

iShares® Gold Trust

2015 Grantor Trust Tax Reporting Statement

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The following information is being provided to assist Shareholders of the iShares Gold Trust with reporting of their taxable income and expenses for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-5. Under this regulation, the iShares Gold Trust is considered a "non-mortgage widely held fixed investment trust."

The example provided herein is based on a U.S. individual Shareholder who purchased its iShares Gold Trust shares for cash. **All Shareholders should contact their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the information reported in iShares Gold Trust Data below.**

TAXATION OF THE TRUST

The iShares Gold Trust is a grantor trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, the Trust itself is not subject to U.S. federal income tax. Instead, the Trust's income and expenses "flow through" to the Shareholders.

TAXATION OF U.S. INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS

Shareholders generally will be treated, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as if they directly owned a pro rata share of the underlying assets held in the Trust. Shareholders also will be treated as if they directly received their respective pro rata shares of the Trust's income and proceeds, and directly incurred their pro rata share of the Trust's expenses. Most state and local tax authorities follow U.S. Income tax rules in this regard. However, Shareholders should contact their own tax advisors as to the state and local tax consequences of ownership of IAU shares.

The Trust holds only gold bullion and, accordingly, received no income during the year.

The Trust paid expenses monthly, as shown in the attached 2015 Expense File. An example illustrating the computation of a Shareholder's share of expenses is provided. The calculation period is monthly.

Because the Trust sold only a de minimis amount of gold for payment of Trust expenses during the year and made no distributions of sale proceeds to its Shareholders, under Treas. Reg. Sec. 1.671-5(c)(2)(iv)(B) the Trust is not required to report the gross proceeds of Trust sales to its Shareholders. However, for those Shareholders who wish to have this information, it is contained in the attached 2015 Gross Proceeds File.

iShares® Gold Trust 2015 Expense File

Date	Expenses Per Share
January	0.00250666
February	0.00229373
March	0.00242264
April	0.00237654
May	0.00245102
June	0.00233979
July	0.00237907
August	0.00230170
September	0.00222774
October	0.00237755
November	0.00218394
December	0.00223784
Total for year	0.02809822

iShares® Gold Trust 2015 Gross Proceeds File

Date	Gold Ounces Per Share	Per Share Gold Ounces Sold To Cover Expenses	Proceeds Per Share
1/1/2015	0.00967905		
1/2/2015	0.00967905		
1/3/2015	0.00967905		
1/4/2015	0.00967905		
1/5/2015	0.00967694		
1/6/2015	0.00967695		
1/7/2015	0.00967694		
1/8/2015	0.00967694		
1/9/2015	0.00967694		
1/10/2015	0.00967694		
1/11/2015	0.00967694		
1/12/2015	0.00967694		
1/13/2015	0.00967694		
1/14/2015	0.00967694		
1/15/2015	0.00967693		
1/16/2015	0.00967693		
1/17/2015	0.00967693		
1/18/2015	0.00967693		
1/19/2015	0.00967693		
1/20/2015	0.00967692		
1/21/2015	0.00967691		
1/22/2015	0.00967691		
1/23/2015	0.00967691		
1/24/2015	0.00967691		
1/25/2015	0.00967691		
1/26/2015	0.00967691		
1/27/2015	0.00967691		
1/28/2015	0.00967691		
1/29/2015	0.00967691		
1/30/2015	0.00967691		
1/31/2015	0.00967691	0.00000197	0.00250666
2/1/2015	0.00967691		
2/2/2015	0.00967691		
2/3/2015	0.00967494		
2/4/2015	0.00967494		
2/5/2015	0.00967494		
2/6/2015	0.00967494		
2/7/2015	0.00967494		
2/8/2015	0.00967494		
2/9/2015	0.00967494		
2/10/2015	0.00967494		
2/11/2015	0.00967494		
2/12/2015	0.00967494		
2/13/2015	0.00967494		
2/14/2015	0.00967494		
2/15/2015	0.00967494		

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Date	Gold Ounces Per Share	Per Share Gold Ounces Sold To Cover Expenses	Proceeds Per Share
2/16/2015	0.00967494		
2/17/2015	0.00967494		
2/18/2015	0.00967494		
2/19/2015	0.00967494		
2/20/2015	0.00967493		
2/21/2015	0.00967493		
2/22/2015	0.00967493		
2/23/2015	0.00967494		
2/24/2015	0.00967494		
2/25/2015	0.00967495		
2/26/2015	0.00967495		
2/27/2015	0.00967495		
2/28/2015	0.00967495	0.00000189	0.00229373
3/1/2015	0.00967495		
3/2/2015	0.00967495		
3/3/2015	0.00967305		
3/4/2015	0.00967305		
3/5/2015	0.00967305		
3/6/2015	0.00967305		
3/7/2015	0.00967305		
3/8/2015	0.00967305		
3/9/2015	0.00967306		
3/10/2015	0.00967306		
3/11/2015	0.00967306		
3/12/2015	0.00967306		
3/13/2015	0.00967306		
3/14/2015	0.00967306		
3/15/2015	0.00967306		
3/16/2015	0.00967306		
3/17/2015	0.00967306		
3/18/2015	0.00967306		
3/19/2015	0.00967305		
3/20/2015	0.00967305		
3/21/2015	0.00967305		
3/22/2015	0.00967305		
3/23/2015	0.00967305		
3/24/2015	0.00967305		
3/25/2015	0.00967305		
3/26/2015	0.00967305		
3/27/2015	0.00967305		
3/28/2015	0.00967305		
3/29/2015	0.00967305		
3/30/2015	0.00967305		
3/31/2015	0.00967305	0.00000202	0.00242264
4/1/2015	0.00967305		
4/2/2015	0.00967103		
4/3/2015	0.00967103		

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Date	Gold Ounces Per Share	Per Share Gold Ounces Sold To Cover Expenses	Proceeds Per Share
4/4/2015	0.00967103		
4/5/2015	0.00967103		
4/6/2015	0.00967103		
4/7/2015	0.00967103		
4/8/2015	0.00967103		
4/9/2015	0.00967103		
4/10/2015	0.00967103		
4/11/2015	0.00967103		
4/12/2015	0.00967103		
4/13/2015	0.00967103		
4/14/2015	0.00967103		
4/15/2015	0.00967103		
4/16/2015	0.00967103		
4/17/2015	0.00967103		
4/18/2015	0.00967103		
4/19/2015	0.00967103		
4/20/2015	0.00967103		
4/21/2015	0.00967102		
4/22/2015	0.00967102		
4/23/2015	0.00967102		
4/24/2015	0.00967102		
4/25/2015	0.00967102		
4/26/2015	0.00967102		
4/27/2015	0.00967102		
4/28/2015	0.00967102		
4/29/2015	0.00967102		
4/30/2015	0.00967102	0.00000202	0.00237654
5/1/2015	0.00967102		
5/2/2015	0.00967102		
5/3/2015	0.00967102		
5/4/2015	0.00966900		
5/5/2015	0.00966900		
5/6/2015	0.00966900		
5/7/2015	0.00966900		
5/8/2015	0.00966900		
5/9/2015	0.00966900		
5/10/2015	0.00966900		
5/11/2015	0.00966900		
5/12/2015	0.00966900		
5/13/2015	0.00966900		
5/14/2015	0.00966900		
5/15/2015	0.00966900		
5/16/2015	0.00966900		
5/17/2015	0.00966900		
5/18/2015	0.00966900		
5/19/2015	0.00966900		
5/20/2015	0.00966900		

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Date	Gold Ounces Per Share	Per Share Gold Ounces Sold To Cover Expenses	Proceeds Per Share
5/21/2015	0.00966900		
5/22/2015	0.00966900		
5/23/2015	0.00966900		
5/24/2015	0.00966900		
5/25/2015	0.00966900		
5/26/2015	0.00966900		
5/27/2015	0.00966900		
5/28/2015	0.00966900		
5/29/2015	0.00966900		
5/30/2015	0.00966900		
5/31/2015	0.00966900	0.00000204	0.00245102
6/1/2015	0.00966900		
6/2/2015	0.00966696		
6/3/2015	0.00966696		
6/4/2015	0.00966696		
6/5/2015	0.00966696		
6/6/2015	0.00966696		
6/7/2015	0.00966696		
6/8/2015	0.00966696		
6/9/2015	0.00966696		
6/10/2015	0.00966696		
6/11/2015	0.00966696		
6/12/2015	0.00966696		
6/13/2015	0.00966696		
6/14/2015	0.00966696		
6/15/2015	0.00966696		
6/16/2015	0.00966696		
6/17/2015	0.00966696		
6/18/2015	0.00966695		
6/19/2015	0.00966695		
6/20/2015	0.00966695		
6/21/2015	0.00966695		
6/22/2015	0.00966695		
6/23/2015	0.00966695		
6/24/2015	0.00966695		
6/25/2015	0.00966695		
6/26/2015	0.00966695		
6/27/2015	0.00966695		
6/28/2015	0.00966695		
6/29/2015	0.00966695		
6/30/2015	0.00966695	0.00000200	0.00233979
7/1/2015	0.00966695		
7/2/2015	0.00966495		
7/3/2015	0.00966495		
7/4/2015	0.00966495		
7/5/2015	0.00966495		
7/6/2015	0.00966495		

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7/7/2015	0.00966495		
7/8/2015	0.00966495		
7/9/2015	0.00966495		
7/10/2015	0.00966495		
7/11/2015	0.00966495		
7/12/2015	0.00966495		
7/13/2015	0.00966495		
7/14/2015	0.00966495		
7/15/2015	0.00966495		
7/16/2015	0.00966495		
7/17/2015	0.00966495		
7/18/2015	0.00966495		
7/19/2015	0.00966495		
7/20/2015	0.00966495		
7/21/2015	0.00966495		
7/22/2015	0.00966495		
7/23/2015	0.00966498		
7/24/2015	0.00966498		
7/25/2015	0.00966498		
7/26/2015	0.00966498		
7/27/2015	0.00966498		
7/28/2015	0.00966499		
7/29/2015	0.00966499		
7/30/2015	0.00966499		
7/31/2015	0.00966499	0.00000218	0.00237907
8/1/2015	0.00966499		
8/2/2015	0.00966499		
8/3/2015	0.00966499		
8/4/2015	0.00966282		
8/5/2015	0.00966282		
8/6/2015	0.00966282		
8/7/2015	0.00966282		
8/8/2015	0.00966282		
8/9/2015	0.00966282		
8/10/2015	0.00966282		
8/11/2015	0.00966282		
8/12/2015	0.00966282		
8/13/2015	0.00966282		
8/14/2015	0.00966282		
8/15/2015	0.00966282		
8/16/2015	0.00966282		
8/17/2015	0.00966282		
8/18/2015	0.00966282		
8/19/2015	0.00966282		
8/20/2015	0.00966282		
8/21/2015	0.00966281		
8/22/2015	0.00966281		

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Date	Gold Ounces Per Share	Per Share Gold Ounces Sold To Cover Expenses	Proceeds Per Share
8/23/2015	0.00966281		
8/24/2015	0.00966281		
8/25/2015	0.00966281		
8/26/2015	0.00966281		
8/27/2015	0.00966281		
8/28/2015	0.00966281		
8/29/2015	0.00966281		
8/30/2015	0.00966281		
8/31/2015	0.00966282	0.00000201	0.00230170
9/1/2015	0.00966282		
9/2/2015	0.00966081		
9/3/2015	0.00966081		
9/4/2015	0.00966081		
9/5/2015	0.00966081		
9/6/2015	0.00966081		
9/7/2015	0.00966081		
9/8/2015	0.00966081		
9/9/2015	0.00966081		
9/10/2015	0.00966081		
9/11/2015	0.00966081		
9/12/2015	0.00966081		
9/13/2015	0.00966081		
9/14/2015	0.00966081		
9/15/2015	0.00966081		
9/16/2015	0.00966081		
9/17/2015	0.00966081		
9/18/2015	0.00966081		
9/19/2015	0.00966081		
9/20/2015	0.00966081		
9/21/2015	0.00966081		
9/22/2015	0.00966081		
9/23/2015	0.00966081		
9/24/2015	0.00966081		
9/25/2015	0.00966080		
9/26/2015	0.00966080		
9/27/2015	0.00966080		
9/28/2015	0.00966080		
9/29/2015	0.00966080		
9/30/2015	0.00966080	0.00000199	0.00222774
10/1/2015	0.00966080		
10/2/2015	0.00965881		
10/3/2015	0.00965881		
10/4/2015	0.00965881		
10/5/2015	0.00965881		
10/6/2015	0.00965881		
10/7/2015	0.00965881		
10/8/2015	0.00965881		

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Date	Gold Ounces Per Share	Per Share Gold Ounces Sold To Cover Expenses	Proceeds Per Share
10/9/2015	0.00965881		
10/10/2015	0.00965881		
10/11/2015	0.00965881		
10/12/2015	0.00965881		
10/13/2015	0.00965880		
10/14/2015	0.00965880		
10/15/2015	0.00965880		
10/16/2015	0.00965880		
10/17/2015	0.00965880		
10/18/2015	0.00965880		
10/19/2015	0.00965880		
10/20/2015	0.00965880		
10/21/2015	0.00965880		
10/22/2015	0.00965880		
10/23/2015	0.00965880		
10/24/2015	0.00965880		
10/25/2015	0.00965880		
10/26/2015	0.00965880		
10/27/2015	0.00965881		
10/28/2015	0.00965881		
10/29/2015	0.00965881		
10/30/2015	0.00965881		
10/31/2015	0.00965881	0.00000210	0.00237755
11/1/2015	0.00965881		
11/2/2015	0.00965882		
11/3/2015	0.00965672		
11/4/2015	0.00965672		
11/5/2015	0.00965672		
11/6/2015	0.00965672		
11/7/2015	0.00965672		
11/8/2015	0.00965672		
11/9/2015	0.00965672		
11/10/2015	0.00965672		
11/11/2015	0.00965672		
11/12/2015	0.00965672		
11/13/2015	0.00965672		
11/14/2015	0.00965672		
11/15/2015	0.00965672		
11/16/2015	0.00965670		
11/17/2015	0.00965670		
11/18/2015	0.00965670		
11/19/2015	0.00965672		
11/20/2015	0.00965672		
11/21/2015	0.00965672		
11/22/2015	0.00965672		
11/23/2015	0.00965672		
11/24/2015	0.00965672		

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Date	Gold Ounces Per Share	Per Share Gold Ounces Sold To Cover Expenses	Proceeds Per Share
11/25/2015	0.00965673		
11/26/2015	0.00965673		
11/27/2015	0.00965673		
11/28/2015	0.00965673		
11/29/2015	0.00965673		
11/30/2015	0.00965674	0.00000205	0.00218394
12/1/2015	0.00965675		
12/2/2015	0.00965469		
12/3/2015	0.00965469		
12/4/2015	0.00965469		
12/5/2015	0.00965469		
12/6/2015	0.00965469		
12/7/2015	0.00965469		
12/8/2015	0.00965469		
12/9/2015	0.00965469		
12/10/2015	0.00965469		
12/11/2015	0.00965469		
12/12/2015	0.00965469		
12/13/2015	0.00965469		
12/14/2015	0.00965469		
12/15/2015	0.00965470		
12/16/2015	0.00965470		
12/17/2015	0.00965470		
12/18/2015	0.00965470		
12/19/2015	0.00965470		
12/20/2015	0.00965470		
12/21/2015	0.00965471		
12/22/2015	0.00965471		
12/23/2015	0.00965471		
12/24/2015	0.00965472		
12/25/2015	0.00965472		
12/26/2015	0.00965472		
12/27/2015	0.00965472		
12/28/2015	0.00965472		
12/29/2015	0.00965472		
12/30/2015	0.00965472		
12/31/2015	0.00965473	0.00000207	0.00223784
Totals		0.00002434	0.02809822

iShares Gold Trust Data above shows gold ounces acquired per iShares Gold Trust (IAU) share purchased, gold sold (in ounces), proceeds, and expenses per iShares Gold Trust (IAU) Share.

Identify the date on which the Shareholder purchased its iShares Gold Trust (IAU) shares in the column labeled "Date". The amount in the column labeled "Gold Ounces per Share" represents the pro rata amount of gold, in ounces, that each IAU Share represents.

Example: Shareholder XYZ purchases 200 IAU shares on 1/28/2015 at a price of \$50 per share for a total purchase price of \$10,000. Shareholder XYZ had no other purchases or sales of IAU shares during 2015.

Step 1: Identify the shareholder’s pro rata ownership of gold (in ounces).

Identify Shareholder XYZ’s purchase date of 1/28/2015. In the column labeled “Gold Ounces per Share,” identify the pro rata amount of gold (i.e. 0.00967691 ounces per share) each IAU share represents on that date.

For Shareholder XYZ, total prorated amount of gold ounces owned for its 1/28/2015 purchase is 1.93538 ounces (0.00967691 ozs per share multiplied by 200 shares purchased on 1/28/2015.) Note: This step should be completed for each date on which IAU shares were purchased.

Step 2: Calculate the gold (in ounces) sold from the shareholder’s account during 2015

The gold ounces sold per share during 2015 includes the cumulative amounts of all gold sales for the period which includes the day after the purchase date of 1/28/2015 through the day of the sale date.

During 2015 the amount of gold sold after the 1/28/2015 purchase date is 0.00002434 oz per share for a total of 0.00487 oz (based on the purchase of 200 shares).

Step 3: Calculate cost of gold sold from shareholder’s account

Total Gold ozs sold (Step 2)	0.00487 oz		
	-----	X	\$ 10,000
Gold ozs acquired (Step1)	1.93538 oz		
Cost of Gold sold			\$ 25.16

Step 4: Calculate shareholder's gain or loss on sales of gold for each lot purchased

Identify all proceeds per share received by the Trust after Shareholder XYZ's 1/28/2015 purchase date. During 2015, there were sales at the end of every month for the period 1/29/2015 through 12/31/2015 which generated proceeds per share of \$0.02809822. Therefore, Shareholder XYZ's gain or loss is determined as follows:

Total Proceeds: \$0.02809822 per share X 200 shares	\$ 5.62
Less: Total cost of gold sold (Step 3)	25.16
Total Reportable Loss	<u>\$ 19.54</u>
(1040 Sch D, Part I)	

Step 5: Calculate shareholder's investment expenses

Identify all expenses per share paid by the Trust after Shareholder XYZ's 1/28/2015 purchase date. During 2015, the expenses paid were at the end of every month for the period of 1/29/2015 through 12/31/2015 which amounted to \$0.02809822 per share. Therefore, Shareholder XYZ's investment expenses are:

Investment Expenses per Share	\$ 0.02809822
Total Shares	200
Total Expense	<u>\$ 5.62</u>
(1040 Sch A)	

Step 6: Calculate shareholder's adjusted gold held and cost basis

Gold ounces Purchased on 1/28/2015 (Step 1)	1.93538 oz
Less: Gold ounces sold during 2015 (Step 2)	0.00487 oz
Adjusted Shareholder's Gold ounces at 12/31/2015	<u>1.93051 oz</u>
Original Purchase Cost on 1/28/2015	\$ 10,000.00
Less: Cost of Gold Sold during 2015 (Step 3)	25.16
Adjusted Shareholder's basis at 12/31/2015	<u>\$ 9,974.84</u>

Shareholder's adjusted cost and gold ounces calculated in Step 6 are his/her adjusted ounces of gold and adjusted basis for the 1/28/2015 purchase at the end of 2015.

Shareholders with several purchases should calculate gain, loss and adjusted basis separately for each purchased lot and then sum up the results of each lot to arrive at the net reportable gain or loss and the total investment expenses.

Shareholders who purchased their shares prior to 2015, and made no other purchases, should calculate their adjusted cost basis, using the gross proceeds information for the relevant years, by following the same steps as in the example above. The adjusted cost basis at 12/31/2014 should be used as the beginning cost for 2015 instead of the original purchase cost.

Shareholders with an additional purchases in 2015 will have two cost lots to account for in 2015. The calculation of gains and losses will be affected by the cost basis method used to account for the sales.

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