

iShares ESG Advanced High Yield Corporate Bond ETF

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Annual Shareholder Report — October 31, 2025



This annual shareholder report contains important information about iShares ESG Advanced High Yield Corporate Bond ETF (the “Fund”) for the period of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025. You can find additional information about the Fund at blackrock.com/fundreports. You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

What were the Fund costs for the last year? (based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
iShares ESG Advanced High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	\$36	0.35%

How did the Fund perform last year?

- For the reporting period ended October 31, 2025, the Fund returned 8.06%.
- For the same period, the Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index returned 6.51% and the Bloomberg MSCI US High Yield Choice ESG Screened Index (Spliced) returned 8.43%.

What contributed to performance?

Anticipation of rate cuts caused spreads (the difference in the yield between two bonds with similar maturities but different credit qualities) on high-yield debt to narrow during the reporting period. Mixed economic signals and ongoing global trade tensions also influenced bond returns, while the late-period U.S. government shutdown added to market volatility. After cutting rates in December of 2024, the Federal Reserve held policy rates steady through the first part of the year, before cutting rates by 25 basis points in both September and October 2025 as evidence of a cooling labor market outweighed persistent, though elevated, inflation concerns. Supported by solid credit fundamentals, ESG high-yield bonds rated Ba and B contributed the most to performance. By sector, communications bonds, specifically integrated telecommunications services, and retailer issues within the consumer cyclical sector benefited performance.

What detracted from performance?

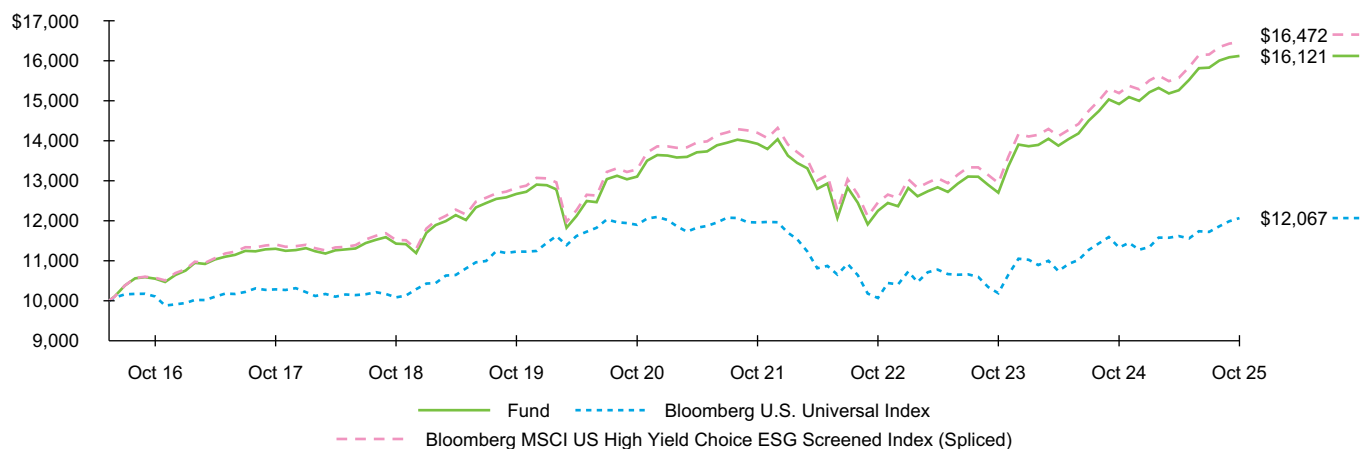
There were no significant detractors to the Fund’s performance during the reporting period.

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Fund performance

Cumulative performance: June 14, 2016 through October 31, 2025

Initial investment of \$10,000



See “Average annual total returns” for additional information on fund performance.

Average annual total returns

	1 Year	5 Years	Since Fund Inception
Fund NAV	8.06%	4.23%	5.22%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Index	6.51	0.28	2.02
Bloomberg MSCI US High Yield Choice ESG Screened Index (Spliced)	8.43	4.39	5.47

The inception date of the Fund was June 14, 2016.

The Bloomberg MSCI US High Yield Choice ESG Screened Index (Spliced) reflects the performance of the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield ex-Oil and Gas Index through September 14, 2020 and the Bloomberg MSCI US High Yield Choice ESG Screened Index thereafter, which reflect the times when each index was the Underlying Index of the Fund.

Past performance is not an indication of future results. Performance results do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption or sale of fund shares. Visit [iShares.com](https://www.ishares.com) for more recent performance information.

What did the Fund invest in?

(as of October 31, 2025)

Credit quality allocation

Moody's Credit Rating*	Percent of Total Investments ^(a)
Baa	1.7%
Ba	58.2
B	31.7
Caa	6.4
Ca	0.5
Not Rated	1.5

^(a) Excludes money market funds.

* Credit quality ratings shown reflect the ratings assigned by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), a widely used independent, nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Moody's credit ratings are opinions of the credit quality of individual obligations or of an issuer's general creditworthiness. Investment grade ratings are credit ratings of Baa or higher. Below investment grade ratings are credit ratings of Ba or lower. Unrated investments do not necessarily indicate low credit quality. Credit quality ratings are subject to change.

Additional information

If you wish to view additional information about the Fund, including but not limited to financial statements, the Fund's prospectus, and proxy voting policies and procedures, please visit [blackrock.com/fundreports](https://www.blackrock.com/fundreports). For proxy voting records, visit [blackrock.com/proxyrecords](https://www.blackrock.com/proxyrecords).

Householding

Householding is an option available to certain fund investors. Householding is a method of delivery, based on the preference of the individual investor, in which a single copy of certain shareholder documents can be delivered to investors who share the same address, even if their accounts are registered under different names. Please contact your broker-dealer if you are interested in enrolling in householding and receiving a single copy of prospectuses and other shareholder documents, or if you are currently enrolled in householding and wish to change your householding status.

Key Fund statistics

Net Assets	\$188,988,600
Number of Portfolio Holdings	627
Net Investment Advisory Fees	\$610,886
Portfolio Turnover Rate	47%

Maturity allocation

Maturity	Percent of Total Investments ^(a)
0-1 Year	0.2%
1-5 Years	59.0
5-10 Years	37.1
10-15 Years	0.8
More than 20 Years	2.9

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