

# iShares MSCI Intl Quality Factor ETF

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The iShares MSCI Intl Quality Factor ETF seeks to track the investment results of an index that measures the performance of international developed large- and mid-capitalization stocks exhibiting relatively higher quality characteristics as identified through three fundamental variables: return on equity, earnings variability and debt-to-equity.

#### WHY IQLT?

- 1 Exposure to large- and mid-cap developed international stocks exhibiting positive fundamentals (high return on equity, stable year-over-year earnings growth and low financial leverage)
- 2 Index-based access to a specific factor which has historically driven a significant part of companies' risk and return (Source: R. Sloan, "Do Stock Prices Fully Reflect Information in Accruals and Cash Flows About Future Earnings." Accounting Review, 1996.)
- 3 Use to help manage exposure and risk within a stock allocation

### GROWTH OF HYPOTHETICAL 10,000 USD SINCE INCEPTION



The Growth of \$10,000 chart reflects a hypothetical \$10,000 investment and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Fund expenses, including management fees and other expenses were deducted.

### **PERFORMANCE**

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
NAV	15.07%	5.54%	8.95%	N/A	7.40%
Market Price	15.06%	5.54%	8.94%	N/A	7.41%
Benchmark	15.18%	5.55%	9.02%	N/A	7.54%

The performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by visiting <a href="https://www.ishares.com">www.ishares.com</a> or <a href="https://www.ishares.com">www.blackrock.com</a>.

Beginning 8/10/20, the market price returns are calculated using the closing price. Prior to 8/10/20, the market price returns were calculated using the midpoint of the bid/ask spread at 4:00 PM ET. The returns shown do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.

### KEY FACTS

 Fund Launch Date
 01/13/2015

 Expense Ratio
 0.30%

 Benchmark
 MSCI World ex USA Sector Neutral Quality Index

 30 Day SEC Yield
 2.10%

 Number of Holdings
 293

 Net Assets
 \$8,106,284,800

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CUSIP 46434V456
Exchange NYSE Arca

#### TOP HOLDINGS (%) ASML HOLDING NV 5.85 NOVO NORDISK CLASS B 3.87 **LVMH** 3.22 **NESTLE SA** 2 90 **ALLIANZ** 2.16 ASTRAZENECA PLC 1.93 ROCHE HOLDING PAR AG 1.83 TOKYO ELECTRON LTD 1.73 **BHP GROUP LTD** 1.64 **ZURICH INSURANCE GROUP** 1.51 26.64 Holdings are subject to change.

TOP SECTORS (%)	
Financials	20.58%
Industrials	16.16%
Consumer Discretionary	11.54%
Health Care	11.30%
Information Technology	10.32%
Consumer Staples	7.99%
Materials	7.13%
Energy	5.24%
Communication	3.74%
Utilities	2.98%
Real Estate	2.13%
Cash and/or Derivatives	0.89%

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%) United Kingdom Switzerland Japan France Netherlands Canada Australia Germany Denmark Sweden Other



13.71

13.16

15

12.42

9.43

10

8.15 7.97

6.69

5.76

5.26

3.59

5

### **FUND CHARACTERISTICS**

Beta vs. S&P 500 (3y) 0.93 Standard Deviation (3yrs) 18.54% Price to Earnings 19.79 Price to Book Ratio 3.20

### **GLOSSARY**

Beta is a measure of the tendency of securities to move with the market as a whole. A beta of 1 indicates that the security's price will move with the market. A beta less than 1 indicates the security tends to be less volatile than the market, while a beta greater than 1 indicates the security is more volatile than the market.

The price to earnings ratio (P/E) is a fundamental measure used to determine if an investment is valued appropriately. Each holding's P/E is the latest closing price divided by the latest fiscal year's earnings per share. Negative P/E ratios are excluded from this calculation. For hedged funds, the underlying fund's value is shown.

The price to book (P/B) value ratio is a fundamental measure used to determine if an investment is valued appropriately. The book value of a company is a measure of how much a company's assets are worth assuming the company's debts are paid off. Each holding's P/B is the latest closing price divided by the latest fiscal year's book value per share. Negative book values are excluded from this calculation. For hedged funds, the underlying fund's value is shown.

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Sustainability Characteristics provide investors with specific non-traditional metrics. Alongside other metrics and information, these enable investors to evaluate funds on certain environmental, social and governance characteristics. Sustainability Characteristics do not provide an indication of current or future performance nor do they represent the potential risk and reward profile of a fund. They are provided for transparency and for information purposes only. Sustainability Characteristics should not be considered solely or in isolation, but instead are one type of information that investors may wish to consider when assessing a fund.

This fund does not seek to follow a sustainable, impact or ESG investment strategy. The metrics do not change the fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe, and there is no indication that a sustainable, impact or ESG investment strategy will be adopted by the fund. For more information regarding the fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	AA	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	7.95
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer	91.56%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	100.00%
Percentile		MSCI Weighted Average	85.14
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Global ex US	Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/	
Funds in Peer Group	865	\$M SALES)	
		MSCI Weighted Average	99.42%
		Carbon Intensity % Coverage	

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of 21 Mar 2024, based on holdings as of 29 Feb 2024. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds) of the fund's gross weight must come from securities with ESG coverage by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating a fund's gross weight; the absolute values of short positions are included but treated as uncovered), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old, and the fund must have at least ten securities.

#### **ESG GLOSSARY:**

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC): The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile: The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

Fund Lipper Global Classification: The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

Funds in Peer Group: The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10): The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

MSCI ESG % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score and MSCI ESG Quality Score – Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds).

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES): Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage: Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

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