receive for the remainder of that calendar year 85% of securities lending income and the amount retained can never be less than 70% of the total of securities lending income plus the collateral investment fees.

For the year ended April 30, 2017, the total of securities lending agent services and collateral investment fees paid were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Fees Paid to BTC</i>
Core Dividend Growth	\$ 45
Core High Dividend	176,356
International Select Dividend	31,924
Select Dividend	1,113,065

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.

For the year ended April 30, 2017, transactions executed by the Funds pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Purchases</i>	<i>Sales</i>
Core High Dividend	\$282,641,757	\$1,069,029,421
International Select Dividend	7,224,664	1,366,701
Select Dividend	156,538,323	255,146,211

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.



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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, 2017 were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Purchases</i>	<i>Sales</i>
Core Dividend Growth	\$ 241,654,663	\$ 230,113,304
Core High Dividend	3,046,578,386	3,020,141,792
International Select Dividend	1,010,670,774	946,571,235
Select Dividend	3,216,241,233	3,157,793,736

In-kind transactions (see Note 4) for the year ended April 30, 2017 were as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>In-kind Purchases</i>	<i>In-kind Sales</i>
Core Dividend Growth	\$1,087,077,252	\$ 267,382,223
Core High Dividend	2,194,000,856	953,167,789
International Select Dividend	972,107,859	12,594,048
Select Dividend	2,301,859,919	1,535,254,775

### 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. FUTURES CONTRACTS

Futures contracts are purchased or sold to gain or manage exposure to changes in the value of commodities (commodity risk), interest rates (interest rate risk), foreign currencies (foreign currency risk) and/or equities (market risk). A futures contract is a standardized, exchange-traded agreement to buy or sell a financial instrument at a set price on a future date. Upon entering into a futures contract, a fund is required to pledge to the executing broker which holds segregated from its own assets, an amount of cash, U.S. government securities or other high-quality debt and equity securities equal to the minimum initial margin requirements of the exchange on which the contract is traded. Pursuant to the contract, the fund agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as margin variation



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and are recorded by the fund as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. When the contract is closed, the fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed. Losses may arise if the value of a futures contract decreases due to an unfavorable change in the market rates or values of the underlying instrument during the term of the contract or if the counterparty does not perform under the contract. The use of futures contracts also involves the risk of an imperfect correlation in the movements in the price of futures contracts and the assets underlying such contracts.

The following table shows the value of futures contracts held as of April 30, 2017 and the related locations in the statements of assets and liabilities, presented by risk exposure category:

Assets			
	<i>iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF</i>	<i>iShares Core High Dividend ETF</i>	<i>iShares Select Dividend ETF</i>
Equity contracts:			
Variation margin / Net assets consist of — net unrealized appreciation <sup>a</sup>	\$ 30,870	\$ 118,764	\$ 273,309

<sup>a</sup> Represents cumulative appreciation of futures contracts as reported in the schedules of investments. Only current day's variation margin is reported separately within the statements of assets and liabilities.

The following table shows the realized and unrealized gains (losses) on futures contracts held during the year ended April 30, 2017 and the related locations in the statements of operations, presented by risk exposure category:

	Net Realized Gain (Loss)		
	<i>iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF</i>	<i>iShares Core High Dividend ETF</i>	<i>iShares Select Dividend ETF</i>
Equity contracts:			
Futures contracts	\$ 406,675	\$ 4,166,028	\$ 6,253,739

	Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation		
	<i>iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF</i>	<i>iShares Core High Dividend ETF</i>	<i>iShares Select Dividend ETF</i>
Equity contracts:			
Futures contracts	\$ 27,001	\$ (182,256)	\$ (309,240)

The following table shows the average quarter-end balances of open futures contracts for the year ended April 30, 2017:

	<i>iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF</i>	<i>iShares Core High Dividend ETF</i>	<i>iShares Select Dividend ETF</i>
Average value of contracts purchased	\$ 1,694,062	\$ 13,945,730	\$ 30,955,462

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### 6. 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.

#### 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.

Investing in the securities of non-U.S. issuers involves certain considerations and risks not typically associated with securities of U.S. issuers. Such risks include, but are not limited to: generally less liquid and less efficient securities markets; generally greater price volatility; exchange rate fluctuations and exchange controls; imposition of restrictions on the expatriation of funds or other assets of the Fund; less publicly available information about issuers; the imposition of withholding or other taxes; higher transaction and custody costs; settlement delays and risk of loss attendant in settlement procedures; difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations; less regulation of securities markets; different accounting, disclosure and reporting requirements; more substantial governmental involvement in the economy; higher inflation rates; greater social, economic and political uncertainties; the risk of nationalization or expropriation of assets; and the risk of war. These risks are heightened for investments in issuers from countries with less developed markets.

The economies and markets of European countries are often closely connected and interdependent, and events in one European country can have an adverse impact on other European countries. The European financial markets have experienced volatility and adverse trends due to concerns about economic downturns in, or rising government debt levels of several European countries. Responses to the financial problems by European governments, central banks and others, including austerity measures and reforms, may not work, may result in social unrest and may limit future growth and economic recovery or have other unintended consequences. Further defaults or restructurings by governments and others of their debt could have additional adverse effects on economies, financial markets and asset valuations around the world. In addition, the United Kingdom has voted to withdraw from the European Union. The referendum may introduce significant new uncertainties and instability in the financial markets as the United Kingdom negotiates its exit from the European Union.

#### 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

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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.

### 7. 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, 2017, attributable to foreign currency transactions 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>
Core Dividend Growth	\$ 41,500,768	\$ 229	\$ (41,500,997)
Core High Dividend	134,492,702	1,274	(134,493,976)
International Select Dividend	1,236,437	(1,213,685)	(22,752)
Select Dividend	483,985,040	2,710	(483,987,750)

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended April 30, 2017 and April 30, 2016 was as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>
<i>Core Dividend Growth</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$ 19,794,874</u>	<u>\$ 6,924,753</u>
<i>Core High Dividend</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$210,133,528</u>	<u>\$167,183,051</u>
<i>International Select Dividend</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$144,141,129</u>	<u>\$168,115,003</u>
<i>Select Dividend</i>		
Ordinary income	<u>\$517,278,307</u>	<u>\$471,155,295</u>

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As of April 30, 2017, 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)<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Total</i>
Core Dividend Growth	\$ 1,452,144	\$ (1,045,146)	\$ 97,896,172	\$ 98,303,170
Core High Dividend	14,814,447	(192,160,546)	381,439,640	204,093,541
International Select Dividend	12,143,071	(504,903,684)	(14,415,179)	(507,175,792)
Select Dividend	10,390,543	(1,175,399,561)	3,344,710,565	2,179,701,547

<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, the foreign withholding tax reclaims, the realization for tax purposes of unrealized gains (losses) on certain futures contracts and the realization for tax purposes of unrealized gains on investments in passive foreign investment companies.

As of April 30, 2017, the 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<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>Expiring 2018</i>	<i>Total</i>
Core Dividend Growth	\$ 1,045,146	\$ —	\$ 1,045,146
Core High Dividend	192,160,546	—	192,160,546
International Select Dividend	504,903,684	—	504,903,684
Select Dividend	—	1,175,399,561	1,175,399,561

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

For the year ended April 30, 2017, the following Funds utilized their capital loss carryforwards as follows:

<i>iShares ETF</i>	<i>Utilized</i>
Core Dividend Growth	\$ 156,698
Select Dividend	227,236,902

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 April 30, 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.

## 8. FOREIGN WITHHOLDING TAX CLAIMS

The iShares International Select Dividend ETF intends to file claims to recover taxes withheld by Finland on dividend income on the basis that Finland had purportedly violated certain provisions in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The Fund has recorded a receivable for all recoverable taxes withheld by Finland based upon recent favorable determinations issued by the Finnish Tax Authority. Withholding tax claims may potentially be for a limited number of prior calendar years, depending upon the member state’s statute of limitation on taxes. The Fund continues to evaluate developments in Finland for potential impact to the receivables recorded. Such foreign withholding tax claims are disclosed in the statement of assets and liabilities and

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statement of operations. Professional fees associated with the filing of these claims resulting in the recovery of foreign withholding taxes were approved by the Board as appropriate expenses of the Fund.

The Internal Revenue Service has issued guidance to address U.S. income tax liabilities attributable to fund shareholders resulting from the recovery of foreign taxes withheld in prior calendar years. These withheld foreign taxes were passed through to shareholders in the form of foreign tax credits in the year the taxes were withheld. Assuming there are sufficient foreign taxes paid which the Fund is able to pass through to its shareholders as a foreign tax credit in the current year, the Fund will be able to offset the prior years' withholding taxes recovered against the foreign taxes paid in the current year. Accordingly, no federal income tax liability is recorded by the Fund.

### **9. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

On June 16, 2016, investors in certain iShares funds (iShares Core S&P Small-Cap ETF, iShares Russell 1000 Growth ETF, iShares Core S&P 500 ETF, iShares Russell Mid-Cap Growth ETF, iShares Russell Mid-Cap ETF, iShares Russell Mid-Cap Value ETF, iShares Select Dividend ETF, iShares Morningstar Mid-Cap ETF, iShares Morningstar Large-Cap ETF, iShares U.S. Aerospace & Defense ETF and iShares U.S. Preferred Stock ETF) filed a class action lawsuit against iShares Trust, BlackRock, Inc. and certain of its advisory affiliates, and certain directors/trustees and officers of the Funds (collectively, "Defendants"). The lawsuit alleges the Defendants violated federal securities laws by failing to adequately disclose in the prospectuses issued by the funds noted above the risks of using stop-loss orders in the event of a 'flash crash', such as the one that occurred on May 6, 2010. The Defendants believe the claims are without merit and intend to vigorously defend themselves against the allegations in the lawsuit.

### **10. 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.