

iSHARES IV PLC

SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED) (continued)

Periodic disclosure for financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

Product name:
iShares Ageing Population UCITS ETF

Legal entity identifier:
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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

☒ ☒ ☐ **Yes**

☒ ☐ ☒ **No**

☐ It made **sustainable investments with an environmental objective**: __%

☐ in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☐ It made **sustainable investments with a social objective**: __%

☒ It **promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 17.03% of sustainable investments

☐ with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

☒ with a social objective

☐ It promoted E/S characteristics, but **did not make any sustainable investments**

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The following table lists the environmental and social characteristics which were promoted by the Fund throughout the reference period. Further information on these environmental and social characteristics is outlined in the Fund's prospectus. Please refer to the section below, "How did the sustainability indicators perform?", which provides information about the extent that the Fund met such environmental and social characteristics.

Environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund

Exclusion of issuers with a Sustainalytics controversy score of 5

Exclusion of issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental and/or social outcomes such as: controversial weapons, weapons (such as small arms and military contracting), thermal coal, nuclear power, tobacco, conventional and unconventional oil and gas

Exclusion of issuers deemed to have violated commonly accepted international norms and standards

Exposure to investments qualifying as Sustainable Investments

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● How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The following table provides information about the performance of the sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund, as further detailed in the Fund's prospectus.

Sustainability Indicator	Metric	2024	2023
Exposure to investments qualifying as Sustainable Investments	% market value exposure to Sustainable Investments	17.03% ¹	13.58%
Exclusion of issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental and/or social outcomes (listed above)	% market value exposure to issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental and/or social outcomes	0.00%	0.00%
Exclusion of issuers with a Sustainalytics controversy score of 5	% market value exposure to issuers with a Sustainalytics controversy score of 5	0.00%	0.00%
Exclusion of companies classified as violating United Nations Global Compact principles	% market value exposure to companies classified as violating United Nations Global Compact principles	0.00%	0.00%

¹The Fund and benchmark index rebalance annually in June. For the reference period ended 31 May 2024, the relevant rebalance date was on 16 June 2023. As of that date, the minimum % of Sustainable Investments was 20% (it increased to 50% on 18 September 2023). As a result, the target for the reference period end in question was met at the point of rebalance.

● ...and compared to previous periods?

The above table provides information about the performance of the sustainability indicators for the previous reference period (see section "How did the sustainability indicators perform?").

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● **What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?**

During the reference period, the Fund invested 17.03% of its holdings in Sustainable Investments in pursuit of its investment objective.

The Fund's investments qualifying as Sustainable Investments were either in:

- (1) companies involved in activities deemed to contribute to positive environmental and/or social impacts, or
- (2) companies which have committed to one or more active carbon emissions reduction target(s) approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

The Fund's investments were assessed against their revenue exposure to positive sustainable impacts in line with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, the EU Taxonomy and other sustainability-related frameworks. The positive environmental impacts considered as part of this assessment may have related to themes such as climate change and natural capital and identify companies that may have derived revenues from activities (or related activities) such as alternative energy, energy efficiency and green building, sustainable water, pollution prevention and control and sustainable agriculture. The positive societal impacts considered as part of this assessment may have related to themes such as basic needs and empowerment and identify companies that may have derived revenues from activities (or related activities) such as nutrition, major disease treatments, sanitation, affordable real estate, small and medium enterprise (SME) finance, education and connectivity.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

● **How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

The Sustainable Investments held by the Fund during the reference period met the do no significant harm ("DNSH") requirements, as defined by applicable law and regulation. At each index rebalance, all investments qualifying as Sustainable Investments were assessed against certain minimum environmental and social indicators. As part of the assessment, companies were assessed on their involvement in activities deemed to have highly negative environmental and social impacts. Where a company was identified as being involved in activities with highly negative environmental and social impacts, it was not eligible as a Sustainable Investment.

- **How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?**

The mandatory indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors (as set out in the Regulatory Technical Standards ("RTS") under the SFDR) were considered at each index rebalance through the screening criteria applied by the index provider in the selection of index constituents qualifying as Sustainable Investments.

As a result of the screening criteria applied by the index provider, the following investments within the benchmark index did not qualify as Sustainable Investments: (1) companies deriving a minimum % revenue from thermal coal (as determined by the index provider) which was significantly carbon intensive and a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions (taking into account indicators relating to GHG emissions), (2) companies with a Sustainalytics carbon risk rating of 4 or 5 that are deemed to have a high or severe exposure to carbon risks (taking into account indicators relating to greenhouse gas emissions including carbon emissions and renewable/non-renewable energy use), and (3) companies with an ESG controversy rating of 4 or 5 that have been deemed to be involved in high or severe ESG related controversies (including in relation to indicators concerning, biodiversity, water, waste and social and employee matters).

The benchmark index also excluded: (1) companies which were classified as violating or are at risk of violating commonly accepted international norms and standards, enshrined in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and their underlying conventions and (2) companies/issuers determined to have any tie to controversial weapons (taking into account indicators concerning ties to controversial weapons).

- **Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:**

The Fund's benchmark index excluded companies which were classified as violating or were at risk of violating commonly accepted international norms and standards, enshrined in the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Principles, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) and their underlying conventions. The benchmark index applied the above exclusionary criteria at each index rebalance.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

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How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The following table provides information about the impact of the principal adverse sustainability indicators taken into consideration by this Fund. The Fund considered the impact of the principal adverse sustainability indicators through the promotion of environmental and social characteristics ("E&S criteria") set out above (see To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?). The Investment Manager has determined that these PAIs have been considered as part of the investment selection criteria of the benchmark index at each index rebalance. The Fund's specific sustainability indicator may not align with the full scope of the regulatory definition of the corresponding PAI outlined in Annex 1 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 Regulatory Technical Standards ("RTS").

Adverse Sustainability Indicator	Sustainability Indicators
Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Exclusion of issuers based on certain environmental screens (listed above)
Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	Exclusions of issuers based on an ESG controversy rating
Emissions to water	Exclusions of issuers based on an ESG controversy rating
Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio	Exclusions of issuers based on an ESG controversy rating
Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Exclusions of issuers classified as violating commonly accepted international norms and standards
Exposure to controversial weapons (anti- personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)	Exclusion of issuers determined to have any tie to controversial weapons

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What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: From 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024.

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
Immunogen Inc	Health Care	0.53%	United States
Aon Plc Class A	Financials	0.51%	Ireland
Airbnb Inc Class A	Consumer Discretionary	0.51%	United States
Arthur J Gallagher	Financials	0.51%	United States
Edwards Lifesciences Corp	Health Care	0.50%	United States
Lincoln National Corp	Financials	0.49%	United States
Universal Health Services Inc Clas	Health Care	0.49%	United States
Brown & Brown Inc	Financials	0.49%	United States
Assicurazioni Generali	Financials	0.49%	Italy
Metlife Inc	Financials	0.49%	United States
Primerica Inc	Financials	0.49%	United States
Smith And Nephew Plc	Health Care	0.49%	United Kingdom
Daiwa Securities Group Inc	Financials	0.49%	Japan
Steadfast Group Ltd	Financials	0.49%	Australia
Discovery Ltd	Financials	0.49%	South Africa

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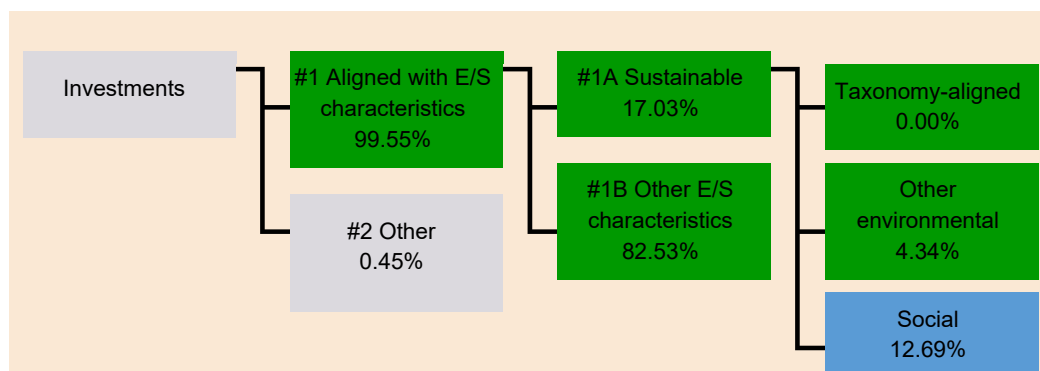
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What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

What was the asset allocation?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

The taxonomy alignment percentage in the above diagram represents the percentage of investments held by the Fund in EU Taxonomy-aligned activities through Sustainable Investments with an environmental objective. It does not include the taxonomy alignment achieved through the Fund's other investments. For the taxonomy alignment of the Fund's total investments, see the bar chart below.

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The following table details the asset allocation of the Fund for the current and the previous reference period.

Asset allocation	% Investments	
	2024	2023
#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics	99.55%	99.12%
#2 Other	0.45%	0.88%
#1A Sustainable	17.03%	13.58%
#1B Other E/S characteristics	82.53%	85.54%
Taxonomy-aligned	0.00%	N/A ¹
Other environmental	4.34%	N/A ¹
Social	12.69%	N/A ¹

¹Comparative information is not disclosed as these Sustainable Investments were disclosed as a mix of Sustainable Investments with an environmental objective that is not aligned with the EU Taxonomy or a social objective or a combination of both, and the exact composition may have fluctuated.

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to during the reference period.

Sector	Sub-Sector	% of Investments
Health Care	Health Care Equipment & Services	30.04%
Financials	Insurance	25.16%
Health Care	Pharma, Biotech & Life Sciences	20.97%
Financials	Financial Services	12.70%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Services	4.50%
Consumer Staples	Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	1.90%
Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Durables	1.64%
Consumer Discretionary	Autos & Components	1.38%

During the reference period, none of the Fund's investments were held in the following sub-sectors (as defined by the Global Industry Classification System): integrated oil and gas, oil and gas exploration and production, oil and gas drilling, oil and gas storage and transportation, oil and gas refining and marketing, oil and gas equipment services or coal and consumable fuels.

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To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

For the reference period, the Fund's investment alignment with EU Taxonomy is shown in the graphs below.

For the reference period, 0% of the Fund's investments were classified as both Sustainable Investments with an environmental objective and aligned with the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

☐ Yes:

☐ In fossil gas

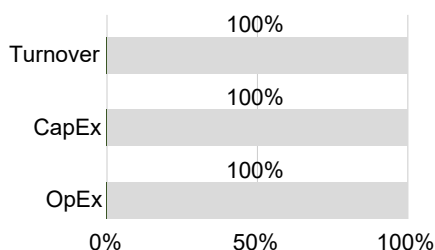
☐ In nuclear energy

☒ No

¹ Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective -see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

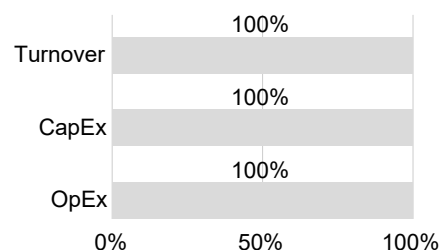
The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy alignment of sovereign bonds*, the first graph shows the taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds*



☒ Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas
☒ Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear
☒ Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)
☐ Non Taxonomy-aligned

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds*



☒ Taxonomy-aligned: Fossil gas
☒ Taxonomy-aligned: Nuclear
☒ Taxonomy-aligned (no gas and nuclear)
☐ Non Taxonomy-aligned

This graph represents 100.00% of the total Investments.

* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

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For the reference period, 0.00% of the Fund's total investments were held in sovereign exposures.

What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

For the reference period, the Fund's investments in transitional and enabling activities were as follows:

	% of Investments
Own Performance	0.00%
Transitional Activities	0.00%
Enabling Activities	0.00%
Total Alignment %	0.00%

How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

For the previous reference period, 0% of the Fund's investments were aligned with EU Taxonomy.



Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

For the reference period, 4.34% of the Fund's investments were classified as Sustainable Investments with an environmental objective not aligned with EU Taxonomy.

The Fund invested in Sustainable Investments that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy for the following reasons: (i) it is part of the investment strategy of the Fund; (ii) data to determine EU Taxonomy-alignment was unavailable; and/or (iii) underlying economic activities were not eligible under the EU Taxonomy's available technical screening criteria or did not comply with all requirements set out in such technical screening criteria.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

For the reference period, 12.69% of the Fund's investments were classified as socially sustainable investments.



What investments were included under "Other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments included under "#2 Other" included cash, near cash instruments and derivatives, however such holdings did not exceed 20%. Such investments were used only for investment purposes in pursuit of the Fund's (non-ESG) investment objective, for the purposes of liquidity management and/or hedging.

No other investments held by the Fund were assessed against minimum environmental or social safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Fund met the environmental and social characteristics by tracking the environment and social characteristics of the benchmark index. The benchmark index methodology incorporates the environmental and social characteristics outlined (see section To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund met?).

The Investment Manager is also subject to the shareholder engagement requirements of the Shareholders Rights Directive II (SRD) requirements. The SRD aims to strengthen the position of shareholders, enhance transparency and reduce excessive risk within companies traded on regulated EU marketplaces. Further details regarding the Investment Manager's activities under the SRD are available on BlackRock's website at:

<https://www.blackrock.com/uk/professionals/solutions/shareholder-rights-directive>.

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Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

For the reference period, the Fund has designated the benchmark index as a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The performance of the Fund compared to the benchmark index is outlined below.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

The benchmark index excludes issuers that do not meet its ESG selection criteria from its broad market index, the STOXX Global Total Market Index. The ESG selection criteria that is excluded is set out above (see To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?). Further details regarding the methodology of the benchmark index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at <https://www.stoxx.com/rulebooks>.

How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

The Fund achieved the environmental and social characteristics it promotes through a portfolio that is primarily made up of securities that represent the Fund's benchmark index.

How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Sustainability Indicator	Metric	Fund	Reference benchmark
Exposure to investments qualifying as Sustainable Investments	% market value exposure to Sustainable Investments	17.03%	17.12%
Exclusion of issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental and/or social outcomes (listed above)	% market value exposure to issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental and/or social outcomes	0.00%	0.00%
Exclusion of issuers with a Sustainalytics controversy score of 5	% market value exposure to issuers with a Sustainalytics controversy score of 5	0.00%	0.00%
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● How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?

Sustainability Indicator	Metric	Fund	Broad market index
Exposure to investments qualifying as Sustainable Investments	% market value exposure to Sustainable Investments	17.03%	28.39%
Exclusion of issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental and/or social outcomes (listed above)	% market value exposure to issuers involved in certain activities deemed to have negative environmental and/or social outcomes	0.00%	16.90%
Exclusion of issuers with a Sustainalytics controversy score of 5	% market value exposure to issuers with a Sustainalytics controversy score of 5	0.00%	0.62%
Exclusion of companies classified as violating United Nations Global Compact principles	% market value exposure to companies classified as violating United Nations Global Compact principles	0.00%	0.95%