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Dear Shareholder

**iShares MSCI USA Dividend IQ UCITS ETF (the “Sub-fund”)  
 ISIN: IE00BKM4H312**

The Directors of iShares II public limited company (the “Company”) wish to advise you that the name of the Sub-fund and the description of its benchmark index will be changing with effect from (on or around) 29 June 2017 (the “Effective Date”). You are being contacted because you are invested in the Sub-fund.

BlackRock is committed to the continuous enhancement of its product suite. The changes are being made to give better clarity to investors regarding the Sub-fund’s investment strategy. The changes will not affect the manner in which your investment or the benchmark index is managed, the Sub-fund’s operation, performance or cost. You are not required to do anything as a result of this notification.

An amendment to the Company prospectus reflecting the changes set out in this letter will be published on (or around) the Effective Date and will be available, along with other information on the Sub-Fund, on [www.ishares.com](http://www.ishares.com). Shareholders of the Sub-fund should please refer to the Company prospectus for full details of the changes covered in this letter.

**Changes to Sub-fund name**

Existing Sub-fund name	New Sub-fund name
iShares MSCI USA Dividend IQ UCITS ETF	iShares MSCI USA Quality Dividend UCITS ETF

**Changes to Sub-fund benchmark index description**

Current benchmark index description	New benchmark index description
<p>The MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index includes equities of large and mid capitalisation companies in the United States (US). The Benchmark Index measures the performance of equities of companies selected from the MSCI USA Index (excluding real estate investment trusts (REITs)) which have higher than average dividend yields and which have track records for consistently paying dividends and the capacity to sustain dividend payments.</p> <p>The index provider (MSCI) applies a dividend income and quality (IQ) screening process to the Benchmark Index. Only equities of companies</p>	<p>The MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index measures the performance of equity securities of large and mid-capitalisation companies in the United States (US) with higher than average dividend income and quality characteristics. The Benchmark Index is derived from the MSCI USA Index (the "Parent Index") by selecting companies with higher than average dividend yields relative to the Parent Index and which have track records for consistently paying dividends and the capacity to sustain dividend payments. The Parent Index measures the performance of large and mid-capitalisation equities in the US. The Benchmark Index excludes Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) that are part of the Parent Index.</p> <p>In order to create the Benchmark Index, the index provider (MSCI)</p>

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<p>with a track record of consistently paying dividends are eligible index constituents. Equities are also screened with the aim of excluding companies with potentially deteriorating fundamentals which could be forced to cut or reduce dividends. From the list of eligible companies, only those with higher than average dividend yields are selected for inclusion in the Benchmark Index.</p> <p>Issuer weights in the Benchmark Index are capped at 5%. The Benchmark Index is free float market capitalisation weighted and rebalances on a semi-annual basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at <a href="https://www.msci.com/constituents">https://www.msci.com/constituents</a></p>	<p>applies a dividend income and quality screening process to the Parent Index with REITs excluded. This screening process excludes equity securities of companies: (a) whose dividend payout ratios are extremely high (i.e. in the top 5% of constituents, on the basis that dividend payments which are particularly high relative to a company's earnings could be unsustainable) or negative, (b) which do not have a good historical track record of growing dividends, (c) which have potentially weak fundamentals (being information about a company which can be expected to impact the price or value of its equity securities, including return on equity, variability of earnings and debt to equity ratios) and as a result, could be forced to cut or reduce dividends, and (d) which rank in the lowest 5% of the remaining constituents based on performance over the previous 12 months. From the list of companies which remain after the screening process, only those companies with a dividend yield at least 1.3 times higher than the dividend yield of the Parent Index are selected for inclusion in the Benchmark Index.</p> <p>A constituent will remain in the Benchmark Index if: (i) it is not excluded by the MSCI quality screening process (based on a company's fundamentals (see (c) above)), (ii) its dividend yield is higher than or equal to the Parent Index yield, (iii) it is not within the top 2% of constituents based on dividend payout ratios (i.e. on the basis of the constituents' increasing order of dividend payments) and (iv) its recent track record of growing dividends is not negative. A constituent failing to meet the above criteria at an index rebalance will be removed from the Benchmark Index at that rebalance.</p> <p>The screening processes described above therefore aim to create and maintain a benchmark index whose constituents deliver not only higher than average dividend income, but also other 'quality' characteristics such as the growth, sustainability and consistency of dividend payments.</p> <p>Issuer weights in the Benchmark Index are capped at 5%. The Benchmark Index is free float market capitalisation weighted. The Benchmark Index rebalances on a semi-annual basis and will also take in account deletions of constituents of the Parent Index on a quarterly basis. Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at <a href="http://www.msci.com/products/indices/licensing/constituents.html">http://www.msci.com/products/indices/licensing/constituents.html</a>.</p>
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## Costs

The cost of this letter, the name change and any updates to documentation relating to the Sub-Fund to reflect the matters detailed in this letter shall be borne by BlackRock. You as an investor will not bear any cost.

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### Further information

Please contact [info@ishares.com](mailto:info@ishares.com) if you have any queries concerning the changes to the Sub-fund.

Yours faithfully



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