

Conversion of 39 iShares into international ETF structure

BlackRock (iShares) intends to convert its Irish-domiciled and Global Bearer Certificate Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs) to the ICSD model in Common Depository structure, thus centralising the issuance process in one Common Depository. This third migration wave will consist of 39 ETFs issued under the iShares Plc umbrella.

This document contains the relevant details on the conversion of the 39 iShares into the international ETF structure.

No action is required from you for the conversion of the securities into the international ETF structure. Depending on your current settlement arrangements, there may be settlement-related actions for you to take. Refer to the information provided below.

Mandatory exchange

The 39 iShares plc ETFs¹ (governed by Irish law) in the table on [page 2](#) will be converted into new international ETFs on Monday, 23 May 2016 (the 'conversion date'). The conversion from the current domestic to the new international issuance structure is mandatory and does not require an action from you:

- "DE-ISINs (Global Bearer Certificates/GBCs in Collective Safe Custody) will be converted into international IE-ISINs over the weekend of the exchange based on your holdings on Friday, 20 May 2016 - 'the record date' on a 1:1 basis. Trading in the DE ISINs will remain possible until close of business on Friday 20 May 2016. As from that time, external and Bridge settlement in the DE ISINs will no longer be possible. Booking of GBC exchanges from the original ISINs into German certificates and GBC re-exchange from German certificates into the original ISINs are only possible until 19 May 2016, noon (CET).
- "IE-ISINs (Irish domiciled) - Static data will be updated in our securities database to flag the ISIN as international. The IE ISINs will remain the same. We will not process any debit/ re-credit movements on your holdings.
- "IE-ISINs (in Collective Safe Custody) - Static data will be updated in WSS database to flag the ISIN as international. Your holdings in your CASCADE-accounts (Collective Safe Custody) will be converted into your corresponding CBFi-accounts ("6-series accounts") in the international settlement over the weekend of the exchange based on your holdings on Friday, 20 May 2016 - 'the record date' - on a 1:1 basis. Trading will remain possible.

Please note that positions in Remote Market Common Codes held in other CSDs such as Monte Titoli, SIX SIS, Euroclear Netherlands, Euroclear UK & IE will be repatriated to their respective Home Market Common Code between Monday 16 May and Friday 20 May 2016. Meaning that as from 16 May remote market common code will be closed for settlement. Any pending settlement instructions will be cancelled in this remote common code and you will have to reinstruct with the Home Market Common Code.

Stock exchange trading in the various markets will remain possible (unless announced otherwise) but customers are requested to check with their counterparty which settlement arrangement within the ICSDs should be applied to settle their trades.

1. For more details on these iShares ETFs and the Scheme of Arrangement that governs the iShares conversions, please go to www.ishares.com.

Impacted securities

Sub-Fund Name (iShares IV)	Before Monday, 23 May 2016		As from Monday, 23 May 2016
	Domestic IE ISIN	Domestic DE ISIN (Global Bearer Certificates)	Final International IE ISIN
SHS ISHARES(USD)T.BD 1(HYPHEN)3YR UCITS ETF	IE00B14X4S71	DE000A0J2078	IE00B14X4S71
SHS ISHARES UK DIVIDEND UCITS ETF	IE00B0M63060	DE000A0HG2R0	IE00B0M63060
SHS ISHARES S+P 500 UCITS ETF (DIST)	IE0031442068		IE0031442068
SHS ISHARES MSCI WORLD UCITS ETF (DIST)	IE00B0M62Q58		IE00B0M62Q58
SHS ISHARES MSCI TAIWAN UCITS ETF	IE00B0M63623	DE000A0HG2K5	IE00B0M63623
SHS ISHARES MSCI NORTH AMERICA UCITS ETF	IE00B14X4M10	DE000A0J2060	IE00B14X4M10
SHS ISHARES MSCI KOREA UCITS ETF (DIST)	IE00B0M63391	DE000A0HG2L3	IE00B0M63391
SHS ISHARES MSCI JAPAN USD HED.UCITS ETF CAP	IE00BCLWRG39		IE00BCLWRG39
SHS ISHARES MSCI JAPAN UCITS ETF (DIST)	IE00B02KXH56	DE000A0DPMW9	IE00B02KXH56
SHS ISHARES MSCI EUROPE EX.UK UCITS ETF	IE00B14X4N27	DE000A0J2094	IE00B14X4N27
SHS ISHARES MSCI EMERG.MKT.UCITS ETF (DIST)	IE00B0M63177		IE00B0M63177
SHS ISHARES MSCI EMERG.MKT.IMI UC.ETF-ACC	IE00BKM4GZ66		IE00BKM4GZ66
SHS ISHARES MSCI EAST EUROPCAPPED UCITS ETF	IE00B0M63953	DE000A0HGZV3	IE00B0M63953
SHS ISHARES MSCI BRAZIL UCITS ETF (DIST)	IE00B0M63516	DE000A0HG2M1	IE00B0M63516
SHS ISHARES MSCI AC FAREAST EX-JP UCITS ETF	IE00B0M63730	DE000A0HGZS9	IE00B0M63730
SHS ISHARES MSCI EUR EX-UK GBP HDG UCITS ETF	IE00BVDPJP67		IE00BVDPJP67
SHS ISHARES MARKIT USD CORP.BD UCITS ETF	IE0032895942	DE000A0DPYY0	IE0032895942
SHS ISHARES MARKIT IBOX ST.CORP.BD 1-5	IE00BCLWRB83	DE000A1W4V85	IE00BCLWRB83
SHS ISHARES MARKIT IBOX ST.CORP.BD 1-5	IE00B5L65R35		IE00B5L65R35
SHS ISHARES GLOBAL CORPORATE BD UCITS ETF	IE00B7J7TB45	DE000A1J7CK4	IE00B7J7TB45
SHS ISHARES GBP CORP.BD.INT.RA.HDG UCITS ETF	IE00BCLWRC90		IE00BCLWRC90
SHS ISHARES FTSEUROFIRST 80	IE0004855221	DE000A0DPM08	IE0004855221
SHS ISHARES FTSEUROFIRST 100 UCITS ETF	IE0030974079	DE000A0DPM16	IE0030974079
SHS ISHARES FTSE 250 UCITS ETF	IE00B00FV128		IE00B00FV128
SHS ISHARES EUROPE PROPERTY YIELD UCITS ETF	IE00B0M63284	DE000A0HG2Q2	IE00B0M63284
SHS ISHARES EURO TOTAL MKT VAL.LAR.UCITS ETF	IE00B0M62T89	DE000A0HG2N9	IE00B0M62T89
SHS ISHARES EURO STOXX SMALL UCITS ETF	IE00B02KXM00	DE000A0DPMZ2	IE00B02KXM00
SHS ISHARES EURO STOXX MID UCITS ETF	IE00B02KXL92	DE000A0DPMX7	IE00B02KXL92
SHS ISHARES EURO INFLAT.LIN.GOV.BD UCITS ETF	IE00B0M62X26		IE00B0M62X26
SHS ISHARES EURO HIGH YIED COR.BD UCITS ETF	IE00B74DQ490	DE000A1KB2A5	IE00B74DQ490

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SHS ISHARES EURO GOVT BD 1-3YR UCITS ETF	IE00B14X4Q57	DE000A0J21A7	IE00B14X4Q57
SHS ISHARES EURO DIVIDEND UCITS ETF	IE00B0M62S72	DE000A0HG2P4	IE00B0M62S72
SHS ISHARES EU TOT MKT GROW.LARGE UCITS ETF	IE00B0M62V02	DE000A0HG3L1	IE00B0M62V02
SHS ISHARES EU HIGH YLD CORP BD UCITS ETF	IE00B66F4759		IE00B66F4759
SHS ISHARES EU CORP BD LARGE CAP UCITS ETF	IE0032523478	DE0002511243	IE0032523478
SHS ISHARES CORE FTSE 100 UCITS ETF (DIST)	IE0005042456		IE0005042456
SHS ISHARES CORE (GBP) CORP.BD UCITS ETF	IE00B00FV011		IE00B00FV011
SHS ISHARES CHINA LARGE CAP UCITS ETF	IE00B02KXK85	DE000A0DPMY5	IE00B02KXK85
SHS ISHARES ASIA PACIFIC DIVIDEND UCITS ETF	IE00B14X4T88	DE000A0J2086	IE00B14X4T88
SHS ISHARES AEX UCITS ETF	IE00B0M62Y33		IE00B0M62Y33

Impact on stock exchange settlement instructions

Friday, 20 May 2016	What will happen
After close of business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DE ISINs CBL customers: Pending Exchange settlement instructions will be cancelled and reinstructed to the CBL/CBFi settlement platform (Creation) on customers' accounts with the relevant IE ISIN. CBF customers: Pending Exchange settlement instructions will be modified to the CBFi settlement platform (Creation) on customers' accounts. No separate Customer information will go out. IE ISINs CBL customers: Pending Exchange settlement instructions will be cancelled following change in static data of securities database. Customers should re-instruct accordingly. CBF customers: Pending Exchange settlement instructions will be modified to the CBFi settlement platform (Creation) on customers' accounts. No separate Customer information will go out.
Monday, 23 May 2016	What will happen
Start of business	Stock exchange transactions on Xetra will settle in CBL/CBFi settlement platform as from settlement date Monday, 23 May 2016.

Impact on OTC settlement instructions

Friday, 20 May 2016	What will happen
After close of business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DE ISINs CBL and CBF customers: Pending OTC settlement instructions will be cancelled. Customers should reinstruct to the CBL/CBFi settlement platform (Creation) on their accounts, with the relevant IE ISIN. No separate Customer information will go out. IE ISINs CBL customers: Pending OTC settlement instructions will be cancelled following change in static data of securities database. Customers should reinstruct accordingly. CBF customers: Pending OTC settlement instructions will be cancelled. Customers should reinstruct to the CBL/CBFi settlement platform (Creation) on their accounts. No separate Customer information will go out.
Monday, 23 May 2016	What will happen
Start of business	External settlement instructions The place of settlement for your transactions in international ETFs will be the CBL/CBFi settlement platform as from settlement date Monday, 23 May 2016.

Are you trading/clearing in the above DE ISINs on Xetra?

For trades executed on Xetra as from Thursday, 19 May 2016, the related transactions will settle exclusively in CBL/CBFi and will be converted to relevant IE ISIN holdings on 23 May 2016.

I settle my Xetra transactions in CBL or CBFi today

Your DE ISIN holdings will be converted to relevant IE ISIN holdings.

There is no further impact for you. Your transactions will continue to settle in CBL/CBFi.

I settle my Xetra transactions in CBF today

What will happen	Action to take
Close of business on Friday, 20 May 2016	
CBF will modify your pending instructions to the CBL/CBFi settlement platform (Creation) on your account in CBFi.	No action to take.
The start of business on Monday, 23 May 2016	
CBL/CBF will execute the conversion and credit your account in CBL/CBFi with the IE ISINs of the corporate action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should amend your static reference data for the 39 iShares ETFs to reflect the place of safekeeping, and holding ledger to PSAFE: CITIGB2LMAG
Your CASCADE account will be debited accordingly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend that you make arrangements with your underlying customers to make the relevant amendments as soon as possible after the conversion date.

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Are you trading/clearing in the above IE ISINs on Xetra?

No impact on CBL customers. CBF customers will need to settle on their CBFi account, as described for the DE ISINs (above).

I settle my Xetra transactions in CBL or CBFi today

There is no further impact for you. Your transactions will continue to settle in CBL/CBFi.

I settle my Xetra transactions in CBF today

What will happen	Action to take
Close of business on Friday, 20 May 2016	
CBF will modify your pending instructions to the CBFi settlement platform (Creation) on your account in CBFi.	No action to take.
The start of business on Monday, 23 May 2016	
CBL/CBF will execute the conversion and credit your account in CBL/CBFi with the IE ISINs of the corporate action. Your CASCADE account will be debited accordingly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You should amend your static reference data for the 39 iShares ETFs to reflect the place of safekeeping, and holding ledger, to PSafe: CITIGB2LMAGWe recommend that you make arrangements with your underlying customers to make the relevant amendments as soon as possible after the conversion date.

Other stock exchanges

We recommend that you check the relevant details with the local infrastructure of the other trading venues (Euronext, LSE, Borsa Italiana, SIX Swiss Exchange).

Place of settlement - Overview

Settlement type	Trading venue	Place of settlement pre-conversion	Place of settlement post-conversion ^a
Stock exchange settlement	Xetra	CBL (/CBFi)	CBL (/CBFi)
	Xetra	CBF	CBL (/CBFi)
OTC	N/A	CBL (/CBFi)	CBL (/CBFi)
	N/A	CBF	CBL (/CBFi)

a. Allowing you to centralise your OTC activity and stock exchange activity in the same location.

Any questions?

Have you read our international ETFs Product Information publication?

The Product Information publication is available on our website (www.clearstream.com) and offers you further details on how the international ETF structure helps meet the post-trade challenges of the ETF market.

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