

# Semi-Annual Report for the Investment Fund

iShares STOXX Europe Select Dividend 30 UCITS ETF (DE)



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### Notice

The investment fund named in this report is governed by German law. Fund units are bought on the basis of the currently valid prospectus and investment conditions, supplemented by the most recent annual report concerned and also by the semi-annual report if such a report exists that is more recent than the last annual report.

The annual and semi-annual reports were drawn up in German and translated into other languages.

Only the German version is legally binding.

#### Note on Licences

### Legal information

The German iShares funds mentioned in this document are investment funds subject to the German Investment Code. These funds are managed by BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG and are regulated by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).

### For investors in Germany

The sales prospectuses of the funds issued in Germany are available free of charge electronically and in hard copy from BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Lenbachplatz 1, 80333 Munich, Germany, Tel.: +49 (0) 89 42729 – 5858, Fax: +49 (0) 89 42729 – 5958, info@iShares.de.

#### Risk warnings

The value of investments in all the iShares funds may fluctuate, and investors may not get back the amount invested. Past performance may not be repeated and is no guarantee of future returns. Investment risks from market and currency losses as well as high volatility and concentration risk cannot be excluded.

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### Additional Information for Investors in Austria

The sales prospectuses, including investment terms and conditions, annual reports and semi-annual reports can be obtained, without charge, from the Investment company. In some countries, the paying agent and distributor or the tax representatives also provide this information.

#### Tax Representative in Austria:

Ernst & Young Wagramer Str. 19 1220 Vienna, Austria

### Additional information for investors in countries outside Germany:

iShares STOXX Europe Select Dividend 30 UCITS ETF (DE)

Total expense ratio (TER): 0.31%

The total expense ratio expresses all costs and payments (not including transaction costs) borne by the fund during the past 12 months in relation to the average net asset value of the fund's assets.

### Performance of the fund over the last three calendar years:

31/12/2019 - 31/12/2020 -9.65% 31/12/2020 - 31/12/2021 +24.33% 31/12/2021 - 31/12/2022 -10.05%



#### Report of the Management Board

Dear Investors.

BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG was able to report an increase in assets under management compared to the end of the previous year thanks to the positive market development and continues to look back on a dynamic performance on the market for exchange traded products (ETPs). ETPs are selected financial instruments, such as ETFs, that are traded throughout the day in national stock exchanges, which have become an important part of the German investment fund industry. iShares in particular benefited from this development. In the first half of 2023, iShares achieved net inflows of USD 36.7 billion or EUR 33.8 billion across the EMEA region (Europe, Middle East & Africa), up from USD 31.7 billion or EUR 30.3 billion in the first half of 2022. This represented the highest proportion of inflows into ETFs in the EMEA region at 51 %.

The range of iShares ETFs currently comprises 600 share classes admitted for sale in Germany. This gives investors in this country easy and diversified access to a variety of global markets and asset classes. Around one tenth (65) of these exchange-traded share classes are set up in Germany and can be recognized by the "(DE)" in the fund name.

As of 30 November 2023, the volume of German funds under management was USD 49.3 billion or EUR 45.2 billion. The volume of the 22 subfunds, of which 21 sub-funds are admitted for public distribution, was USD 10.8 billion or EUR 9.9 billion on the same date. This Annual Report provides you with detailed information about the performance of our index funds.

Global economic activity remained divided in the third quarter. Euro area economic growth continued to be sluggish. By contrast, economic growth in the United States and China picked up significantly, driven mainly by buoyant private consumption. This also boosted global economic growth, albeit probably only temporarily. The tightening of monetary policy in many regions of the world, the high energy prices and the specific structural challenges in China continue to be a drag on the global economy. In the third quarter, the global economy benefited from improved industrial performance, in particular. Global industrial output probably rose again markedly following the weak preceding quarter. However, there is still no sign of any sustained improvement in industrial activity. Instead, business surveys are pointing to a drop in new orders and weak demand overall. Looking at the services sector, too, the situation and outlook have recently been assessed as muted in many places. There is no indication of a global recession, though: labor markets remain robust, inflation rates are dropping, and real wages are going back up. On the whole, there are mounting signs of a "soft landing": despite a process of disinflation that is being driven by tighter monetary policy, the global economy is still showing muted growth.

Inflation continued on its gradual downward trajectory. In the group of advanced economies, consumer price inflation had fallen to 3.4% by October. Underlying price pressures likewise eased. The core inflation rate (i.e. excluding energy and food) dropped to 4.1% in October. However, the risks to future consumer price developments remain tilted to the upside. They are emanating, not least, from persistently high wage growth. In addition, energy markets have once again taken center stage. The armed conflict in the Middle East has so far had no major impact on crude oil prices. Should the conflict severely impair extraction in the region, however, prices are likely to rise considerably. Given well-stocked storage facilities and a subdued economic outlook, the risks to the European gas supply appear markedly lower than a year ago. They have not disappeared altogether, though.

International financial markets were characterized by continued high but declining inflation rates. In addition, diverging economic prospects in the major currency areas shaped general events in the financial markets. In this environment, central banks in these areas initially continued to tighten their monetary policy. The US Federal Reserve raised its policy rate by 25 basis points in July, but has left it unchanged since then. After two further interest rate moves of 25 basis points each in July and September, the Governing Council of the ECB also decided at its most recent meeting in October not to raise key interest rates any further for the time being. Overall, however, both central banks stressed the need to leave policy rates at a restrictive level for a sufficiently extended period of time and kept open the option of further policy rate hikes depending on the inflation situation. In this environment, market participants increasingly felt that key interest rates might remain at a restrictive level for an extended period of time. Given robust US economic data and a labor market that had been resilient for months, this market view was particularly pronounced for the Fed's policy rate outlook.

From the Company's perspective, the main uncertainties relate to the further development of inflation and the corresponding reaction of the central banks. Furthermore, in addition to geopolitical conflicts such as in Ukraine or Taiwan, various parliamentary and presidential elections outside Europe are also pending. With its broad product range geared to investor and market interests, the Company continues to believe that it is well equipped to compete, even though increasing competitive pressure is being felt, partly as a result of the market entry of further and in some cases large competitors, which is increasing the pressure on margins in the asset management industry. In order to maintain the Company's position in the future despite increasing competition in the ETF market, a large number of customer group-specific and individual sales activities are planned.

Since the start of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against the sovereign neighboring state of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, economic sanctions against Russia, which had already been in place since 2014, have been significantly expanded. In addition to the European Union, these were also issued by other international organizations as well as nation states, such as the United Kingdom, Norway or Switzerland against companies, individuals or officials. The sanctions are supplemented by further decrees and regulatory measures which, among other things, have significantly restricted trading in Russian securities. The long-term consequences of the conflict are difficult to assess at this point in time. The iShares funds of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG (including TGVs) had no direct exposure to Russian or Ukrainian securities as of the reporting date.

Institutional and private investors do not just value iShares ETFs as components of their portfolios for implementing their own investment ideas. As the funds become more widespread, the demand for ETF-based insurance solutions, ETF savings schemes and asset management products based on ETFs also grows. In this context, we have worked with partners to design models that offer suggestions for suitable asset allocations for investor types with different risk/reward profiles.



In the reporting period, this included developing model portfolios for banks, various online brokers, and providers of digital asset management services, commonly known as robo-advisors. In the European ETF market, iShares is still excellently positioned as a provider from the onset. We continue to invest in excellent service and products that meet our customers' needs. We intend to further extend our market leadership by means of continuous and innovative expansion of our offering. The strategic competitive advantages of iShares ETFs include high market liquidity, tight bid/ask spreads, and highly accurate index replication.

For more information, please visit our website www.iShares.de or call us on +49 (0) 89 42729 - 5858.

We would like to thank you for your confidence and look forward to continued partnership and cooperation.

N. May V. Soller

The Board of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30/11/2023

	Market value	% of fund-
	in EUR	assets1)
I. Assets	340,290,598.61	100.10
1. Shares	336,655,811.79	99.03
Belgium	18,123,372.64	5.33
Denmark	13,025,464.06	3.83
France	49,940,479.14	14.69
Germany	35,069,528.86	10.32
Italy	18,848,879.38	5.54
Netherlands	23,466,452.10	6.90
Norway	26,401,001.91	7.77
Spain	29,500,849.30	8.68
Sweden	8,772,875.83	2.58
Switzerland	18,330,064.19	5.39
United Kingdom (UK)	95,176,844.38	28.00
2. Derivatives	57,910.19	0.02
Forward contracts	57,910.19	0.02
3. Bank deposits	261,776.96	0.08
4. Other assets	3,315,099.67	0.98
II. Liabilities	-344,221.65	-0.10
Liabilities arising from loans	-244,885.82	-0.07
Other liabilities	-99,335.83	-0.03
III. Fund assets	339,946,376.96	100.00

<sup>1)</sup> Rounding of percentages during the calculation may result in slight rounding differences.



### Statement of Net Assets as at 30/11/2023

Designation of class of security	ISIN	Market	Units, shares or currency in 1,000s	As at 30/11/2023	Purchases/ Additions	Sales/ Disposals		Price	Market value in EUR	% of the fund assets <sup>2)</sup>
					in the repo	orting period				
Securities									336,655,811.79	99.03
Exchange-traded securities									336,655,811.79	99.03
Shares									336,655,811.79	99.03
A.P.Møller-Mærsk A/S Navne-Aktier A DK 1000	DK0010244425		Units	9,153	389		DKK	10,610.000	13,025,464.06	3.83
ACS, Act.de Constr.y Serv. SA Acciones Port. EO -,50	ES0167050915		Units	431,039	18,167	19,829	EUR	36.650	15,797,579.35	4.65
AGEAS SA/NV Actions Nominatives o.N.	BE0974264930		Units	245,728	10,366	11,314	EUR	39.480	9,701,341.44	2.85
Aker BP ASA Navne-Aksjer NK 1	NO0010345853		Units	514,352	21,682	23,665	NOK	310.100	13,562,104.87	3.99
Allianz SE vink.Namens-Aktien o.N.	DE0008404005		Units	36,679	1,543	1,685	EUR	230.600	8,458,177.40	2.49
ASR Nederland N.V. Aandelen op naam EO -,16	NL0011872643		Units	264,530	11,157	12,177	EUR	42.270	11,181,683.10	3.29
Bayerische Motoren Werke AG Vorzugsaktien o.St. EO 1	DE0005190037		Units	111,470	4,701	5,130		87.100	9,709,037.00	2.86
BNP Paribas S.A. Actions Port. EO 2	FR0000131104		Units	152,615	6,436	7,025		57.770	8,816,568.55	2.59
Close Brothers Group PLC Registered Shares LS ,25	- GB0007668071		Units	1,158,481	48,848	53,313	GBP	7.670	10,309,460.39	3.03
Cofinimmo S.A. Actions Porteur o.N.	BE0003593044		Units	130,372	5,497	6,000	EUR	64.600	8,422,031.20	2.48
Covivio S.A. Actions Port. EO 3	FR0000064578		Units	171,679	7,243	7,905	EUR	44.820	7,694,652.78	2.26
Crédit Agricole S.A. Actions Port. EO 3	FR0000045072		Units	1,054,928	44,481	48,548	EUR	12.022	12,682,344.42	3.73
Endesa S.A. Acciones Port. EO 1,20	ES0130670112		Units	714,270	30,106	32,860	EUR	19.185	13,703,269.95	4.03
Evonik Industries AG Namens-Aktien o.N.	DE000EVNK013		Units	456,192	19,255	21,014	EUR	17.150	7,823,692.80	2.30
Glencore PLC Registered Shares DL -,01	JE00B4T3BW64		Units	2,973,240	125,300	136,761	GBP	4.418	15,240,784.89	4.48
Holcim Ltd. Namens-Aktien SF 2	CH0012214059		Units	156,387	6,595	7,198	CHF	64.300	10,598,694.54	3.12
IG Group Holdings PLC Registered Shares LS 0,00005	GB00B06QFB75		Units	1,314,963	55,466	60,535	GBP	6.840	10,435,692.89	3.07
Legal & General Group PLC Registered Shares LS -,025	GB0005603997		Units	5,329,257	224,637	245,181	GBP	2.293	14,178,241.65	4.17
Mercedes-Benz Group AG Namens-Aktien o.N.	DE0007100000		Units	152,377	6,421	7,009	EUR	59.580	9,078,621.66	2.67
NN Group N.V. Aandelen aan toonder EO -,12	NL0010773842		Units	352,100	14,843	16,200	EUR	34.890	12,284,769.00	3.61
Orange S.A. Actions Port. EO 4	FR0000133308		Units	970,247	40,931	44,670	EUR	11.304	10,967,672.09	3.23
Poste Italiane S.p.A. Azioni nom. EO -,51	IT0003796171		Units	950,375	40,094	43,758	EUR	9.876	9,385,903.50	2.76
Rio Tinto PLC Registered Shares LS -,10	GB0007188757		Units	240,227	10,121	11,047	GBP	53.990	15,048,277.81	4.43
Rubis S.C.A. Actions Port. Nouv. EO 1,25	FR0013269123		Units	438,531	18,500	20,190	EUR	22.300	9,779,241.30	2.88
Snam S.p.A. Azioni nom. o.N.	IT0003153415		Units	2,046,934	86,361	94,251	EUR	4.623	9,462,975.88	2.78
SSE PLC Shs LS-,50	GB0007908733		Units	568,006	23,949	26,139	GBP	18.325	12,076,707.89	3.55
Taylor Wimpey PLC Registered Shares LS -,01	GB0008782301		Units	11,900,492	501,533	547,408	GBP	1.296	17,887,678.86	5.26
Tele2 AB Namn-Aktier B SK -,625	SE0005190238		Units	1,219,359	51,461	56,162	SEK	82.260	8,772,875.83	2.58
Yara International ASA Navne-Aksjer NK 1,70	NO0010208051		Units	412,217	17,368	18,957	NOK	366.300	12,838,897.04	3.78
Zurich Insurance Group AG NamAktien SF 0,10	CH0011075394		Units	16,751	706	771	CHF	437.900	7,731,369.65	2.27
Derivatives									57,910.19	0.02
(The amounts marked with a minus sign are sold p	ositions.)									
Equity index derivatives									57,910.19	0.02
Receivables/liabilities										
Stock index futures									57,910.19	0.02
ESTX Select Dividend 30 Future (FEVD) Dez. 23		EDT	Number	173			EUR		43,130.19	0.01
STXE 600 Basic Res. Index Future (FSTS) Dez. 23		EDT	Number	20			EUR		14,780.00	0.00



Designation of class of security	ISIN Market	Units, shares or currency in t 1,000s	As at 30/11/2023	Purchases/ Sales/ Additions Disposals in the reporting period		Price	Market value in EUR	% of the fund assets <sup>2)</sup>
Bank Accounts, Unsecuritised Money Market Instru	uments and Money Market Fu	ınds					261,776.96	0.08
Bank accounts							261,776.96	0.08
Balances in other EU/EEA currencies							30,804.12	0.01
Depository: State Street Bank International GmbH		DKK	199,504.69		%	100.000	26,758.85	0.01
		NOK	40,591.50		%	100.000	3,451.44	0.00
		PLN	0.13		%	100.000	0.03	0.00
		SEK	6,789.24		%	100.000	593.80	0.00
Balances in Non-EU/EEA currencies							230,972.84	0.07
Depository: State Street Bank International GmbH		CHF	2,284.85		%	100.000	2,408.23	0.00
		GBP	196,534.57		%	100.000	228,029.28	0.07
		USD	584.10		%	100.000	535.33	0.00
Other assets							3,315,099.67	0.98
Dividend claims		EUR	578,379.54				578,379.54	0.17
Withholding tax reimbursement claims		CHF	313,305.08				330,223.66	0.10
		DKK	4,709,016.00				631,603.50	0.19
		EUR	1,493,892.97				1,493,892.97	0.44
Initial margin		EUR	281,000.00				281,000.00	0.08
Liabilities arising from loans							-244,885.82	-0.07
EUR loans							-244,885.82	-0.07
Depository: State Street Bank International GmbH		EUR	-244,885.82		%	100.000	-244,885.82	-0.07
Other liabilities							-99,335.83	-0.03
Management fee		EUR	-80,895.51				-80,895.51	-0.02
Received variation margin		EUR	-15,025.19				-15,025.19	-0.00
Other liabilities		EUR	-3,415.13				-3,415.13	-0.00
Fund assets					E	EUR	339,946,376.96	100.00
Unit value					6	EUR	15.93	
Units in circulation					ι	Jnits	21,341,084	
2) Rounding of percentages during the calc	ulation may recult in aligh	t rounding diff.						

<sup>2)</sup> Rounding of percentages during the calculation may result in slight rounding differences.

### Transactions during the reporting period, insofar as these no longer appear in the assets listed:

Securities purchases and sales, investment units and bonds (market allocation on the reporting date)

		Units,			
Designation of class of security	ISIN	shares or currency in 1,000s	Purchases/ Additions	Sales/ Disposals	Volume in 1,000
Securities					
Unlisted securities					
Other securities					
ACS, Act.de Constr.y Serv. SA Anrechte	ES06670509N0	Units	445,001	445,001	
Derivatives					
(Option premiums or volume of option warrants)	transactions impleme	nted in opening trans	actions, and information or	n purchases and sales for	
Futures contracts					
Stock index futures					
Purchased contracts:					21,122

Underlying(s):
ESTX Select Dividend 30 Index (Price) (EUR), STXE 600 Basic Resources Index (Price) (EUR)



Profit and Loss Account (incl. Income Adjustment)		
for the period from 01/06/2023 to 30/11/2023		
I. Income		
Dividends from domestic issuers	EUR	539,722.65
2. Dividends from foreign issuers (before withholding tax)	EUR	11,423,429.18
3. Interest from domestic liquidity investments	EUR	15,423.43
4. Deduction of foreign withholding tax	EUR	-300,655.85
Total income	EUR	11,677,919.41
II. Expenses		
Interest from borrowings	EUR	-816.63
2. Management fee	EUR	-509,389.61
3. Other expenses	EUR	-102,675.96
Total expenses	EUR	-612,882.20
III. Ordinary net income	EUR	11,065,037.21
IV. Disposals		
1. Realised gains	EUR	1,799,093.79
2. Realised losses	EUR	-1,633,551.90
Gain/loss on disposals	EUR	165,541.89
V. Annual realised results	EUR	11,230,579.10
Net change in unrealised gains	EUR	10,218,734.36
2. Net change in unrealised losses	EUR	-5,143,199.87
VI. Annual unrealised results	EUR	5,075,534.49
VII. Result for the financial year	EUR	16,306,113.59

### Change in Fund Assets

				2023
Value of fund assets at the start of the financial year			EUR	342,262,013.70
Distribution for the previous year			EUR	-12,954,151.36
2. Interim distributions			EUR	-7,880,728.79
3. Cash inflow / outflow (net)			EUR	2,318,028.50
a) Proceeds received from sales of units	EUR	7,165,658.50		
b) Payments for redemption of units	EUR	-4,847,630.00		
4. Income adjustment/cost compensation			EUR	-104,898.68
5. Result for the financial year			EUR	16,306,113.59
of which unrealised gains	EUR	10,218,734.36		
of which unrealised losses	EUR	-5,143,199.87		
II. Value of fund assets at the end of the financial year			EUR	339,946,376.96



**Notes** 

Other information

Number of fund units in circulation and value of a fund unit on the reporting date pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 1 of the German Capital Investment Accounting and Valuation Ordinance (KARBV)

Unit value EUR 15.93
Units in circulation Units 21,341,084

Information on the valuation process for assets pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 2 KARBV

#### Security prices and market prices

The fund assets are valued on the basis of the following market prices:

Derivatives: Closing prices on the respective valuation dates

All securities: Closing prices on the respective valuation dates

The valuation of assets generally took place during the financial year and at the balance sheet date on the basis of the last traded stock exchange price.

Assets not admitted for trading on stock exchanges nor admitted to another regulated market or included in such market, or for which no tradable value is available, are valued at current market values, which shall be assessed with due care using appropriate valuation models and taking into consideration current market conditions.

Derivatives admitted for trading on a stock exchange or another regulated market are valued at the closing price on the relevant valuation date.

Money in bank accounts and existing receivables are valued at their current nominal value. Existing liabilities are reported at the amounts payable.

#### Exchange Rate(s) or Conversion Factor(s) (bulk quoting) as at 30/11/2023

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British Pound Sterling	(GBP)	0.86188 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Danish Kroner	(DKK)	7.45565 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Norwegian Kroner	(NOK)	11.76075 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Polish Zloty	(PLN)	4.35376 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Swedish Kronor	(SEK)	11.43348 = 1 Euro (EUR)
Swiss Francs	(CHF)	0.94877 = 1 Euro (EUR)
US Dollar	(USD)	1.09110 = 1 Euro (EUR)

### a) Futures exchanges

Market key

EDT Eurex (Eurex Frankfurt/Eurex Zürich)

### Index fund information pursuant to Section 16 Para. 2 KARBV

Tracking error level at the end of the reporting period pursuant to Section 16 Para. 2 No. 1 KARBV

0.41 percentage points

### Further information necessary for understanding the report pursuant to Section 7 No. 9 d) KARBV

#### Explanation of the calculation of net change in unrealised gains and losses

Determination of net change in unrealised gains and losses takes place by means of comparing, in each financial year, the valuations of assets included in the unit price with the relevant historical purchase prices, the level of the positive differences in the sum of unrealised gains included, the level of the negative differences in the sum of unrealised losses included and by determining the net changes from a comparison of the sum totals at the end of the financial year with those at the beginning.



Additional notes in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on securities financing transactions

In the period under review, no transactions as defined by Article 3 (11) and (18) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 were carried out, i.e. securities financing transactions or total return swaps.

Munich, 30 November 2023 BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG (KVG)

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### **General Information**

#### **Management Company**

BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG Lenbachplatz 1 80333 Munich

Share capital as at 31/12/2022: 5 Mio. EUR Liable equity as at 31/12/2022: 67.07 Mio. EUR

### Shareholder

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited

### Management

Dirk Schmitz Chairman of the Management Board Munich

Harald Klug Member of the Management Board Munich

Peter Scharl Member of the Management Board Munich

### **Supervisory Board**

Michael Rüdiger (Chairman) independent member of supervisory boards and boards of foundations Utting am Ammersee

Jane Sloan (Deputy Chairwoman)
BlackRock, Managing Director, Head of Sales EMEA iShares
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### Depository

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#### **Auditor**

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