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## US STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION | SUPPLEMENTARY UPDATE

[FOR RELEASE FOR ALL FUNDS LISTED IN THE TABLES BELOW]

BlackRock Asset Management Australia Limited, on behalf of iShares<sup>®</sup> (iShares, Inc. and iShares Trust), makes this announcement regarding the following iShares exchange traded funds listed on ASX (“Funds”):

ASX Code	Issuer	Fund
IKO	iShares, Inc.	iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund
ITW	iShares, Inc.	iShares MSCI Taiwan index Fund

A supplementary update dated 30 September 2010 (“Supplement”) to the United States (“US”) prospectus dated 1 January 2010 has been filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, a copy of which (including Supplement) is attached.

The table below lists all other Funds that are covered by the SAI as supplemented but which are not affected by the Supplement.

ASX Code	Issuer	Fund
IBK	iShares, Inc.	iShares MSCI BRIC
IEM	iShares, Inc.	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets
IJP	iShares, Inc.	iShares MSCI Japan
IHK	iShares, Inc.	iShares MSCI Hong Kong
ISG	iShares, Inc.	iShares MSCI Singapore

Note: Unless otherwise stated, financial and performance information is in US dollars. Contact information (websites and phone numbers) are generally US specific. For more information about the Fund (including Australian prospectuses) please go to [iShares.com.au](http://iShares.com.au) or call 1300-iShares (1300 474 2737).

Disclaimer: Before investing in an iShares fund, you should carefully consider the appropriateness of such products to your circumstances, read the applicable Australian prospectus and ASX announcements relating to the fund, and consult an investment adviser.

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# iShares<sup>®</sup>, Inc.

## Statement of Additional Information

Dated January 1, 2010

This combined Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) is not a prospectus. It should be read in conjunction with the current prospectuses (the “Prospectuses”) for the following funds of iShares, Inc. (the “Company”), as such Prospectuses may be revised or supplemented from time to time:

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Ticker</u>	<u>Stock Exchange</u>
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	EWA	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	EWO	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	EWK	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	EWZ	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	BKF	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	EWC	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	ECH	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	EEM	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	EZU	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	EWQ	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	EWG	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	EWH	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	EIS	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	EWI	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	EWJ	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	SCJ	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	EWM	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	EWV	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	EWN	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	EPP	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	EWS	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	EZA	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	EWY	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	EWP	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	EWD	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	EWL	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	EWT	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	THD	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	TUR	NYSE Arca
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	EWU	NYSE Arca

The Prospectuses for the iShares funds included in this SAI are dated January 1, 2010. Capitalized terms used herein that are not defined have the same meaning as in the applicable Prospectus, unless otherwise noted. The Financial Statements and Notes contained in the Annual Reports of the Company for the above listed Funds are incorporated by reference into and are deemed to be part of this SAI. A copy of each Prospectus and Annual Report may be obtained without charge by writing to the Company’s distributor, SEI Investments Distribution Co. (the “Distributor”) at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456, calling 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737) or visiting [www.iShares.com](http://www.iShares.com).

iShares<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. (“BTC”)\*.

\* Prior to December 1, 2009, BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. was known as Barclays Global Investors, N.A. (“BGI”).

# iShares®

iShares, Inc.

Supplement dated September 30, 2010

to the Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”), dated January 1, 2010 for each of

**iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund and  
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund**

*The information in this Supplement updates information in, and should be read in conjunction with, the SAI.*

Effective immediately, the following paragraph replaces the second paragraph under the *Investment Adviser* section on page 46 of the SAI.

For its investment advisory services to the Fund, BFA is entitled to receive a management fee from the Fund corresponding to the Fund’s allocable portion of an aggregate management fee based on the aggregate average daily net assets of the following iShares funds: iShares MSCI All Peru Capped Index Fund, iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI Brazil Small Cap Index Fund, iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI China Small Cap Index Fund, iShares MSCI Indonesia Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Philippines Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Poland Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund, iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund and iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund. The aggregate management fee is calculated as follows: 0.74% per annum of the aggregate net assets less than or equal to \$2.0 billion, plus 0.69% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$2.0 billion, up to and including \$4.0 billion, plus 0.64% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$4.0 billion, up to and including \$8.0 billion, plus 0.57% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$8.0 billion, up to and including \$16.0 billion, plus 0.51% per annum of the aggregate net assets in excess of \$16.0 billion.

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iShares, Inc.  
Supplement dated September 27, 2010  
to the Statement of Additional Information dated January 1, 2010 (the "SAI")  
for the iShares MSCI Index Funds

***The information in this Supplement updates information in, and should be read in conjunction with, the SAI.***

Effective immediately, the following paragraphs are inserted after the "Risks of Investing in Non-U.S. Equity Securities" paragraph on page 10 of the SAI:

**Risks of Investing in Russia.** Investing in the Russian securities market involves a high degree of risk and special considerations not typically associated with investing in the U.S. securities markets, and should be considered highly speculative. Risks include the absence of developed legal structures governing private and foreign investments and private property; the possibility of the loss of all or a substantial portion of the Fund's assets invested in Russia as a result of expropriation; certain national policies which may restrict the Fund's investment opportunities, including, without limitation, restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests; and potentially greater price volatility in, significantly smaller capitalization of, and relative illiquidity of, the Russian market. There can also be no assurance that the Fund's investments in these companies would not be expropriated, nationalized or otherwise confiscated. In the event of the settlement of any such claims or such expropriation, nationalization or other confiscation, the Fund could lose its entire investment. In addition, it may be difficult and more costly to obtain and enforce a judgment in the Russian court system.

Russia may also be subject to a greater degree of economic, political and social instability than is the case in other developed countries. Such instability may result from, among other things, the following: (i) an authoritarian government or military involvement in political and economic decision-making, including changes in government through extra-constitutional means; (ii) popular unrest associated with demands for improved political, economic and social conditions; (iii) internal insurgencies; (iv) hostile relations with neighboring countries; and (v) ethnic, religious and racial disaffection.

The Russian economy is heavily dependent upon the export of a range of commodities including most industrial metals, forestry products and oil and gas. Accordingly, it is strongly affected by international commodity prices and is particularly vulnerable to any weakening in global demand for these products. Any acts of terrorism or armed conflicts in Russia or internationally could have an adverse effect on the financial and commodities markets and the global economy. As Russia produces and exports large amounts of crude oil and gas, any acts of terrorism or armed conflict causing disruptions of Russian oil and gas exports could negatively affect the Russian economy and, thus, adversely affect, financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

The Russian government may exercise substantial influence over many aspects of the private sector and may own or control many companies. Future government actions could have a significant effect on the economic conditions in Russia, which could have a negative impact on private sector companies. There is also the possibility of diplomatic developments that could adversely affect investments in Russia. In recent years, the Russian government has begun to take bolder steps to re-assert its regional geopolitical influence (including military steps). Such steps may increase tensions between Russia and its neighbors and Western countries and may negatively affect economic growth.

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iShares, Inc.

Supplement dated September 9, 2010

to the Statement of Additional Information dated January 1, 2010 (the “SAI”) for

iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI France Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund,  
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund  
and iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund (the “Funds”)

***The information in this Supplement updates information in, and should be read in conjunction with, the SAI.***

Effective immediately, the following paragraph replaces the fifth paragraph under the *Investment Adviser* section on page 47 of the SAI.

For its investment advisory services to the iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund, iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund, iShares MSCI France Index Fund, iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund, iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund, iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund, iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund, iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund, iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund and iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund, BFA is entitled to receive a management fee from the Fund corresponding to the Fund’s allocable portion of an aggregate management fee based on the average daily net assets of these Funds together with other iShares Funds (iShares MSCI Ireland Capped Investable Market Index Fund and iShares MSCI New Zealand Investable Market Index Fund, which are offered in separate prospectuses and statements of additional information). The aggregate management fee is calculated as follows: 0.59% per annum of the aggregate net assets less than or equal to \$7.0 billion, plus 0.54% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$7.0 billion, up to and including \$11.0 billion, plus 0.49% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$11.0 billion, up to and including \$24.0 billion, plus 0.44% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$24.0 billion, up to and including \$48.0 billion, plus 0.40% per annum of the aggregate net assets in excess of \$48.0 billion.

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iShares, Inc.  
Supplement dated March 19, 2010  
to the Statement of Additional Information dated January 1, 2010 (the "SAI")  
for the iShares MSCI Index Funds

*The information in this Supplement updates information in, and should be read in conjunction with, the SAI.*

Effective immediately, the following paragraphs are inserted on page 62, replacing the first paragraph of the *Fund Deposit* section of the SAI:

**"FUND DEPOSIT.** The consideration for purchase of Creation Units of a Fund generally consists of the in-kind deposit of a designated portfolio of securities (*i.e.*, the Deposit Securities), which constitutes an optimized representation of the securities of the relevant Fund's Underlying Index, and the Cash Component computed as described below. Together, the Deposit Securities and the Cash Component constitute the "Fund Deposit," which represents the minimum initial and subsequent investment amount for a Creation Unit of any Fund.

For the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, the portfolio of securities required for purchase of a Creation Unit may be different than the portfolio of securities the Fund will deliver upon redemption of Fund shares ("Fund Securities"). The Deposit Securities and Fund Securities, as the case may be, in connection with a purchase or redemption of a Creation Unit, will correspond *pro rata*, to the extent practicable, to the securities held by the Fund.

The Cash Component is an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of the shares (per Creation Unit) and the "Deposit Amount," which is an amount equal to the market value of the Deposit Securities, and serves to compensate for any difference between the NAV per Creation Unit and the Deposit Amount. Payment of any stamp duty or other similar fees and expenses payable upon transfer of beneficial ownership of the Deposit Securities shall be the sole responsibility of the Authorized Participant purchasing a Creation Unit."

Also, effective immediately, the following paragraph is inserted on page 64, replacing the last paragraph of the *Issuance of a Creation Unit* section of the SAI:

"In certain cases, Authorized Participants may create and redeem Creation Units on the same trade date and in these instances, the Company reserves the right to settle these transactions on a net basis or require a representation from the Authorized Participants that the creation and redemption transactions are for separate beneficial owners. All questions as to the number of shares of each security in the Deposit Securities and the validity, form, eligibility and acceptance for deposit of any securities to be delivered shall be determined by the Company and the Company's determination shall be final and binding."

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# iShares®

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iShares, Inc.

Supplement dated March 4, 2010

to the Statements of Additional Information (“SAI”) for the  
iShares Barclays Series, iShares iBoxx Series, iShares JPMorgan Series, iShares S&P Series and iShares  
S&P/Citigroup Series dated July 1, 2009 (as revised December 1, 2009),  
iShares S&P Series, iShares Russell Series and iShares Nasdaq Series  
dated August 1, 2009 (as revised December 1, 2009),  
iShares Cohen & Steers Series, iShares Dow Jones Series, iShares FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Series, iShares FTSE KLD  
Series, iShares FTSE NAREIT Series and iShares Morningstar Series  
dated September 1, 2009 (as revised December 1, 2009)  
iShares FTSE Series, iShares FTSE/Xinhua Series, iShares MSCI Series, iShares NYSE Series, iShares S&P Series  
dated December 1, 2009, and the  
iShares MSCI Series dated January 1, 2010  
(each a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”)

*The information in this Supplement updates information in, and should be read in conjunction with, each SAI.*

The following paragraph under the heading “Investment Advisory, Administrative and Distribution Services” in each SAI is hereby deleted.

BFA and/or BTC may pay certain broker-dealers and intermediaries for participating in activities that are designed to make registered representatives and other professionals more knowledgeable about exchange traded products, including the Funds, or for other activities, such as participation in marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems. BFA and/or BTC may also pay broker-dealers or intermediaries for certain printing, publishing and mailing costs associated with the Funds or materials relating to exchange traded products in general. Payments to a broker-dealer or intermediary may create potential conflicts of interest between the broker-dealer or intermediary and its clients. These amounts, which may be significant, are paid by BFA and/or BTC from their own resources and not from the assets of the Funds.

The following text shall be added under the heading “Investment Advisory, Administrative and Distribution Services” in each SAI.

## **FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY COMPENSATION**

BFA and/or BTC and/or their respective subsidiaries (“BFA Entities”) pay certain broker dealers, banks and other financial intermediaries (“Intermediaries”) for certain activities related to the Funds, other iShares funds or exchange traded products in general (“Payments”). BFA Entities make Payments from their own assets and not from the assets of the Funds. Although a portion of BFA Entities’ revenue comes directly or indirectly in part from fees paid by the Funds and other iShares funds, Payments do not increase the price paid by investors for the purchase of shares of the Fund or other iShares funds. BFA Entities make Payments for Intermediaries’ participating in activities that are designed to make registered representatives, other professionals and individual investors more knowledgeable about exchange traded products, including the Funds, or for other activities, such as participation in marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems (“Education Costs”). BFA Entities also make Payments to Intermediaries for certain printing publishing and mailing costs associated with the Funds or materials relating to exchange traded products in general (“Publishing Costs”). In addition, BFA Entities make Payments to Intermediaries that make shares of the Funds and certain other iShares funds available to their clients or for otherwise promoting the Funds and other iShares funds; Payments of this type are sometimes referred to as revenue-sharing payments.

Payments to an Intermediary may be significant to the Intermediary, and amounts that Intermediaries pay to your salesperson or other investment professional may also be significant for your salesperson or other investment professional. Because an Intermediary may make decisions about which investment options it will recommend or make available to its clients or what services to provide for various products based on payments it receives or is eligible to receive, Payments create conflicts of interest between the Intermediary and its clients and these financial incentives may cause the Intermediary to recommend the Fund and other iShares funds over other investments. The same conflict of interest exists with respect to your salesperson or other investment professional if he or she receives similar payments from his or her Intermediary firm.

As of February 2, 2010, BFA Entities had arrangements to make Payments other than Education Costs or Publishing Costs only to Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC (“FBS”) and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. (“ML”). Pursuant to BFA Entities’ arrangement with FBS, FBS has agreed to promote iShares funds to FBS’s customers and not to charge certain of its customers any commissions when those customers purchase or sell shares of certain iShares funds online (the “Co-Branded Marketing Program”). BFA Entities have agreed to facilitate the Co-Branded Marketing Program by making payments to FBS during the term of the agreement in a fixed amount. Upon termination of the agreement the BFA Entities will make additional payments to FBS based upon a number of criteria, including the overall success of the Co-Branded Marketing program and the level of services provided by FBS during the wind-down period. Pursuant to BFA Entities’ arrangement with ML, BFA Entities have agreed to reimburse ML for a portion of certain fee waivers that ML may be required to implement with respect to accounts that hold “plan assets” within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”) as a consequence of a technical ERISA affiliate relationship between BFA and ML.

Any additions, modifications, or deletions to Intermediaries listed above that have occurred since the date noted above are not included in the list. Further, BFA Entities make Education Costs and Publishing Costs Payments to other Intermediaries that are not listed above. BFA Entities may determine to make Payments based on any number of metrics. For example, BFA Entities may make Payments at year-end or other intervals in a fixed amount, an amount based upon an Intermediary’s services at defined levels or an amount based on the Intermediary’s net sales of one or more iShares funds in a year or other period, any of which arrangements may include an agreed-upon minimum or maximum payment, or any combination of the foregoing. As of the date of this SAI, BFA anticipates that the Payments paid by BFA Entities in connection with the Funds, iShares funds and exchange traded products in general will be immaterial to BFA Entities in the aggregate for the next year. **Please contact your salesperson or other investment professional for more information regarding any Payments his or her Intermediary firm may receive. Any payments made by the BFA Entities to an Intermediary may create the incentive for an Intermediary to encourage customers to buy shares of iShares funds.**

If you have any additional questions, please call 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

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# iShares®

iShares, Inc.  
Supplement dated January 20, 2010  
to the Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) dated January 1, 2010 for the  
iShares MSCI Index Funds (the “Funds”)

*The information in this Supplement updates information in, and should be read in conjunction with, the SAI for the Funds.*

Effective January 20, 2010, the fourth paragraph under the heading “Investment Advisory, Administrative and Distribution Services” beginning on page 46 of the SAI is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

For its investment advisory services to the iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, BFA is entitled to receive a management fee from each Fund based on the Fund’s allocable portion of the aggregate of the average daily net assets of these Funds together with other iShares funds (iShares MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Eastern Europe Index Fund, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Financial Sector Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Materials Sector Index Fund which are offered in separate prospectuses and statements of additional information) as follows: 0.75% per annum of the aggregate net assets less than or equal to \$14.0 billion, plus 0.68% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$14.0 billion, up to and including \$28.0 billion, plus 0.61% per annum of the aggregate net assets in excess of \$28.0 billion.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

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# General Description of the Company and its Funds

The Company currently consists of more than 30 investment series or portfolios. The Company was organized as a Maryland corporation on August 31, 1994 and is authorized to have multiple series or portfolios. The Company is an open-end management investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The offering of the Company’s shares is registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”). This SAI relates to the following funds (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”):

iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund

iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund

iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund

iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund

iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund

iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund

iShares MSCI France Index Fund

iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund

iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund

iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund

iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund

iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund

iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund

iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund

iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund

iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund

iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund

iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund

iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund

iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund

iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund

iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund

iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund

The investment objective of each Fund is to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expenses, of a specified benchmark index (each, an “Underlying Index”) representing publicly-traded equity securities of issuers in a particular country, region or group of countries. Each Fund is managed by BlackRock Fund Advisors (“BFA” or the “Investment Adviser”)\*, a subsidiary of BTC.

Each Fund offers and issues shares at their net asset value per share (“NAV”) only in aggregations of a specified number of shares (“Creation Units”), generally in exchange for a basket of equity securities included in its Underlying Index (the “Deposit Securities”), together with the deposit of a specified cash payment (the “Cash Component”). Shares of the Funds are listed and trade on NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Listing Exchange”). Shares trade in the secondary market and elsewhere at market prices that may be at, above or below NAV. Shares are redeemable only in Creation Units, and, generally, in exchange for portfolio securities and a Cash Component. Creation Units typically are a specified number of shares, generally ranging from 40,000 to 600,000 shares or multiples thereof.

The Company reserves the right to offer a “cash” option for creations and redemptions of shares. Shares may be issued in advance of receipt of Deposit Securities subject to various conditions, including a requirement to maintain with the Company a cash deposit, equal to at least 115%, which BFA may change from time to time, of the market value of the omitted Deposit Securities. See the *Creation and Redemption of Creation Units* section of this SAI. Transaction fees for cash creations or redemptions may be higher than the transaction fees associated with in-kind creations or redemptions. In all cases, conditions and fees will be limited in accordance with the requirements of SEC rules and regulations applicable to management investment companies offering redeemable securities.

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\* Prior to December 1, 2009, BlackRock Fund Advisors was known as Barclays Global Fund Advisors (“BCFA”).

# Exchange Listing and Trading

A discussion of exchange listing and trading matters associated with an investment in each Fund is contained in the *Shareholder Information* section of each Fund's Prospectus. The discussion below supplements, and should be read in conjunction with, that section of the applicable Prospectus.

Shares of each Fund are listed for trading and trade throughout the day on the applicable Listing Exchange and other secondary markets. Shares of the Funds may also be listed on certain non-U.S. exchanges. There can be no assurance that the requirements of the Listing Exchange necessary to maintain the listing of shares of any Fund will continue to be met. The Listing Exchange may, but is not required to, remove the shares of a Fund from listing if (i) following the initial 12-month period beginning upon the commencement of trading of Fund shares, there are fewer than 50 beneficial owners of shares of the Fund for 30 or more consecutive trading days, (ii) the value of the Underlying Index on which a Fund is based is no longer calculated or available, (iii) the "indicative optimized portfolio value" ("IOPV") of a Fund is no longer calculated or available or (iv) any other event shall occur or condition shall exist that, in the opinion of the Listing Exchange, makes further dealings on the Listing Exchange inadvisable. The Listing Exchange will also remove shares of a Fund from listing and trading upon termination of the Fund.

As in the case of other publicly-traded securities, when you buy or sell shares through a broker you will incur a brokerage commission determined by that broker.

In order to provide additional information regarding the indicative value of shares of the Fund, the Listing Exchange or a market data vendor disseminates every 15 seconds through the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association or other widely disseminated means an updated IOPV for the Fund as calculated by an information provider or market data vendor. The Company is not involved in or responsible for any aspect of the calculation or dissemination of the IOPVs and makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the IOPVs.

An IOPV has an equity securities component and a cash component. The equity securities values included in an IOPV are the values of the Deposit Securities for a Fund. While the IOPV reflects the current market value of the Deposit Securities required to be deposited in connection with the purchase of a Creation Unit, it does not necessarily reflect the precise composition of the current portfolio of securities held by the Fund at a particular point in time because the current portfolio of the Fund may include securities that are not a part of the current Deposit Securities. Therefore, a Fund's IOPV disseminated during the Listing Exchange trading hours should not be viewed as a real-time update of the Fund's NAV, which is calculated only once a day.

The cash component included in an IOPV consists of estimated accrued interest, dividends and other income, less expenses. If applicable, each IOPV also reflects changes in currency exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the applicable currency.

The Company reserves the right to adjust the share prices of Funds in the future to maintain convenient trading ranges for investors. Any adjustments would be accomplished through stock splits or reverse stock splits, which would have no effect on the net assets of the Fund.

## Investment Strategies and Risks

Each Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing primarily in securities issued by issuers that comprise its relevant Underlying Index and through transactions that provide substantially similar exposure to securities in the Underlying Index. Each Fund operates as an index fund and will not be actively managed. Adverse performance of a security in each Fund's portfolio will ordinarily not result in the elimination of the security from a Fund's portfolio.

Each Fund engages in representative sampling, which is investing in a sample of securities selected by BFA to have a collective investment profile similar to that of the Underlying Index. Securities selected have aggregate investment characteristics (based on market capitalization and industry weightings), fundamental characteristics (such as return variability, earnings valuation and yield) and liquidity measures similar to those of the Underlying Index. Funds that use representative sampling generally do not hold all of the securities that are in the relevant Underlying Index.

**Diversification Status.** Each Fund is classified as “non-diversified.” A non-diversified fund is a fund that is not limited by the 1940 Act with regard to the percentage of its assets that may be invested in the securities of a single issuer. The securities of a particular issuer (or securities of issuers in particular industries) may dominate the underlying index of such a fund and, consequently, the fund’s investment portfolio. This may adversely affect the fund’s performance or subject the fund’s shares to greater price volatility than that experienced by more diversified investment companies.

Each Fund intends to maintain the required level of diversification and otherwise conduct its operations so as to qualify as a Regulated Investment Company (“RIC”) for purposes of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “IRC”), and to relieve the Fund of any liability for U.S. federal income tax to the extent that its earnings are distributed to shareholders, provided that the Fund satisfies a minimum distribution requirement. Compliance with the diversification requirements of the IRC may limit the investment flexibility of the Funds and may make it less likely that such Funds will meet their investment objective.

**Lending Portfolio Securities.** Each Fund may lend portfolio securities to certain creditworthy borrowers, including borrowers affiliated with BFA. The borrowers provide collateral that is maintained in an amount at least equal to the current market value of the securities loaned. No securities loan shall be made on behalf of a Fund if, as a result, the aggregate value of all securities loans of the particular Fund exceeds one-third of the value of such Fund’s total assets (including the value of the collateral received). A Fund may terminate a loan at any time and obtain the return of the securities loaned. Each Fund receives the value of any interest or cash or non-cash distributions paid on the loaned securities.

With respect to loans that are collateralized by cash, the borrower will be entitled to receive a fee based on the amount of cash collateral. The Funds are compensated by the difference between the amount earned on the reinvestment of cash collateral and the fee paid to the borrower. In the case of collateral other than cash, a Fund is compensated by a fee paid by the borrower equal to a percentage of the market value of the loaned securities. Any cash collateral may be reinvested in certain short-term instruments either directly on behalf of each lending Fund or through one or more joint accounts or money market funds, including those advised by BFA; such reinvestments are subject to investment risk.

Securities lending involves exposure to certain risks, including operational risk (*i.e.*, the risk of losses resulting from problems in the settlement and accounting process), “gap” risk (*i.e.*, the risk of a mismatch between the return on cash collateral reinvestments and the fees each Fund has agreed to pay a borrower), and credit, legal, counterparty and market risk. In the event a borrower does not return a Fund’s securities as agreed, the Fund may experience losses if the proceeds received from liquidating the collateral does not at least equal the value of the loaned security at the time the collateral is liquidated plus the transaction costs incurred in purchasing replacement securities.

Each Fund pays a portion of the interest or fees earned from securities lending to a borrower as described above and to a securities lending agent who administers the lending program in accordance with guidelines approved by the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board” or the “Directors”). To the extent that the Fund engage in securities lending, BTC acts as securities lending agent for the Fund subject to the overall supervision of BFA. BTC receives a portion of the revenues generated by securities lending activities as compensation for its services.

**Repurchase Agreements.** Each Fund may enter into repurchase agreements. A repurchase agreement is an instrument under which the purchaser (*i.e.*, a Fund) acquires the security and the seller agrees, at the time of the sale, to repurchase the security at a mutually agreed upon time and price, thereby determining the yield during the purchaser’s holding period. Repurchase agreements may be construed to be collateralized loans by the purchaser to the seller secured by the securities transferred to the purchaser. If a repurchase agreement is construed to be a collateralized loan, the underlying securities will not be considered to be owned by each Fund but only to constitute collateral for the seller’s obligation to pay the repurchase price, and, in the event of a default by the seller, each Fund may suffer time delays and incur costs or losses in connection with the disposition of the collateral.

In any repurchase transaction, collateral for a repurchase agreement may include cash items, obligations issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities, obligations rated in the highest category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (“NRSRO”), or, if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by BFA. Collateral, however, is not limited to the foregoing and may include for example obligations rated below the highest category by NRSROs. Collateral for a repurchase agreement may also include securities that a Fund could not hold directly without the repurchase obligation. Irrespective of the type of collateral underlying the repurchase agreement, a repurchase obligation with a particular counterparty must satisfy the credit quality standards applicable to the acquisition of an instrument issued by such counterparty in compliance with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act.



Repurchase agreements pose certain risks for a Fund that utilizes them. Such risks are not unique to the Funds but are inherent in repurchase agreements. The Funds seek to minimize such risks but because of the inherent legal uncertainties involved in repurchase agreements, such risks cannot be eliminated. Lower quality collateral and collateral with longer maturities may be subject to greater price fluctuations than higher quality collateral and collateral with shorter maturities. If the repurchase agreement counterparty were to default, lower quality collateral may be more difficult to liquidate than higher quality collateral. Should the counterparty default and the amount of collateral not be sufficient to cover the counterparty's repurchase obligation, a Fund would retain the status of an unsecured creditor of the counterparty (*i.e.*, the position the Fund would normally be in if it were to hold, pursuant to its investment policies, other unsecured debt securities of the defaulting counterparty) with respect to the amount of the shortfall. As an unsecured creditor, a Fund would be at risk of losing some or all of the principal and income involved in the transaction.

**Reverse Repurchase Agreements.** Each Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements, which involve the sale of securities with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment and have the characteristics of borrowing. Generally the effect of such transactions is that the Fund can recover all or most of the cash invested in the portfolio securities involved during the term of the reverse repurchase agreement, while in many cases the Fund is able to keep some of the interest income associated with those securities. Such transactions are advantageous only if the Fund has an opportunity to earn a rate of interest on the cash derived from these transactions that is greater than the interest cost of obtaining the same amount of cash. Opportunities to realize earnings from the use of the proceeds equal to or greater than the interest required to be paid may not always be available and each Fund intends to use the reverse repurchase technique only when BFA believes it will be advantageous to the Fund. The use of reverse repurchase agreements may exaggerate any interim increase or decrease in the value of each Fund's assets. The Fund's exposure to reverse repurchase agreements will be covered by assets having a value equal to or greater than such commitments. Each Fund maintains liquid assets in connection with reverse repurchase agreements. Under the 1940 Act, reverse repurchase agreements are considered borrowings.

**Currency Transactions.** The Fund do not expect to engage in currency transactions for the purpose of hedging against declines in the value of the Funds' assets that are denominated in a non-U.S. currency. A Fund may enter into non-U.S. currency forward and non-U.S. currency futures contracts to facilitate local securities settlements or to protect against currency exposure in connection with its distributions to shareholders, but may not enter into such contracts for speculative purposes.

A forward currency contract is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. A currency futures contract is a contract involving an obligation to deliver or acquire the specified amount of a specific currency, at a specified price and at a specified future time. Currency futures contracts may be settled on a net cash payment basis rather than by the sale and delivery of the underlying currency. To the extent required by law, liquid assets committed to futures contracts will be maintained.

Foreign exchange transactions involve a significant degree of risk and the markets in which foreign exchange transactions are effected are highly volatile, highly specialized and highly technical. Significant changes, including changes in liquidity and prices, can occur in such markets within very short periods of time, often within minutes. Foreign exchange trading risks include, but are not limited to, exchange rate risk, counterparty risk, maturity gap, interest rate risk, and potential interference by foreign governments through regulation of local exchange markets, foreign investment or particular transactions in non-U.S. currency. If BFA utilizes foreign exchange transactions at an inappropriate time or judges market conditions, trends or correlations incorrectly, foreign exchange transactions may not serve their intended purpose of improving the correlation of a Fund's return with the performance of the Underlying Index and may lower the Fund's return. The Fund could experience losses if the value of its currency forwards, options and futures positions were poorly correlated with its other investments or if it could not close out its positions because of an illiquid market. In addition, each Fund could incur transaction costs, including trading commissions, in connection with certain non-U.S. currency transactions.

**Short-Term Instruments and Temporary Investments.** Each Fund may invest in short-term instruments, including money market instruments, on an ongoing basis to provide liquidity or for other reasons. Money market instruments are generally short-term investments that may include but are not limited to: (i) shares of money market funds (including those advised by BFA); (ii) obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities (including government-sponsored enterprises); (iii) negotiable certificates of deposit ("CDs"), bankers' acceptances, fixed-time deposits and other obligations of U.S. and non-U.S. banks (including non-U.S. branches) and similar institutions; (iv) commercial paper rated, at

the date of purchase, “Prime-1” by Moody’s® Investors Service, Inc. or “A-1” by Standard & Poor’s® Rating Service, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (“S&P®”), or if unrated, of comparable quality as determined by BFA; (v) non-convertible corporate debt securities (e.g., bonds and debentures) with remaining maturities at the date of purchase of not more than 397 days and that satisfy the rating requirements set forth in Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act; (vi) repurchase agreements; and (vii) short-term U.S. dollar-denominated obligations of non-U.S. banks (including U.S. branches) that, in the opinion of BFA, are of comparable quality to obligations of U.S. banks which may be purchased by a Fund. Any of these instruments may be purchased on a current or forward-settled basis. Time deposits are non-negotiable deposits maintained in banking institutions for specified periods of time at stated interest rates. Bankers’ acceptances are time drafts drawn on commercial banks by borrowers, usually in connection with international transactions.

**Non-U.S. Securities.** Each Fund intends to purchase publicly-traded common stocks of non-U.S. issuers. To the extent a Fund invests in stocks of non-U.S. issuers, certain of the Funds’ investments in such stocks may be in the form of American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”), Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”), Non-Voting Depositary Receipts (“NVDRs”) and European Depositary Receipts (“EDRs”) (collectively, “Depositary Receipts”). Depositary Receipts are receipts, typically issued by a bank or trust issuer, which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a non-U.S. issuer. For ADRs, the depository is typically a U.S. financial institution and the underlying securities are issued by a non-U.S. issuer. For other forms of Depositary Receipts, the depository may be a non-U.S. or a U.S. entity, and the underlying securities may be issued by a non-U.S. or a U.S. issuer. Depositary Receipts are not necessarily denominated in the same currency as their underlying securities. Generally, ADRs, issued in registered form, are designed for use in the U.S. securities markets, and EDRs, issued in bearer form, are designed for use in European securities markets. NVDRs are designed for use in the Thai securities market. GDRs are tradable both in the United States and in Europe and are designed for use throughout the world.

The Fund will not invest in any unlisted Depositary Receipt or any Depositary Receipt that BFA deems illiquid at the time of purchase or for which pricing information is not readily available. In general, Depositary Receipts must be sponsored but a Fund may invest in unsponsored Depositary Receipts under certain limited circumstances. The issuers of unsponsored Depositary Receipts are not obligated to disclose material information in the United States. Therefore there may be less information available regarding such issuers and there may be no correlation between available information and the market value of the Depositary Receipts.

Investing in the securities of non-U.S. issuers involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. issuers. These include differences in accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, political instability which could affect U.S. investments in non-U.S. countries, and potential restrictions on the flow of international capital. Non-U.S. issuers may be subject to less governmental regulation than U.S. issuers. Moreover, individual non-U.S. economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross domestic product, rate of inflation, capital reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payment positions.

**Securities of Investment Companies.** Each Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies (including money market funds) and real estate investment trusts (“REITs”) to the extent allowed by law. Pursuant to the 1940 Act, a Fund’s investment in investment companies is limited to, subject to certain exceptions: (i) 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of any one investment company; (ii) 5% of the Fund’s total assets with respect to any one investment company and (iii) 10% of the Fund’s total assets with respect to investment companies in the aggregate. To the extent allowed by law or regulation, each Fund may invest its assets in the securities of investment companies that are money market funds, including those advised by BFA or otherwise affiliated with BFA, in excess of the limits discussed above. The iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, in order to improve its portfolio liquidity and its ability to track the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, may invest up to 10% of its assets in shares of other iShares Funds that invest in securities in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. BFA will not charge advisory fees on that portion of the iShares MSCI Emerging Market Index Fund’s assets invested in shares of other iShares Funds. Other investment companies in which a Fund invests can be expected to incur fees and expenses for operations, such as investment advisory and administration fees, that would be in addition to those incurred by the Fund.

**Illiquid Securities.** Each Fund may invest up to an aggregate amount of 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (calculated at the time of investment). Illiquid securities include securities subject to contractual or other restrictions on resale and other instruments that lack readily available markets.

**Futures and Options.** Each Fund may enter into futures contracts and options. These futures contracts and options will be used to simulate investment in the respective Underlying Index, to facilitate trading or to reduce transaction costs. Each Fund

will enter into futures contracts and options that are traded on a U.S. or non-U.S. exchange. No Fund will use futures or options for speculative purposes. Each Fund intends to use futures and options in accordance with Rule 4.5 of the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”). The Company, on behalf of each Fund, has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term “commodity pool operator” in accordance with Rule 4.5 so that each Fund is not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the CEA.

Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific instrument or index at a specified future time and at a specified price. Each Fund may enter into futures contracts to purchase securities indexes when BFA anticipates purchasing the underlying securities and believes prices will rise before the purchase will be made. To the extent required by law, liquid assets committed to futures contracts will be maintained.

A call option gives a holder the right to purchase a specific security at a specified price (“exercise price”) within a specified period of time. A put option gives a holder the right to sell a specific security at a specified exercise price within a specified period of time. The initial purchaser of a call option pays the “writer” a premium, which is paid at the time of purchase and is retained by the writer whether or not such option is exercised. Each Fund may purchase put options to hedge its portfolio against the risk of a decline in the market value of securities held and may purchase call options to hedge against an increase in the price of securities it is committed to purchase. Each Fund may write put and call options along with a long position in options to increase its ability to hedge against a change in the market value of the securities it holds or is committed to purchase. Investments in futures contracts and other investments that contain leverage may require each Fund to maintain liquid assets. Generally, each Fund maintains an amount of liquid assets equal to its obligations relative to the position involved, adjusted daily on a marked-to-market basis. With respect to futures contracts that are contractually required to “cash-settle,” each Fund maintains liquid assets in an amount at least equal to each Fund’s daily marked-to-market obligation (*i.e.*, each Fund’s daily net liability, if any), rather than the contracts’ notional value (*i.e.*, the value of the underlying asset). By maintaining assets equal to its net obligation under cash-settled futures contracts, the Fund may employ leverage to a greater extent than if each Fund set aside assets equal to the futures contracts’ full notional value. Each Fund bases its asset maintenance policies on methods permitted by the staff of the SEC and may modify these policies in the future to comply with any changes in the guidance articulated from time to time by the SEC or its staff.

**Options on Futures Contracts.** An option on a futures contract, as contrasted with the direct investment in such a contract, gives the purchaser the right, in return for the premium paid, to assume a position in the underlying futures contract at a specified exercise price at any time prior to the expiration date of the option. Upon exercise of an option, the delivery of the futures position by the writer of the option to the holder of the option will be accompanied by delivery of the accumulated balance in the writer’s futures margin account that represents the amount by which the market price of the futures contract exceeds (in the case of a call) or is less than (in the case of a put) the exercise price of the option on the futures contract. The potential for loss related to the purchase of an option on a futures contract is limited to the premium paid for the option plus transaction costs. Because the value of the option is fixed at the point of sale, there are no daily cash payments by the purchaser to reflect changes in the value of the underlying contract; however, the value of the option changes daily and that change would be reflected in the NAV of each Fund. The potential for loss related to writing call options is unlimited. The potential for loss related to writing put options is limited to the agreed upon price per share, also known as the strike price, less the premium received from writing the put.

Each Fund may purchase and write put and call options on futures contracts that are traded on an exchange as a hedge against changes in value of its portfolio securities, or in anticipation of the purchase of securities, and may enter into closing transactions with respect to such options to terminate existing positions. There is no guarantee that such closing transactions can be effected.

Upon entering into a futures contract, a Fund will be required to deposit with the broker an amount of cash or cash equivalents known as “initial margin,” which is in the nature of a performance bond or good faith deposit on the contract and is returned to each Fund upon termination of the futures contract, assuming all contractual obligations have been satisfied. Subsequent payments, known as “variation margin,” to and from the broker will be made daily as the price of the index underlying the futures contract fluctuates, making the long and short positions in the futures contract more or less valuable, a process known as “marking-to-market.” At any time prior to the expiration of a futures contract, each Fund may elect to close the position by taking an opposite position, which will operate to terminate a Fund’s existing position in the contract.

**Swap Agreements.** Swap agreements are contracts between parties in which one party agrees to make periodic payments to the other party based on the change in market value or level of a specified rate, index or asset. In return, the other party agrees to make periodic payments to the first party based on the return of a different specified rate, index or asset. Swap agreements will usually be performed on a net basis, with each Fund receiving or paying only the net amount of the two payments. The net amount of the excess, if any, of a Fund's obligations over its entitlements with respect to each swap is accrued on a daily basis and an amount of liquid assets having an aggregate value at least equal to the accrued excess will be maintained by each Fund.

The use of interest-rate and index swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. These transactions generally do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal.

**Tracking Stocks.** A tracking stock is a separate class of common stock whose value is linked to a specific business unit or operating division within a larger company and which is designed to "track" the performance of such business unit or division. The tracking stock may pay dividends to shareholders independent of the parent company. The parent company, rather than the business unit or division, generally is the issuer of tracking stock. However, holders of the tracking stock may not have the same rights as holders of the company's common stock.

**Future Developments.** The Board may, in the future, authorize each Fund to invest in securities contracts and investments other than those listed in this SAI and in the applicable Prospectus, provided they are consistent with each Fund's investment objective and do not violate any investment restrictions or policies.

## General Considerations and Risks

A discussion of some of the risks associated with an investment in a Fund is contained in the applicable Prospectus.

An investment in a Fund should be made with an understanding that the value of a Fund's portfolio securities may fluctuate in accordance with changes in the financial condition of the issuers of the portfolio securities, the value of stocks in general, and other factors that affect the market.

**Risks of Derivatives.** A derivative is a financial contract, the value of which depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset such as a security or an index. A Fund may invest in stock index futures contracts and other derivatives. Compared to conventional securities, derivatives can be more sensitive to changes in interest rates or to sudden fluctuations in market prices and thus the Fund's losses may be greater if it invests in derivatives than if it invests only in conventional securities.

**Risks of Equity Securities.** An investment in a Fund should be made with an understanding of the risks inherent in an investment in equity securities, including the risk that the financial condition of issuers may become impaired or that the general condition of the stock market may deteriorate (either of which may cause a decrease in the value of the portfolio securities and thus in the value of shares of a Fund). Common stocks are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value as market confidence and perceptions of their issuers change. These investor perceptions are based on various and unpredictable factors, including expectations regarding government, economic, monetary and fiscal policies, inflation and interest rates, economic expansion or contraction, and global or regional political, economic or banking crises. Holders of common stocks incur more risks than holders of preferred stocks and debt obligations because common stockholders generally have rights to receive payments from stock issuers inferior to the rights of creditors, or holders of debt obligations or preferred stocks. Further, unlike debt securities, which typically have a stated principal amount payable at maturity (the value of which, however, is subject to market fluctuations prior to maturity), or preferred stocks, which typically have a liquidation preference and which may have stated optional or mandatory redemption provisions, common stocks have neither a fixed principal amount nor a maturity.

Although most of the securities in each Underlying Index are listed on a national securities exchange, the principal trading market for some may be in the over-the-counter market. The existence of a liquid trading market for certain securities may depend on whether dealers will make a market in such securities. There can be no assurance that a market will be made or maintained or that any such market will be or remain liquid. The price at which securities may be sold and the value of a Fund's shares will be adversely affected if trading markets for a Fund's portfolio securities are limited or absent, or if bid/ask spreads are wide.

**Risks of Futures and Options Transactions.** There are several risks accompanying the utilization of futures contracts and options on futures contracts. First, a position in futures contracts and options on futures contracts may be closed only on the exchange on which the contract was made (or a linked exchange). While each Fund plans to utilize futures contracts only if an active market exists for such contracts, there is no guarantee that a liquid market will exist for the contract at a specified time. Furthermore, because, by definition, futures contracts project price levels in the future and not current levels of valuation, market circumstances may result in a discrepancy between the price of the stock index future and the movement in the Underlying Index. In the event of adverse price movements, a Fund would continue to be required to make daily cash payments to maintain its required margin. In such situations, if a Fund has insufficient cash, it may have to sell portfolio securities to meet daily margin requirements at a time when it may be disadvantageous to do so. In addition, a Fund may be required to deliver the instruments underlying the future contracts it has sold.

The risk of loss in trading futures contracts or uncovered call options in some strategies (e.g., selling uncovered stock index futures contracts) is potentially unlimited. The Funds do not plan to use futures and options contracts in this way. The risk of a futures position may still be large as traditionally measured due to the low margin deposits required. In many cases, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in immediate and substantial loss or gain to the investor relative to the size of a required margin deposit. The Fund, however, intend to utilize futures and options contracts in a manner designed to limit their risk exposure to levels comparable to a direct investment in the types of stocks in which they invest.

Utilization of futures and options on futures by a Fund involves the risk of imperfect or even negative correlation to the Underlying Index if the index underlying the futures contract differs from the Underlying Index. There is also the risk of loss by a Fund of margin deposits in the event of bankruptcy of a broker with whom a Fund has an open position in the futures contract or option. The purchase of put or call options will be based upon predictions by BFA as to anticipated trends, which predictions could prove to be incorrect.

Because the futures market generally imposes less burdensome margin requirements than the securities market, an increased amount of participation by speculators in the futures market could result in price fluctuations. Certain financial futures exchanges limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. The daily limit establishes the maximum amount by which the price of a futures contract may vary either up or down from the previous day's settlement price at the end of a trading session. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular type of contract, no trades may be made on that day at a price beyond that limit. It is possible that futures contract prices could move to the daily limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of futures positions and subjecting each Fund to substantial losses. In the event of adverse price movements, each Fund would be required to make daily cash payments of variation margin.

**Risks of Swap Agreements.** The risk of loss with respect to swaps generally is limited to the net amount of payments that a Fund is contractually obligated to make. Swap agreements are subject to the risk that the swap counterparty will default on its obligations. If such a default occurs, a Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. However, such remedies may be subject to bankruptcy and insolvency laws which could affect such Fund's rights as a creditor (e.g., a Fund may not receive the net amount of payments that it contractually is entitled to receive).

**Risks of Investing in Non-U.S. Equity Securities.** An investment in a Fund involves risks similar to those of investing in a broad-based portfolio of equity securities traded on foreign exchanges. These risks include market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock prices. Investing in securities issued by issuers domiciled in countries other than the domicile of the investor and denominated in currencies other than an investor's local currency entails certain considerations and risks not typically encountered by the investor in making investments in its home country and in that country's currency. These considerations include favorable or unfavorable changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates, exchange control regulations and the costs that may be incurred in connection with conversions between various currencies. Investing in a Fund also involves certain risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in a fund whose portfolio contains exclusively securities of U.S. issuers. These risks include generally less liquid and less efficient securities markets; generally greater price volatility; less publicly available information about issuers; the imposition of withholding or other taxes; the imposition of restrictions on the expatriation of funds or other assets of the Fund; higher transaction and custody costs; delays and risks attendant in settlement procedures; difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations; lower liquidity and significantly smaller market capitalization; different accounting and disclosure standards; lower levels of regulation of the securities markets; more



substantial government interference with the economy; higher rates of inflation; greater social, economic, and political uncertainty; the risk of nationalization or expropriation of assets; and the risk of war.

**Dividend Risk.** There is no guarantee that the issuer of the stocks held by a Fund will declare dividends in the future or that if declared, they will either remain at current levels or increase over time.

## Proxy Voting Policy

The Company has adopted, as its proxy voting policies for each Fund, the proxy voting guidelines of BFA, the investment adviser to each Fund. The Company has delegated to BFA the responsibility for voting proxies on the portfolio securities held by each Fund. The remainder of this section discusses each Fund's proxy voting guidelines and BFA's role in implementing such guidelines.

BFA votes (or refrains from voting) proxies for each Fund in a manner that BFA, in the exercise of its independent business judgment, concludes is in the best economic interests of such Fund. In some cases, BFA may determine that it is in the best economic interests of a Fund to refrain from exercising the Fund's proxy voting rights (such as, for example, proxies on certain non-U.S. securities that might impose costly or time-consuming in-person voting requirements). With regard to the relationship between securities lending and proxy voting, BFA's approach is also driven by our clients' economic interests. The evaluation of the economic desirability of recalling loans involves balancing the revenue-producing value of loans against the likely economic value of casting votes. Based on our evaluation of this relationship, we believe that the likely economic value of casting a vote generally is less than the securities lending income, either because the votes will not have significant economic consequences or because the outcome of the vote would not be affected by BFA recalling loaned securities in order to ensure they are voted. Periodically, BFA analyzes the process and benefits of voting proxies for securities on loan, and will consider whether any modification of its proxy voting policies or procedures are necessary in light of any regulatory changes. BFA will normally vote on specific proxy issues in accordance with its proxy voting guidelines. BFA's proxy voting guidelines provide detailed guidance as to how to vote proxies on certain important or commonly raised issues. BFA may, in the exercise of its business judgment, conclude that the proxy voting guidelines do not cover the specific matter upon which a proxy vote is requested, or that an exception to the proxy voting guidelines would be in the best economic interests of a Fund. BFA votes (or refrains from voting) proxies without regard to the relationship of the issuer of the proxy (or any shareholder of such issuer) to a Fund, a Fund's affiliates (if any), BFA or BFA's affiliates, or the Distributor or the Distributor's affiliates. When voting proxies, BFA attempts to encourage issuers to follow practices that enhance shareholder value and increase transparency and allow the market to place a proper value on their assets. With respect to certain specific issues:

- Each Fund generally supports the board's nominees in the election of directors and generally supports proposals that strengthen the independence of boards of directors;
- Each Fund generally does not support proposals on social issues that lack a demonstrable economic benefit to the issuer and the Fund investing in such issuer; and
- Each Fund generally votes against anti-takeover proposals and proposals that would create additional barriers or costs to corporate transactions that are likely to deliver a premium to shareholders.

BFA maintains institutional policies and procedures that are designed to prevent any relationship between the issuer of the proxy (or any shareholder of the issuer) and a Fund, a Fund's affiliates (if any), BFA or BFA's affiliates (if any) or the Distributor or the Distributor's affiliates, from having undue influence on BFA's proxy voting activity. In certain instances, BFA may determine to engage an independent fiduciary to vote proxies as a further safeguard against potential conflicts of interest or as otherwise required by applicable law. The independent fiduciary may either vote such proxies or provide BFA with instructions as to how to vote such proxies. In the latter case, BFA votes the proxy in accordance with the independent fiduciary's determination.

Information with respect to how BFA voted proxies relating to the Funds' portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30 is available: (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737) or through the Funds' website at [www.iShares.com](http://www.iShares.com); and (ii) on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

# Portfolio Holdings Information

The Board has adopted a policy regarding the disclosure of the Funds' portfolio holdings information that requires that such information be disclosed in a manner that: (i) is consistent with applicable legal requirements and in the best interests of each Fund's respective shareholders; (ii) does not put the interests of BFA, the Distributor or any affiliated person of BFA or the Distributor, above those of Fund shareholders; (iii) does not advantage any current or prospective Fund shareholders over any other current or prospective Fund shareholders, except to the extent that certain Entities (as described below) may receive portfolio holdings information not available to other current or prospective Fund shareholders in connection with the dissemination of information necessary for transactions in Creation Units, as contemplated by the iShares Exemptive Orders and as discussed below and (iv) does not provide selective access to portfolio holdings information except pursuant to the procedures outlined below and to the extent appropriate confidentiality arrangements limiting the use of such information are in effect. The "Entities" referred to in sub-section (iii) above are generally limited to National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") members and subscribers to various fee-based subscription services, including those large institutional investors (known as "Authorized Participants") that have been authorized by the Distributor to purchase and redeem large blocks of shares pursuant to legal requirements, including exemptive orders granted by the SEC pursuant to which the Fund offer and redeem their shares ("iShares Exemptive Orders") and other institutional market participants and entities that provide information services.

Each business day, each Fund's portfolio holdings information is provided to the Distributor or other agent for dissemination through the facilities of the NSCC and/or other fee-based subscription services to NSCC members and/or subscribers to those other fee-based subscription services, including Authorized Participants, and to entities that publish and/or analyze such information in connection with the process of purchasing or redeeming Creation Units or trading shares of Funds in the secondary market. This information typically reflects each Fund's anticipated holdings on the following business day.

Daily access to information concerning the Funds' portfolio holdings is permitted (i) to certain personnel of those service providers that are involved in portfolio management and providing administrative, operational, risk management, or other support to portfolio management, including affiliated broker-dealers and Authorized Participants, and (ii) to other personnel of the Investment Adviser and the Distributor, administrator, custodian and fund accountant who deal directly with or assist in, functions related to investment management, distribution, administration, custody and fund accounting, as may be necessary to conduct business in the ordinary course in a manner consistent with the iShares Exemptive Orders, agreements with the Fund and the terms of the Funds' current registration statements. In addition, each Fund discloses its portfolio holdings and the percentages they represent of the Fund's net assets at least monthly, and as often as each day the Fund is open for business, at [www.iShares.com](http://www.iShares.com). More information about this disclosure is available at [www.iShares.com](http://www.iShares.com).

Portfolio holdings information made available in connection with the creation/redemption process may be provided to other entities that provide services to the Fund in the ordinary course of business after it has been disseminated to the NSCC. From time to time, information concerning portfolio holdings other than portfolio holdings information made available in connection with the creation/redemption process, as discussed above, may be provided to other entities that provide services to the Fund, including rating or ranking organizations, in the ordinary course of business, no earlier than one business day following the date of the information.

Each Fund discloses its complete portfolio holdings schedule in public filings with the SEC within 70 days after the end of each fiscal quarter and will provide that information to shareholders as required by federal securities laws and regulations thereunder. A Fund may, however, voluntarily disclose all or part of its portfolio holdings other than in connection with the creation/redemption process, as discussed above, in advance of required filings with the SEC, provided that such information is made generally available to all shareholders and other interested parties in a manner that is consistent with the above policy for disclosure of portfolio holdings information. Such information may be made available through a publicly-available website or other means that make the information available to all likely interested parties contemporaneously.

The Company's Chief Compliance Officer may authorize disclosure of portfolio holdings information pursuant to the above policy and procedures.

The Board reviews the policy and procedures for disclosure of portfolio holdings information at least annually.

# Construction and Maintenance of the Underlying Indexes

Descriptions of the Underlying Indexes are provided below.

## MSCI Indexes

The MSCI indexes were founded in 1969 by Capital International S.A. as the first international performance benchmarks constructed to facilitate accurate comparison of world equity markets. The MSCI single country standard equity indexes have covered the world's developed markets since 1969 and in 1987 MSCI commenced coverage of emerging markets.

Local stock exchanges traditionally calculated their own indexes which were generally not comparable with one another due to differences in the representation of the local market, mathematical formulas, base dates and methods of adjusting for capital changes. MSCI, however, applies the same calculation methodology to all markets for all single country standard equity indexes, developed and emerging.

MSCI's Global Investable Market Indexes (the "MSCI GIMI") provide exhaustive coverage and non-overlapping market capitalization size segmentation.

- MSCI Global Standard Indexes cover all investable large and mid cap securities by including approximately 85% of each market's free float-adjusted market capitalization.
- MSCI Global Small Cap Indexes provide coverage to all companies with a market capitalization below that of the companies in the enhanced MSCI Global Standard Indexes by targeting up to 99% coverage of the free-float adjusted market capitalization in each market.

### MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes

**Weighting.** All single-country indexes of the MSCI GIMI are free-float weighted, *i.e.*, companies are included in the indexes at weights determined according to the value of their free public float (free float multiplied by security price). MSCI defines "free float" as total shares excluding shares held by strategic investors and shares subject to foreign ownership restrictions. Indexes of the MSCI GIMI generally seek to include 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of a single country's stock market.

**Regional Weights.** Market capitalization weighting, combined with a consistent target of 99% of free float-adjusted market capitalization, helps ensure that each country's weight in regional and international indexes approximates its weight in the total universe of developing and emerging markets. A market is equivalent to a single country except in the developed markets of Europe, where all markets are aggregated into a single market for index construction purposes. Individual country indices of the European developed markets are derived from the constituents of the MSCI GIMI Europe Index.

**Selection Criteria.** MSCI's index construction process involves: (i) defining the equity universe; (ii) determining the market investable equity universe for each market; (iii) determining market capitalization size segments for each market; and (iv) applying index continuity rules for the standard index.

**Defining the Equity Universe.** MSCI begins with securities listed in countries in the MSCI Global Index Series. Of these countries, 23 are classified as developed markets and 23 as emerging markets. All listed equity securities and listed securities that exhibit characteristics of equity securities, except mutual funds, exchange traded funds, equity derivatives, limited partnerships and most investment trusts, are eligible for inclusion in the equity universe. REITs in some countries and certain income trusts in Canada are also eligible for inclusion. Each company and its securities (*i.e.*, share classes) are classified in only one country, which allows for a distinctive sorting of each company by its respective country.

**Determining the Equity Universe in Each Market.** The equity universe in any market is derived by applying investability screens to individual companies and securities in the equity universe of that market. Some investability requirements are applied at the individual security level and some at the overall company level, represented by the aggregation of individual securities of the company. As a result, the inclusion or exclusion of one security does not imply the automatic inclusion or exclusion of other securities of the same company.



**Determining Market Capitalization Size Segments for Each Market.** In each market MSCI creates an Investable Market Index, Standard Index, Large Cap Index, Mid Cap Index and Small Cap Index. In order to create size components that can be meaningfully aggregated into composites, individual market size segments balance the following two objectives:

- Achieving global size integrity by ensuring that companies of comparable and relevant sizes are included in a given size segment across all markets in a composite index; and
- Achieving consistent market coverage by ensuring that each market's size segment is represented in its proportional weight in the composite universe.

**Index Continuity Rules for the Standard Index.** In order to achieve index continuity as well as provide some basic level of diversification within a market index, notwithstanding the effect of other index construction rules contained herein, a minimum number of five constituents will be maintained for a developed market Standard Index and a minimum number of three constituents will be maintained for an emerging market Standard Index.

**Free Float.** MSCI defines the free float of a security as the proportion of shares outstanding that are deemed to be available for purchase in the public equity markets by international investors. In practice, limitations on free float available to international investors include: (i) strategic and other shareholdings not considered part of available free float; and (ii) limits on share ownership for foreigners.

Under MSCI's free float-adjustment methodology, a constituent's inclusion factor is equal to its estimated free float rounded-up to the closest 5% for constituents with free float equal to or exceeding 15%. For example, a constituent security with a free float of 23.2% will be included in the index at 25% of its market capitalization. For securities with a free float of less than 15% that are included on an exceptional basis, the estimated free float is adjusted to the nearest 1%.

### **Price and Exchange Rates**

**Prices.** The prices used to calculate all MSCI indexes are the official exchange closing prices or those figures accepted as such. MSCI reserves the right to use an alternative pricing source on any given day.

**Exchange Rates.** MSCI currently uses the foreign exchange rates published by WM Reuters at 4:00 p.m., London time. MSCI uses WM Reuters rates for all developed and emerging markets. Exchange rates are taken daily at 4:00 p.m., London time by the WM Company and are sourced whenever possible from multi-contributor quotes on Reuters. Representative rates are selected for each currency based on a number of "snapshots" of the latest contributed quotations taken from the Reuters service at short intervals around 4:00 p.m. WM Reuters provides closing bid and offer rates. MSCI uses these rates to calculate the mid-point up to 15 decimal places.

MSCI continues to monitor exchange rates independently and may, under exceptional circumstances, elect to use an alternative exchange rate if the WM Reuters rate is believed not to be representative for a given currency on a particular day.

**Changes to the Indexes.** The MSCI indexes are maintained with the objective of reflecting, on a timely basis, the evolution of the underlying equity markets. In maintaining the MSCI indexes, emphasis is also placed on continuity, replicability and minimizing turnover in the indexes. Maintaining the MSCI indexes involves many aspects, including (i) additions to, and deletions from, the indexes; (ii) changes in number of shares; and (iii) changes in inclusion factors as a result of updated free float estimates.

Index maintenance can be described by three broad categories of changes:

- Semi-Annual Index Reviews (SAIRs), conducted on a fixed semi-annual timetable that systematically re-assess the various dimensions of the equity universe for all countries;
- Quarterly Index Reviews (QIRs), aimed at promptly reflecting other significant market events; and
- Ongoing event-related changes, such as mergers and acquisitions, which generally are implemented in the indexes as they occur.

Potential changes in the status of countries (stand-alone, emerging and developed) are normally implemented in one or more phases at the regular semi-annual index review and quarterly index review dates.

The MSCI conducts semi-annual index reviews for all the MSCI single country international equity indexes as of the close of the last business day of November and May. During the semi-annual reviews MSCI updates country indexes based on a fully

refreshed equity universe. MSCI also conducts two quarterly index reviews on two dates throughout the year: as of the close of the last business day of February and August. During the quarterly index review MSCI updates country indexes to reflect changes in each country market that were not reflected at the time of their occurrence, and that are significant enough to be included before the next semi-annual review. Any single country indexes may be impacted at the quarterly index review. MSCI Index additions and deletions due to quarterly index rebalancing are generally announced at least two weeks in advance.

#### **MSCI Australia Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 75**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Australia Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Australian Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, materials and consumer staples.

#### **MSCI Austria Investable Market Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 33**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Austria Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Vienna Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, industrials and energy.

#### **MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 50**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Brussels Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were consumer staples, financials and materials.

#### **MSCI Brazil Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 64**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Brazil Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the BM&FBOVESPA. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were energy, materials and financials.

#### **MSCI BRIC Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 279**

**Index Description.** The MSCI BRIC Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the combined equity market performance in Brazil, Russia, India and China ("BRIC") and consists of stocks traded primarily on the BM&FBOVESPA, Russian Trading System Stock Exchange, Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, National Stock Exchange of India, Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, energy and materials.

#### **MSCI Canada Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 96**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Canada Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Toronto Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009 the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, energy and materials.

#### **MSCI Chile Investable Market Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 33**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Chile Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Santiago Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were utilities, materials and industrials.

## MSCI Emerging Markets Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 751**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index consisted of the following 22 emerging market country indexes: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey and the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, energy and materials.

## MSCI EMU Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 274**

**Index Description.** The MSCI EMU Index consists of stocks from the following 11 markets: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, utilities and industrials.

## MSCI France Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 76**

**Index Description.** The MSCI France Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Paris Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, consumer discretionary and energy.

## MSCI Germany Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 50**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Germany Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, utilities and industrials.

## MSCI Hong Kong Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 40**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Hong Kong Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK). As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, utilities and industrials.

## MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 79**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were health care, financials and information technology.

## MSCI Italy Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 37**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Italy Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Milan Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, energy and utilities.

## MSCI Japan Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 348**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Japan Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were consumer discretionary, industrials and financials.

## MSCI Japan Small Cap Index

### **Number of Components: approximately 812**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Japan Small Cap Index targets 40% of the eligible small cap universe within each industry group in the MSCI Japan Index, which consists of stocks traded primarily on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were industrials, consumer discretionary and financials.

#### **MSCI Korea Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 98**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Korea Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Stock Market Division of the Korea Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were information technology, financials and industrials.

#### **MSCI Malaysia Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 41**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Malaysia Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, industrials and consumer staples.

#### **MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 48**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Mexican Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were telecommunication services, consumer staples and materials.

#### **MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 58**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were consumer staples, financials and industrials.

#### **MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 147**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index is designed to measure equity market performance in the Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore equity markets. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, materials and industrials.

#### **MSCI Singapore Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 27**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Singapore Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Singapore Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, industrials and telecommunication services.

#### **MSCI South Africa Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 45**

**Index Description.** The MSCI South Africa Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were materials, financials and telecommunication services.

#### **MSCI Spain Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 30**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Spain Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Madrid Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, telecommunication services and utilities.

#### **MSCI Sweden Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 30**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Sweden Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Stockholm Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, industrials and consumer discretionary.

#### **MSCI Switzerland Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 36**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Switzerland Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Zurich Stock Exchange. As of

September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were health care, financials and consumer staples.

#### **MSCI Taiwan Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 123**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Taiwan Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Taiwan Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were information technology, financials and materials.

#### **MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 79**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Stock Exchange of Thailand. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were energy, financials and materials.

#### **MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 83**

**Index Description.** The MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the Istanbul Stock Exchange (ISE). As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, telecommunication services and industrials.

#### **MSCI United Kingdom Index**

**Number of Components: approximately 105**

**Index Description.** The MSCI United Kingdom Index consists of stocks traded primarily on the London Stock Exchange. As of September 30, 2009, the Underlying Index's three largest sectors by component weighting were financials, energy and consumer staples.

**Additional Information.** MSCI and MSCI Index are service marks of MSCI Inc. and have been licensed for use by BTC. The Funds are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by MSCI Inc. Nor does MSCI Inc. make any representation regarding the advisability of investing in any of the Funds.

## **Investment Limitations**

The Board has adopted as non-fundamental policies the investment objectives of the Funds discussed in this SAI. Therefore, each of these Funds may change its investment objective and its Underlying Index without a shareholder vote. The Board has adopted as fundamental policies for each Fund set forth below investment restrictions numbered 1 through 9 below. The restrictions for such Fund cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of that Fund's outstanding voting securities. A vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities is defined in the 1940 Act as the lesser of (a) 67% or more of the voting securities present at a fund meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy, and (b) more than 50% of outstanding voting securities.

The iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund, iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund, iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund, iShares Switzerland Index Fund and iShares Taiwan Index Fund, will not:

1. Lend any funds or other assets except through the purchase of all or a portion of an issue of securities or obligations of the type in which it is permitted to invest (including participation interests in such securities or obligations) and except that a Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount not to exceed 33 1/3% of the value of its total assets;
2. Issue senior securities or borrow money, except borrowings from banks for temporary or emergency purposes in an amount up to 33 1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets (including the amount borrowed), valued at the lesser of cost or market, less liabilities (not including the amount borrowed) valued at the time the borrowing is made, and the

Fund will not purchase securities while borrowings in excess of 5% of the Fund's total assets are outstanding, provided, that for purposes of this restriction, short-term credits necessary for the clearance of transactions are not considered borrowings;

3. Pledge, hypothecate, mortgage or otherwise encumber its assets, except to secure permitted borrowings. (The deposit of underlying securities and other assets in escrow and collateral arrangements with respect to initial or variation margin for currency transactions and futures contracts will not be deemed to be pledges of the Fund's assets);
4. Purchase a security (other than obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities) if as a result 25% or more of its total assets would be invested in a single issuer. (This restriction applies to each of the iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund and iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund only);
5. Purchase, hold or deal in real estate, or oil, gas or mineral interests or leases, but a Fund may purchase and sell securities that are issued by companies that invest or deal in such assets;
6. Act as an underwriter of securities of other issuers, except to the extent the Fund may be deemed an underwriter in connection with the sale of securities in its portfolio;
7. Purchase securities on margin, except for such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of transactions, except that a Fund may make margin deposits in connection with transactions in currencies, options, futures and options on futures;
8. Sell securities short; or
9. Invest in commodities or commodity contracts, except that a Fund may buy and sell currencies and forward contracts with respect thereto, and may transact in futures contracts on securities, stock indices and currencies and options on such futures contracts and make margin deposits in connection with such contracts.

The Board has adopted as fundamental policies for each Fund set forth below investment restrictions numbered 1 through 8 below.

The restrictions for such Fund cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of that Fund's outstanding voting securities. A vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities is defined in the 1940 Act as the lesser of (a) 67% or more of the voting securities present at a fund meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy, and (b) more than 50% of outstanding voting securities.

**The iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund, iShares MSCI France Index Fund, iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund, iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund and iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund will not:**

1. Make loans, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time;
2. Issue any senior security, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time;
3. Pledge, hypothecate, mortgage or otherwise encumber its assets, except to secure permitted borrowings. (The deposit of underlying securities and other assets in escrow and collateral arrangements with respect to initial or variation margin for currency transactions and futures contracts will not be deemed to be pledges of the Fund's assets);
4. Purchase, hold or deal in real estate, or oil, gas or mineral interests or leases, but a Fund may purchase and sell securities that are issued by companies that invest or deal in such assets;
5. Act as an underwriter of securities of other issuers, except to the extent the Fund may be deemed an underwriter in connection with the sale of securities in its portfolio;



6. Purchase securities on margin, except for such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of transactions, except that a Fund may make margin deposits in connection with transactions in currencies, options, futures and options on futures;
7. Sell securities short; or
8. Invest in commodities or commodity contracts, except that a Fund may buy and sell currencies and forward contracts with respect thereto, and may transact in futures contracts on securities, stock indices and currencies and options on such futures contracts and make margin deposits in connection with such contracts.

The Board has adopted as fundamental policies for each Fund set forth below investment restrictions numbered 1 through 6 below.

The restrictions for such Fund cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of that Fund's outstanding voting securities. A vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities is defined in the 1940 Act as the lesser of (a) 67% or more of the voting securities present at a fund meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy, and (b) more than 50% of outstanding voting securities.

**The iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund, iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund, iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund and iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund will not:**

1. Concentrate its investments (*i.e.*, invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries), except that a Fund will concentrate to approximately the same extent that its Underlying Index concentrates in the securities of such particular industry or group of industries. For purposes of this limitation, securities of the U.S. government (including its agencies and instrumentalities), repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. government securities, and securities of state or municipal governments and their political subadvisors are not considered to be issued by members of any industry;
2. Borrow money, except that (i) each Fund may borrow from banks for temporary or emergency (not leveraging) purposes, including the meeting of redemption requests which might otherwise require the untimely disposition of securities, and (ii) each Fund may, to the extent consistent with its investment policies, enter into repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, forward roll transactions and similar investment strategies and techniques; To the extent that it engages in transactions described in (i) and (ii), each Fund will be limited so that no more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the value of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) is derived from such transactions. Any borrowings which come to exceed this amount will be reduced in accordance with applicable law;
3. Issue any senior security, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time;
4. Make loans, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time;
5. Purchase or sell real estate unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other investments (but this restriction shall not prevent each Fund from investing in securities of companies engaged in the real estate business or securities or other instruments backed by real estate or mortgages), or commodities or commodity contracts (but this restriction shall not prevent each Fund from trading in futures contracts and options on futures contracts, including options on currencies to the extent consistent with each Fund's investment objectives and policies); or
6. Engage in the business of underwriting securities issued by other persons, except to the extent that each Fund may technically be deemed to be an underwriter under the 1933 Act, the disposing of portfolio securities.

**Industry concentration.** Each of the iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund and iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund has the following concentration policy: With respect to the two most heavily weighted industries or groups of industries in its benchmark MSCI Index, a Fund will invest in securities (consistent with its investment objective and other investment policies) so that the weighting of each such industry or group of industries in the Fund does not diverge by more than 10% from the respective weighting of such industry or group of industries in its benchmark MSCI Index. An exception to this policy is that if investment in the stock of a single issuer would account for more than 25% of the Fund, the Fund will invest

less than 25% of its net assets in such stock and will reallocate the excess to stock(s) in the same industry or group of industries, and/or to stock(s) in another industry or group of industries, in its benchmark MSCI Index. Each Fund will evaluate these industry weightings at least weekly, and at the time of evaluation will adjust its portfolio composition to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with the above policy. A Fund may not concentrate its investments except as discussed above. The Board has adopted this policy as fundamental, which means that it may not be changed with respect to a Fund without the approval of the holders of a majority of that Fund's outstanding voting securities.

As of September 30, 2009, the following Fund was concentrated (that is, invested 25% or more of its total assets) in the specified industry:

Fund	Industry or Industries
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	Banks

Each of the iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund, iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund, iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund, iShares MSCI France Index Fund, iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund, iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund, iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund, iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund, iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund, iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund, iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund and iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund will not concentrate its investments (*i.e.*, hold 25% or more of its total assets in the stocks of a particular industry or group of industries), except that, to the extent practicable, the Fund will concentrate to approximately the same extent that its benchmark MSCI Index concentrates in the stocks of such particular industry or group of industries, provided that the Fund will comply with the diversification requirements of the IRC applicable to RICs, any underlying Treasury regulations or any successor provision.

As of September 30, 2009, each of the following Funds was concentrated (that is, held 25% or more of its total assets) in the specified industries:

Fund	Industry or Industries
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	Banks
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	Oil & Gas
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	Electric
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	Real Estate
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	Banks
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	Banks
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	Telecommunications
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	Banks
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	Banks
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	Pharmaceuticals
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	Semiconductors
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	Oil & Gas, Banks
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	Banks

In addition to the investment limitations adopted as fundamental as set forth above, each Fund observes the following restrictions, which may be changed by the Board without a shareholder vote. A Fund will not:

1. Invest in the securities of a company for the purpose of exercising management or control, or in any event purchase and



hold more than 10% of the securities of a single issuer, provided that the Company may vote the investment securities owned by each Fund in accordance with its views; or

2. Hold illiquid assets in excess of 15% of its net assets. An illiquid asset is any asset which may not be sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business within seven days at approximately the value at which the Fund has valued the investment.

**For purposes of the percentage limitation on each Fund's investments in illiquid securities, foreign equity securities, though not registered under the 1933 Act, are not deemed illiquid with respect to each Fund if they are otherwise readily marketable. Such securities ordinarily are considered to be "readily marketable" if they are traded on an exchange or other organized market and are not legally restricted from sale by the Fund. BFA monitors the liquidity of restricted securities in each Fund's portfolio. In reaching liquidity decisions, BFA considers the following factors:**

1. The frequency of trades and quotes for the security;
2. The number of dealers wishing to purchase or sell the security and the number of other potential purchasers;
3. Dealer undertakings to make a market in the security; and
4. The nature of the security and the nature of the marketplace in which it trades (e.g., the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of transfer).

If any percentage restriction described above is complied with to at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in percentage resulting from any change in value or total or net assets will not constitute a violation of such restriction, except that certain percentage limitations will be observed continuously in accordance with applicable law.

Each Fund has adopted a non-fundamental investment policy in accordance with Rule 35d-1 under the 1940 Act to invest, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the value of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in securities, and in ADRs based on securities, in its Underlying Index. Each Fund also has adopted a policy to provide its shareholders with at least 60 days' prior written notice of any change in such policy. If, subsequent to an investment, the 80% requirement is no longer met, a Fund's future investments will be made in a manner that will bring the Fund into compliance with this policy.

Each of the iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund has adopted a non-fundamental investment policy such that each Fund may invest in shares of other open-end management investment companies or unit investment trusts subject to the limitations of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, including the rules, regulations and exemptive orders obtained thereunder; provided, however, that if the Fund has knowledge that its shares are purchased by another investment company investor in reliance on the provisions of subparagraphs (G) or (F) of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, the Fund will not acquire any securities of other open-end management investment companies or unit investment trusts in reliance on the provisions of subparagraphs (G) or (F) of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act.

## Continuous Offering

The method by which Creation Units are created and traded may raise certain issues under applicable securities laws. Because new Creation Units are issued and sold by the Fund on an ongoing basis, at any point a "distribution," as such term is used in the 1933 Act, may occur. Broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some activities on their part may, depending on the circumstances, result in their being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner that could render them statutory underwriters and subject them to the prospectus delivery requirement and liability provisions of the 1933 Act.

For example, a broker-dealer firm or its client may be deemed a statutory underwriter if it takes Creation Units after placing an order with the Distributor, breaks them down into constituent shares and sells such shares directly to customers or if it chooses to couple the creation of new shares with an active selling effort involving solicitation of secondary market demand for shares. A determination of whether one is an underwriter for purposes of the 1933 Act must take into account all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the activities of the broker-dealer or its client in the particular case and the examples mentioned above should not be considered a complete description of all the activities that could lead to a categorization as an underwriter.

Broker-dealer firms should also note that dealers who are not "underwriters" but are effecting transactions in shares, whether or not participating in the distribution of shares, generally are required to deliver a prospectus. This is because the

prospectus delivery exemption in Section 4(3) of the 1933 Act is not available in respect of such transactions as a result of Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act. Firms that incur a prospectus delivery obligation with respect to shares of the Fund are reminded that, pursuant to Rule 153 under the 1933 Act, a prospectus delivery obligation under Section 5(b)(2) of the 1933 Act owed to an exchange member in connection with a sale on the Listing Exchange is satisfied by the fact that the prospectus is available at the Listing Exchange upon request. The prospectus delivery mechanism provided in Rule 153 is available only with respect to transactions on an exchange.

## Management

**Directors and Officers.** The Board has responsibility for the overall management and operations of the Funds, including general supervision of the duties performed by BFA and other service providers. Each Director serves until his or her successor is duly elected or appointed and qualified. Each officer serves until he or she resigns, is removed, dies, retires or becomes disqualified.

The Company, iShares Trust, Master Investment Portfolio (“MIP”) and BlackRock Funds III\*, each an open-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act, are considered members of the same fund complex, as defined in Form N-1A under the 1940 Act. Each Director also serves as a Trustee for iShares Trust and, as a result, oversees a total of 192 funds within the fund complex. With the exception of Robert S. Kapito, the address of each Director and Officer is c/o BlackRock, Inc., 400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. The address of Mr. Kapito is c/o BlackRock, Inc., Park Avenue Plaza, 55 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10055. The Board has designated George G.C. Parker as its Lead Independent Director.

\* Prior to December 1, 2009, BlackRock Funds III was known as Barclays Global Investors Funds.

### Interested Director

Name (Age)	Position	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Director
Robert S. Kapito <sup>1</sup> (52)	Director (since 2009)	President and Director, BlackRock, Inc. (since 2006 and 2007, respectively); Vice Chairman of BlackRock, Inc. and Head of BlackRock’s Portfolio Management Group (since its formation in 1998) and BlackRock’s predecessor entities (since 1988); Trustee, University of Pennsylvania (since 2009); Chairman, Hope & Heroes Children’s Cancer Fund (since 2002); President of the Board of Directors, Periwinkle Theatre for Youth (since 1983).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2009); Director of BlackRock, Inc (since 2007).

Name (Age)	Position	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Director
Lee T. Kranefuss <sup>2</sup> (48)	Director and Chairman (since 2003).	Global Chief Executive Officer, iShares/Intermediary Groups of BTC (since 2009); Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of BlackRock Asset Management International, Inc.(since 2009); Director and Chairman of BlackRock Investors Services (since 2009); Global Chief Executive Officer, iShares/ Intermediary Groups of BGI (2008-2009); Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Barclays Global Investors International, Inc. (2005-2009); Director and Chairman of Barclays Global Investors Services (2005-2009); Chief Executive Officer, iShares Intermediary Index and Market Group of BGI (2005-2008); Chief Executive Officer of the Intermediary Investor and Exchange Traded Products Business of BGI (2003-2005).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2003).

<sup>1</sup> Robert S. Kapito is deemed to be an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company due to his affiliations with BlackRock, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Lee T. Kranefuss is deemed to be an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company due to his affiliations with BFA, BTC and BlackRock Investors Services, an affiliate of BFA and BTC.

## Independent Directors

Name (Age)	Position	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Director
George G.C. Parker (70)	Director (since 2002); Lead Independent Director (since 2006).	Dean Witter Distinguished Professor of Finance, Emeritus, Stanford University: Graduate School of Business (since 1994).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2000); Lead Independent Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2006); Director of Continental Airlines, Inc. (since 1996); Director of Community First Financial Group (since 1995); Director of Tejon Ranch Company (since 1999); Director of Threshold Pharmaceuticals (since 2004); Director of NETGEAR, Inc. (since 2007).
John E. Martinez <sup>1</sup> (48)	Director (since 2003).	Director of Real Estate Equity Exchange (since 2005).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2003); Chairman, Independent Review Committee, Canadian iShares Funds (since 2007).

Name (Age)	Position	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Director
Cecilia H. Herbert (60)	Director (since 2005).	Chair of Investment Committee, Archdiocese of San Francisco (1994-2005); Director (since 1998) and President (since 2007) of the Board of Directors, Catholic Charities CYO; Trustee of Pacific Select Funds (2004-2005); Trustee (since 2005) and Chair of the Finance and Investment Committees (since 2006) of the Thacher School.	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2005); Advisory Board Member of Forward Funds (since 2009).
Charles A. Hurty (66)	Director (since 2005).	Retired; Partner, KPMG LLP (1968-2001).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2005); Director of GMAM Absolute Return Strategy Fund (1 portfolio)(since 2002); Director of Citigroup Alternative Investments Multi-Adviser Hedge Fund Portfolios LLC (1 portfolio)(since 2002); Director of CSFB Alternative Investments Fund (6 portfolios)(since 2005).
John E. Kerrigan (54)	Director (since 2005).	Chief Investment Officer, Santa Clara University (since 2002).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2005).
Robert H. Silver (54)	Director (since 2007).	President and Co-Founder of The Bravitas Group, Inc. (since 2006); Member, Non-Investor Advisory Board of Russia Partners II, LP (since 2006); President and Chief Operating Officer (2003-2005) and Director (1999-2005) of UBS Financial Services, Inc.; President and Chief Executive Officer of UBS Services USA, LLC (1999-2005); Managing Director, UBS America, Inc. (2000-2005); Director and Vice Chairman of the YMCA of Greater NYC (since 2001); Broadway Producer (since 2006); Co-Founder and Vice President of Parentgiving Inc. (since 2008); Director and Member of the Audit and Compensation Committee of EPAM Systems, Inc. (2006-2009).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since 2007).
Darrell Duffie (55)	Director (since 2008).	Professor, Stanford University: Graduate School of Business (since 1984).	Trustee of iShares Trust (since June 2008); Director of Moody's Corporation (since 2008).

<sup>1</sup> Prior to August 13, 2009, John E. Martinez was deemed to be an "interested person" (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Company. As of August 13, 2009, Mr. Martinez has been determined to be a non-interested person notwithstanding his former affiliation with BGI prior to 2002.

## Officers

Name (Age)	Position	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years
Michael A. Latham (44)	President (since 2007).	Director and Chief Financial Officer of BlackRock Asset Management International, Inc. (since 2009); Head of Americas iShares (since 2007); Director and Chief Financial Officer of Barclays Global Investors International, Inc. (2005-2009); Chief Operating Officer of the Intermediary Investor and Exchange Traded Products Business of BGI (2003-2007).
Geoffrey D. Flynn (53)	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (since 2008).	Chief Operating Officer, U.S. iShares, BTC (since 2009); Chief Operating Officer, U.S. iShares, BGI (2008-2009); Director, Mutual Fund Operations of BGI (2007-2008); President, Van Kampen Investors Services (2003-2007); Managing Director, Morgan Stanley (2002-2007); President, Morgan Stanley Trust, FSB (2002-2007).
Jack Gee (50)	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (since 2008).	Senior Director of Fund Administration of Intermediary Investor Business of BTC (since 2009); Senior Director of Fund Administration of Intermediary Investor Business of BGI (2009); Director of Fund Administration of Intermediary Investor Business of BGI (2004-2009); Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Parnassus Investments (2004).
Eilleen M. Clavere (57)	Secretary (since 2007).	Director of Legal Administration of Intermediary Investor Business of BTC (since 2009); Director of Legal Administration of Intermediary Investor Business of BGI (2006-2009); Legal Counsel and Vice President of Atlas Funds, Atlas Advisers, Inc. and Atlas Securities, Inc. (2005-2006); Counsel of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (2001-2005).
Ira P. Shapiro (46)	Vice President and Chief Legal Officer (since 2007).	Associate General Counsel, BTC (since 2009); Associate General Counsel, BGI (2004-2009); First Vice President, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers (1993-2004).

Name (Age)	Position	Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years
Amy Schioldager (47)	Executive Vice President (since 2007).	Global Head of Index Equity, BTC (since 2009); Global Head of Index Equity, BGI (2008-2009); Global Head of U.S. Indexing, BGI (2006-2008); Head of Domestic Equity Portfolio Management, BGI (2001-2006).
Patrick O'Connor (42)	Vice President (since 2007).	Head of iShares Portfolio Management, BTC (since 2009); Head of iShares Portfolio Management, BGI (2006-2009); Senior Portfolio Manager, BGI (1999-2006).
Lee Sterne (44)	Vice President (since 2007).	Head of U.S. Fixed Income Index and iShares, BTC (since 2009); Head of U.S. Fixed Income Index and iShares, BGI (2007-2009); Senior Portfolio Manager, BGI (2004-2007); Portfolio Manager, BGI (2001-2004).
Matt Tucker (37)	Vice President (since 2007).	Director of Fixed Income Investment Strategy, BTC (since 2009); Director of Fixed Income Investment Strategy, BGI (2009); Head of U.S. Fixed Income Investment Solutions, BGI (2005-2008); Fixed Income Investment Strategist, BGI (2003-2005).

The following table sets forth, as of December 31, 2008, the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each Director in the Fund and in other registered investment companies overseen by the Director within the same family of investment companies as the Company. If a fund is not listed below, the Director did not own any securities in that fund as of the date indicated above:

Name of Director <sup>1</sup>	Fund	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in all Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director in Family of Investment Companies
Lee T. Kranefuss	iShares Barclays 1-3 Year Treasury Bond Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$100,000
	iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
John E. Martinez	iShares Barclays 7-10 Year Treasury Bond Fund	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
	iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares Russell 1000 Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares Russell 1000 Value Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares S&P 500 Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
George G.C. Parker	iShares Dow Jones Select Dividend Index Fund	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
	iShares FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	

Name of Director <sup>1</sup>	Fund	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in all Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director in Family of Investment Companies
	iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares Russell 1000 Value Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares Russell 2000 Value Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares S&P 100 Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares S&P 500 Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares S&P 500 Value Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares S&P MidCap 400 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares S&P MidCap 400 Value Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares S&P Small Cap 600 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
Cecilia H. Herbert	iShares Barclays 1-3 Year Treasury Bond fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	Over \$100,000
	iShares Barclays TIPS Bond Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares Russell 1000 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares S&P 500 Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares S&P MidCap 400 Index Fund	\$10,000-\$50,000	
Charles A. Hurty	iShares Dow Jones Financial Sector Index Fund	\$1-\$10,000	Over \$100,000
	iShares Dow Jones Select Dividend Index Fund	\$1-\$10,000	
	iShares Dow Jones U.S. Energy Sector Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares Dow Jones U.S. Technology Sector Index Fund	\$1-\$10,000	
	iShares FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares S&P 500 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
John E. Kerrigan	iShares MSCI ACWI ex US Index Fund	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000



Name of Director <sup>1</sup>	Fund	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in all Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director in Family of Investment Companies
Robert H. Silver	iShares Dow Jones U.S. Broker-Dealers Index Fund	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
	iShares Dow Jones U.S. Financial Services Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares Dow Jones U.S. Regional Banks Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares MSCI ACWI ex US Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares MSCI EAFE Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
	iShares Russell 3000 Index Fund	\$50,001-\$100,000	
	iShares S&P Europe 350 Index Fund	\$10,001-\$50,000	
	iShares S&P 500 Index Fund	Over \$100,000	
Darrell Duffie	None	None	None

<sup>1</sup> Beneficial ownership is not shown for Robert S. Kapito because he was elected to serve as Director of the Company effective December 1, 2009.

As of December 31, 2008, none of the Directors who were not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company or their immediate family members owned beneficially or of record any securities of BFA (the Funds' investment adviser), the Distributor or any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with BFA or the Distributor.

**Committees of the Board of Directors.** Each Director who is not an interested person (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company ("Independent Director") serves on the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board. Mr. Martinez was not a member of these committees prior to August 13, 2009. The purposes of the Audit Committee are to assist the Board (i) in its oversight of the Company's accounting and financial reporting principles and policies and related controls and procedures maintained by or on behalf of the Company; (ii) in its oversight of the Company's financial statements and the independent audit thereof; (iii) in selecting, evaluating and, where deemed appropriate, replacing the independent accountants (or nominating the independent accountants to be proposed for shareholder approval in any proxy statement); (iv) in evaluating the independence of the independent accountants; (v) in complying with legal and regulatory requirements that relate to the Company's accounting and financial reporting, internal controls and independent audits; and (vi) to assume such other responsibilities as may be delegated by the Board. The Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

The Nominating and Governance Committee nominates individuals for Independent Director membership on the Board. The Nominating and Governance Committee functions include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) reviewing the qualifications of any person properly identified or nominated to serve as an Independent Director; (ii) recommending to the Board and current Independent Directors the nominee(s) for appointment as an Independent Director by the Board and current Independent Directors and/or for election as Independent Directors by shareholders to fill any vacancy for a position of Independent Director(s) on the Board; (iii) recommending to the Board and current Independent Directors the size and composition of the Board and Board committees and whether they comply with applicable laws and regulations; (iv) recommending a current Independent Director to the Board and current Independent Directors to serve as Lead Independent Director; (v) periodic review of the Board's retirement policy; and (vi) recommending an appropriate level of compensation for the Independent Directors for their services as Directors, members or chairpersons of committees of the Board, Lead Independent Director, Chairperson of the Board and any other positions as the Nominating and Governance Committee considers appropriate. The Nominating and Governance Committee does not consider Board nomination(s) recommended by shareholders (acting solely in their capacity as a shareholder and not in any other capacity). The Nominating and Governance Committee is comprised of all members of the Board that are Independent Directors. The Nominating and Governance Committee met three times during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.



**Remuneration of Directors.** The Company pays each Independent Director and John Martinez who was categorized as an Interested Director as of December 31, 2008, an annual fee of \$90,000 for meetings of the Board attended by the Director; also the Company pays Charles Hurty an annual fee of \$20,000 for service as the chairperson of the Board's Audit Committee and George G. C. Parker an annual fee of \$25,000 for service as the Board's Lead Independent Director. The Company also reimburses each Director for travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him/her in connection with attending such meetings.

The table below sets forth the total compensation paid to each Interested Director for the calendar year ended December 31, 2008:

Name of Interested Director <sup>1</sup>	Aggregate Compensation from the Company	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued As Part of Company Expenses <sup>2</sup>	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement <sup>2</sup>	Total Compensation From the Fund and Fund Complex <sup>3</sup>
Lee T. Kranefuss <sup>4</sup>	\$ 0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	\$ 0
John E. Martinez <sup>5</sup>	90,000	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	180,000

<sup>1</sup> Compensation is not shown for Robert S. Kapito because he was appointed to serve as Interested Director of the Company effective December 1, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> No Director or Officer is entitled to any pension or retirement benefits from the Company.

<sup>3</sup> Includes compensation for service on the Board of Trustees of iShares Trust.

<sup>4</sup> Lee T. Kranefuss was not compensated by the Company due to his employment with BGI during the time period reflected in the table.

<sup>5</sup> Prior to August 13, 2009, John E. Martinez was deemed to be an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Company. As of August 13, 2009, John E. Martinez has been determined to be a non-interested person notwithstanding his former affiliation with BGI prior to 2002.

The table below sets forth the total compensation paid to each Independent Director for the calendar year ended December 31, 2008:

Name of Independent Director	Aggregate Compensation from the Company	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued As Part of Company Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement <sup>1</sup>	Total Compensation From the Fund and Fund Complex <sup>2</sup>
George G.C. Parker	\$115,000	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	\$230,000
John E. Kerrigan	90,000	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	180,000
Charles A. Hurty	110,000	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	220,000
Cecilia H. Herbert	90,000	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	180,000
Robert H. Silver	90,000	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	180,000
Darrell Duffie*	67,500	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	135,000

\* Appointed to serve as Independent Director of the Company effective June 18, 2008.

<sup>1</sup> No Director or Officer is entitled to any pension or retirement benefits from the Company.

<sup>2</sup> Includes compensation for service on the Board of Trustees of iShares Trust.

### Control Persons and Principal Holders of Securities.

The Directors and Officers of the Company collectively owned less than 1% of each of the Funds' outstanding shares as of November 30, 2009.

Although the Company does not have information concerning the beneficial ownership of shares held in the names of Depository Trust Company ("DTC") participants (as defined below), as of November 30, 2009, the name and percentage ownership of each DTC participant that owned of record 5% or more of the outstanding shares of a Fund were as follows:

Fund	Name	Percentage of Ownership
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	11.15%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	10.18%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	9.84%
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	21.72%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	8.53%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	7.10%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	6.85%
	U.S. Bank N.A. 1555 North Rivercenter Dr. Suite 302 Milwaukee, WI 53212	6.80%
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	TD Ameritrade Clearing, Inc. 1005 N. Ameritrade Place Bellevue, NE 68005	5.13%
	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated 101 Hudson Street 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302-3997	10.67%
	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	9.79%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	8.39%
	U.S. Bank N.A. 1555 North Rivercenter Dr. Suite 302 Milwaukee, WI 53212	7.93%

Fund	Name	Percentage of Ownership
	Goldman Sachs International 30 Hudson Street 17 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302	7.46%
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	6.33%
	Pershing LLC One Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	5.60%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	5.14%
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	16.73%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	8.15%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	7.71%
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	14.06%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	10.96%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	8.25%
	Pershing LLC One Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	5.97%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	5.89%
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	15.86%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	9.90%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	7.71%

Fund	Name	Percentage of Ownership
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	7.16%
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	5.31%
	Pershing LLC One Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	12.15%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	11.05%
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	9.59%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	7.71%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	7.30%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	6.79%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	5.58%
	iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310
State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171		8.99%
Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citicorp Center Tampa Building B/Floor 1 Tampa, FL 33610		7.59%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240		6.21%
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310		6.05%

Fund	Name	Percentage of Ownership
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	21.98%
	Curian Clearing, LLC 8055 East Tufts Avenue 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80237	9.76%
	Deutsche Bank Securities Inc./Cedear 1251 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	8.09%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	6.79%
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	13.63%
	Curian Clearing, LLC 8055 East Tufts Avenue 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80237	11.13%
	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	9.66%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	5.91%
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citicorp Center Tampa Building B/Floor 1 Tampa, FL 33610	5.24%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	18.80%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	11.78%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	9.13%
	Deutsche Bank Securities Inc./Cedear 1251 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	7.36%
	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	6.79%

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	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	6.01%
	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	5.95%
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	14.69%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	10.99%
	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	6.69%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	6.50%
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	36.33%
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	8.20%
	TD Ameritrade Clearing, Inc. 1005 N. Ameritrade Place Bellevue, NE 68005	6.59%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	6.36%
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	Curian Clearing, LLC 8055 East Tufts Avenue 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80237	20.19%
	Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citicorp Center Tampa Building B/Floor 1 Tampa, FL 33610	10.44%
	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated 101 Hudson Street 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302-3997	9.83%

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iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	6.33%
	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	5.44%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	15.27%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	13.49%
	Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citicorp Center Tampa Building B/Floor 1 Tampa, FL 33610	8.01%
	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	7.35%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	6.74%
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	Bear, Stearns Securities Corp. One Metrotech Center North Brooklyn, NY 11201	16.98%
	Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citicorp Center Tampa Building B/Floor 1 Tampa, FL 33610	14.96%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	8.88%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	6.98%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	6.24%
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	5.75%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	13.32%



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iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	11.29%	
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	6.27%	
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	6.01%	
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	15.03%	
	Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated One Pierrepoint Plaza 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	8.93%	
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	8.69%	
	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	6.92%	
	Deutsche Bank Securities Inc./Cedear 1251 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	5.25%	
	iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated 101 Hudson Street 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302-3997	8.00%
		JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	7.71%
First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219		5.73%	
State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171		5.70%	
Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310		5.35%	
Bear, Stearns Securities Corp. One Metrotech Center North Brooklyn, NY 11201	5.15%		

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iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	26.18%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	7.60%
	Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citicorp Center Tampa Building B/Floor 1 Tampa, FL 33610	5.32%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	5.09%
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	12.47%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	12.37%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	7.32%
	JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240	6.69%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	6.19%
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	5.30%
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	12.20%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	9.47%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	6.96%
	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	5.66%

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iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	20.62%
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	8.62%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	5.99%
	Mellon Trust of New England, National Association Three Mellon Bank Center Floor 1533700 Pittsburgh, PA 15259	5.41%
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	18.67%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	17.36%
	Curian Clearing, LLC 8055 East Tufts Avenue 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80237	11.32%
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	13.38%
	Pershing LLC One Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	13.17%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	9.61%
	Curian Clearing, LLC 8055 East Tufts Avenue 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80237	6.55%
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	5.49%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	20.20%
	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	15.81%

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iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	8.51%	
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	6.67%	
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	6.17%	
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	19.88%	
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	13.34%	
	State Street Bank and Trust Company 1776 Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171	7.16%	
	Mellon Trust of New England, National Association Three Mellon Bank Center Floor 1533700 Pittsburgh, PA 15259	6.88%	
	Northern Trust Company (The) 801 South Canal Street Chicago, IL 60612	6.34%	
	iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	10.75%
		First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	10.63%
National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281		7.06%	
Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310		6.63%	
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 14201 Dallas Pkwy 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Dallas, TX 75240		6.47%	
Curian Clearing, LLC 8055 East Tufts Avenue 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80237		6.35%	

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iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	5.13%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	11.85%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	10.30%
	First Clearing, LLC 901 East Byrd Street Richmond, VA 23219	7.59%
	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. 111 Pavonia Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07310	7.16%
	National Financial Services LLC 200 Liberty Street 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10281	5.89%
	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	5.16%
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. 525 Washington Blvd. 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310	13.99%
	Curian Clearing, LLC 8055 East Tufts Avenue 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Denver, CO 80237	9.92%
	Bank of New York, The One Wall Street New York, NY 10004	8.44%
	Citibank, N.A. 3800 Citicorp Center Tampa Building B/Floor 1 Tampa, FL 33610	8.29%
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W 34 <sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10001-2402	8.05%
	Pershing LLC One Pershing Plaza Jersey City, NJ 07399	5.77%

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BlackRock and its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity and their clients may pursue or enforce rights with respect to an issuer in which a Fund has invested, and those activities may have an adverse effect on the Fund. As a result, prices, availability, liquidity and terms of the Fund’s investments may be negatively impacted by the activities of BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity or their clients, and transactions for the Fund may be impaired or effected at prices or terms that may be less favorable than would otherwise have been the case.

The results of a Fund's investment activities may differ significantly from the results achieved by BlackRock and its Affiliates or the BAC/Barclays Entities for their proprietary accounts or other accounts (including investment companies or collective investment vehicles) managed or advised by them. It is possible that one or more Affiliate- or BAC/Barclays Entity-managed accounts and such other accounts will achieve investment results that are substantially more or less favorable than the results achieved by a Fund. Moreover, it is possible that a Fund will sustain losses during periods in which one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entity-managed accounts achieve significant profits on their trading for proprietary or other accounts. The opposite result is also possible. The investment activities of one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities for their proprietary accounts and accounts under their management may also limit the investment opportunities for a Fund in certain emerging and other markets in which limitations are imposed upon the amount of investment, in the aggregate or in individual issuers, by affiliated foreign investors.

From time to time, a Fund's activities may also be restricted because of regulatory restrictions applicable to one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities, and/or their internal policies designed to comply with such restrictions. As a result, there may be periods, for example, when BlackRock, and/or one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities, will not initiate or recommend certain types of transactions in certain securities or instruments with respect to which BlackRock and/or one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities are performing services or when position limits have been reached.

In connection with its management of a Fund, BlackRock may have access to certain fundamental analysis and proprietary technical models developed by one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities. BlackRock will not be under any obligation, however, to effect transactions on behalf of a Fund in accordance with such analysis and models. In addition, neither BlackRock nor any of its Affiliates, nor any BAC/Barclays Entity, will have any obligation to make available any information regarding their proprietary activities or strategies, or the activities or strategies used for other accounts managed by them, for the benefit of the management of a Fund and it is not anticipated that BlackRock will have access to such information for the purpose of managing the Fund. The proprietary activities or portfolio strategies of BlackRock and its Affiliates and the BAC/Barclays Entities, or the activities or strategies used for accounts managed by them or other customer accounts could conflict with the transactions and strategies employed by BlackRock in managing a Fund.

In addition, certain principals and certain employees of BlackRock are also principals or employees of BlackRock or another Affiliate. As a result, the performance by these principals and employees of their obligations to such other entities may be a consideration of which investors in a Fund should be aware.

BlackRock may enter into transactions and invest in securities, instruments and currencies on behalf of a Fund in which customers of BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity, or, to the extent permitted by the SEC, BlackRock or another Affiliate or a BAC/Barclays Entity, serves as the counterparty, principal or issuer. In such cases, such party's interests in the transaction will be adverse to the interests of the Fund, and such party may have no incentive to assure that the Fund obtains the best possible prices or terms in connection with the transactions. In addition, the purchase, holding and sale of such investments by a Fund may enhance the profitability of BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity. One or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities may also create, write or issue derivatives for their customers, the underlying securities, currencies or instruments of which may be those in which a Fund invests or which may be based on the performance of the Fund. A Fund may, subject to applicable law, purchase investments that are the subject of an underwriting or other distribution by one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities and may also enter into transactions with other clients of an Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity where such other clients have interests adverse to those of the Fund.

At times, these activities may cause departments of BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity to give advice to clients that may cause these clients to take actions adverse to the interests of the Fund. To the extent affiliated transactions are permitted, a Fund will deal with BlackRock and its Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities on an arms-length basis. BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity may also have an ownership interest in certain trading or information systems used by a Fund. A Fund's use of such trading or information systems may enhance the profitability of BlackRock and its Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities.

One or more Affiliates or one of the BAC/Barclays Entities may act as broker, dealer, agent, lender or adviser or in other commercial capacities for a Fund. It is anticipated that the commissions, mark-ups, mark-downs, financial advisory fees, underwriting and placement fees, sales fees, financing and commitment fees, brokerage fees, other fees, compensation or profits, rates, terms and conditions charged by an Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity will be in its view commercially reasonable,



although each Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity, including its sales personnel, will have an interest in obtaining fees and other amounts that are favorable to the Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity and such sales personnel.

Subject to applicable law, the Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities (and their personnel and other distributors) will be entitled to retain fees and other amounts that they receive in connection with their service to the Funds as broker, dealer, agent, lender, adviser or in other commercial capacities and no accounting to the Funds or their shareholders will be required, and no fees or other compensation payable by the Funds or their shareholders will be reduced by reason of receipt by an Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity of any such fees or other amounts.

When an Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity acts as broker, dealer, agent, adviser or in other commercial capacities in relation to the Funds, the Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity may take commercial steps in its own interests, which may have an adverse effect on the Funds. A Fund will be required to establish business relationships with its counterparties based on the Fund's own credit standing. Neither BlackRock nor any of the Affiliates, nor any BAC/Barclays Entity, will have any obligation to allow their credit to be used in connection with a Fund's establishment of its business relationships, nor is it expected that the Fund's counterparties will rely on the credit of BlackRock or any of the Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities in evaluating the Fund's creditworthiness.

Purchases and sales of securities for a Fund may be bunched or aggregated with orders for other BlackRock client accounts. BlackRock and its Affiliates and the BAC/Barclays Entities, however, are not required to bunch or aggregate orders if portfolio management decisions for different accounts are made separately, or if they determine that bunching or aggregating is not practicable, required or with cases involving client direction.

Prevailing trading activity frequently may make impossible the receipt of the same price or execution on the entire volume of securities purchased or sold. When this occurs, the various prices may be averaged, and the Funds will be charged or credited with the average price. Thus, the effect of the aggregation may operate on some occasions to the disadvantage of the Funds. In addition, under certain circumstances, the Funds will not be charged the same commission or commission equivalent rates in connection with a bunched or aggregated order.

BlackRock may select brokers (including, without limitation, Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities) that furnish BlackRock, the Funds, other BlackRock client accounts or other Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities or personnel, directly or through correspondent relationships, with research or other appropriate services which provide, in BlackRock's view, appropriate assistance to BlackRock in the investment decision-making process (including with respect to futures, fixed-price offerings and over-the-counter transactions). Such research or other services may include, to the extent permitted by law, research reports on companies, industries and securities; economic and financial data; financial publications; proxy analysis; trade industry seminars; computer data bases; research-oriented software and other services and products. Research or other services obtained in this manner may be used in servicing any or all of the Funds and other BlackRock client accounts, including in connection with BlackRock client accounts other than those that pay commissions to the broker relating to the research or other service arrangements. Such products and services may disproportionately benefit other BlackRock client accounts relative to the Funds based on the amount of brokerage commissions paid by the Funds and such other BlackRock client accounts. For example, research or other services that are paid for through one client's commissions may not be used in managing that client's account. In addition, other BlackRock client accounts may receive the benefit, including disproportionate benefits, of economies of scale or price discounts in connection with products and services that may be provided to the Funds and to such other BlackRock client accounts. To the extent that BlackRock uses soft dollars, it will not have to pay for those products and services itself.

BlackRock may receive research that is bundled with the trade execution, clearing, and/or settlement services provided by a particular broker-dealer. To the extent that BlackRock receives research on this basis, many of the same conflicts related to traditional soft dollars may exist. For example, the research effectively will be paid by client commissions that also will be used to pay for the execution, clearing, and settlement services provided by the broker-dealer and will not be paid by BlackRock.

BlackRock may endeavor to execute trades through brokers who, pursuant to such arrangements, provide research or other services in order to ensure the continued receipt of research or other services BlackRock believes are useful in its investment decision-making process. BlackRock may from time to time choose not to engage in the above described arrangements to varying degrees. BlackRock may also enter into commission sharing arrangements under which BlackRock may execute transactions through a broker-dealer, including, where permitted, an Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity, and request that the broker-dealer allocate a portion of the commissions or commission credits to another firm that provides research to

BlackRock. To the extent that BlackRock engages in commission sharing arrangements, many of the same conflicts related to traditional soft dollars may exist.

BlackRock may utilize certain electronic crossing networks (“ECNs”) in executing client securities transactions for certain types of securities. These ECNs may charge fees for their services, including access fees and transaction fees. The transaction fees, which are similar to commissions or markups/markdowns, will generally be charged to clients and, like commissions and markups/markdowns, would generally be included in the cost of the securities purchased. Access fees may be paid by BlackRock even though incurred in connection with executing transactions on behalf of clients, including the Funds. In certain circumstances, ECNs may offer volume discounts that will reduce the access fees typically paid by BlackRock. This would have the effect of reducing the access fees paid by BlackRock. BlackRock will only utilize ECNs consistent with its obligation to seek to obtain best execution in client transactions.

BlackRock has adopted policies and procedures designed to prevent conflicts of interest from influencing proxy voting decisions that it makes on behalf of advisory clients, including the Funds, and to help ensure that such decisions are made in accordance with BlackRock’s fiduciary obligations to its clients. Nevertheless, notwithstanding such proxy voting policies and procedures, actual proxy voting decisions of BlackRock may have the effect of favoring the interests of other clients or businesses of other divisions or units of BlackRock and/or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity, provided that BlackRock believes such voting decisions to be in accordance with its fiduciary obligations. For a more detailed discussion of these policies and procedures, see “Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures.”

It is also possible that, from time to time, BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity may, although they are not required to, purchase and hold shares of a Fund. Increasing a Fund’s assets may enhance investment flexibility and diversification and may contribute to economies of scale that tend to reduce the Fund’s expense ratio. BlackRock and its Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities reserve the right to redeem at any time some or all of the shares of a Fund acquired for their own accounts. A large redemption of shares of a Fund by BlackRock or its Affiliates or by a BAC/Barclays Entity could significantly reduce the asset size of the Fund, which might have an adverse effect on the Fund’s investment flexibility, portfolio diversification and expense ratio. BlackRock will consider the effect of redemptions on a Fund and other shareholders in deciding whether to redeem its shares.

It is possible that a Fund may invest in securities of companies with which an Affiliate or a BAC/Barclays Entity has or is trying to develop investment banking relationships as well as securities of entities in which BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity has significant debt or equity investments or in which an Affiliate or BAC/Barclays Entity makes a market. A Fund also may invest in securities of companies to which an Affiliate or a BAC/Barclays Entity provides or may some day provide research coverage. Such investments could cause conflicts between the interests of a Fund and the interests of other clients of BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity. In making investment decisions for a Fund, BlackRock is not permitted to obtain or use material non-public information acquired by any division, department or Affiliate of BlackRock or of a BAC/Barclays Entity in the course of these activities. In addition, from time to time, the activities of an Affiliate or a BAC/Barclays Entity may limit a Fund’s flexibility in purchases and sales of securities. When an Affiliate is engaged in an underwriting or other distribution of securities of an entity, BlackRock may be prohibited from purchasing or recommending the purchase of certain securities of that entity for a Fund.

BlackRock and its Affiliates and the BAC/Barclays Entities, their personnel and other financial service providers have interests in promoting sales of the Funds. With respect to BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities and their personnel, the remuneration and profitability relating to services to and sales of the Funds or other products may be greater than remuneration and profitability relating to services to and sales of certain funds or other products that might be provided or offered. BlackRock and its Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities and their sales personnel may directly or indirectly receive a portion of the fees and commissions charged to the Funds or their shareholders. BlackRock and its advisory or other personnel may also benefit from increased amounts of assets under management. Fees and commissions may also be higher than for other products or services, and the remuneration and profitability to BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity and such personnel resulting from transactions on behalf of or management of the Funds may be greater than the remuneration and profitability resulting from other funds or products.

BlackRock and its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity and their personnel may receive greater compensation or greater profit in connection with an account for which BlackRock serves as an adviser than with an account advised by an unaffiliated investment adviser. Differentials in compensation may be related to the fact that BlackRock may pay a portion of its advisory fee to its Affiliate or to a BAC/Barclays Entity, or relate to compensation arrangements, including for portfolio management,

brokerage transactions or account servicing. Any differential in compensation may create a financial incentive on the part of BlackRock or its Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities and their personnel to recommend BlackRock over unaffiliated investment advisers or to effect transactions differently in one account over another.

BlackRock and its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity may provide valuation assistance to certain clients with respect to certain securities or other investments and the valuation recommendations made for their clients' accounts may differ from the valuations for the same securities or investments assigned by a Fund's pricing vendors, especially if such valuations are based on broker-dealer quotes or other data sources unavailable to the Fund's pricing vendors. While BlackRock will generally communicate its valuation information or determinations to a Fund's pricing vendors and/or fund accountants, there may be instances where the Fund's pricing vendors or fund accountants assign a different valuation to a security or other investment than the valuation for such security or investment determined or recommended by BlackRock.

As disclosed in more detail in "Determination of Net Asset Value" section in each Fund's Prospectus, when market valuations are not readily available or such valuations do not reflect current market values, the affected investments will be valued using fair value pricing, pursuant to procedures adopted by the Funds' Board. As a result, the Funds' sale or redemption of its shares at net asset value, at a time when a holding or holdings are valued by BlackRock (pursuant to Board-adopted procedures) at fair value, may have the effect of diluting or increasing the economic interest of existing shareholders.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, a Fund may invest all or some of its short term cash investments in any money market fund or similarly-managed private fund advised or managed by BlackRock. In connection with any such investments, a Fund, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, may pay its share of expenses of a money market fund in which it invests, which may result in a Fund bearing some additional expenses.

BlackRock and its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity and their directors, officers and employees, may buy and sell securities or other investments for their own accounts, and may have conflicts of interest with respect to investments made on behalf of a Fund. As a result of differing trading and investment strategies or constraints, positions may be taken by directors, officers, employees and Affiliates of BlackRock or by BAC/Barclays Entities that are the same, different from or made at different times than positions taken for the Fund. To lessen the possibility that a Fund will be adversely affected by this personal trading, the Fund, BRIL and BlackRock each has adopted a Code of Ethics in compliance with Section 17(j) of the 1940 Act that restricts securities trading in the personal accounts of investment professionals and others who normally come into possession of information regarding the Fund's portfolio transactions. Each Code of Ethics can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. Each Code of Ethics is also available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>, and copies may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by e-mail at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Section, Washington, DC 20549-1520.

BlackRock and its Affiliates will not purchase securities or other property from, or sell securities or other property to, a Fund, except that the Fund may in accordance with rules adopted under the 1940 Act engage in transactions with accounts that are affiliated with the Fund as a result of common officers, directors, or investment advisers or pursuant to exemptive orders granted to the Funds and/or BlackRock by the SEC. These transactions would be affected in circumstances in which BlackRock determined that it would be appropriate for the Fund to purchase and another client of BlackRock to sell, or the Fund to sell and another client of BlackRock to purchase, the same security or instrument on the same day. From time to time, the activities of a Fund may be restricted because of regulatory requirements applicable to BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity and/or BlackRock's internal policies designed to comply with, limit the applicability of, or otherwise relate to such requirements. A client not advised by BlackRock would not be subject to some of those considerations. There may be periods when BlackRock may not initiate or recommend certain types of transactions, or may otherwise restrict or limit their advice in certain securities or instruments issued by or related to companies for which an Affiliate or a BAC/Barclays Entity is performing investment banking, market making or other services or has proprietary positions. For example, when an Affiliate is engaged in an underwriting or other distribution of securities of, or advisory services for, a company, the Funds may be prohibited from or limited in purchasing or selling securities of that company. Similar situations could arise if personnel of BlackRock or its Affiliates or a BAC/Barclays Entity serve as directors of companies the securities of which the Funds wish to purchase or sell. However, if permitted by applicable law, the Funds may purchase securities or instruments that are issued by such companies or are the subject of an underwriting, distribution, or advisory assignment by an Affiliate or a BAC/Barclays Entity, or in cases in which personnel of BlackRock or its Affiliates or of BAC/Barclays Entities are directors or officers of the issuer.

The investment activities of one or more Affiliates or BAC/Barclays Entities for their proprietary accounts and for client accounts may also limit the investment strategies and rights of the Funds. For example, in regulated industries, in certain emerging or international markets, in corporate and regulatory ownership definitions, and in certain futures and derivative transactions, there may be limits on the aggregate amount of investment by affiliated investors that may not be exceeded without the grant of a license or other regulatory or corporate consent or, if exceeded, may cause BlackRock, the Funds or other client accounts to suffer disadvantages or business restrictions.

If certain aggregate ownership thresholds are reached or certain transactions undertaken, the ability of BlackRock on behalf of clients (including the Funds) to purchase or dispose of investments, or exercise rights or undertake business transactions, may be restricted by regulation or otherwise impaired. As a result, BlackRock, on behalf of clients (including the Funds), may limit purchases, sell existing investments, or otherwise restrict or limit the exercise of rights (including voting rights) when BlackRock, in its sole discretion, deems it appropriate.

BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities may maintain securities indices as part of their product offerings. Index based funds seek to track the performance of securities indices and may use the name of the index in the fund name. Index providers, including BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities may be paid licensing fees for use of their index or index name. BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities will not be obligated to license their indices to BlackRock, and BlackRock cannot be assured that the terms of any index licensing agreement with BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities will be as favorable as those terms offered to other index licensees.

BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities may serve as Authorized Participants in the creation and redemption of exchange traded funds. As described in greater detail in the Creations and Redemptions section of the prospectus, BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities may therefore be deemed to be participants in a distribution of iShares funds that could render them statutory underwriters.

Present and future activities of BlackRock and its Affiliates and BAC/Barclays Entities, including BlackRock Advisors, LLC, in addition to those described in this section, may give rise to additional conflicts of interest.

## Investment Advisory, Administrative and Distribution Services

**Investment Adviser.** BFA serves as investment adviser to each Fund pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement between the Company and BFA. BFA is a California corporation indirectly owned by BlackRock, Inc., and is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, BFA, subject to the supervision of the Board and in conformity with the stated investment policies of each Fund, manages and administers the Company and the investment of each Fund's assets. BFA is responsible for placing purchase and sale orders and providing continuous supervision of the investment portfolio of each Fund.

For its investment advisory services to the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund, iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund and iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund, BFA is entitled to receive a management fee from each Fund based on the Fund's allocable portion of the aggregate of the average daily net assets of these Funds together with the iShares MSCI All Peru Capped Index Fund (which is offered in a separate prospectus and statement of additional information) as follows: 0.74% per annum of the aggregate net assets less than or equal to \$2.0 billion, plus 0.69% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$2.0 billion, up to and including \$4.0 billion, plus 0.64% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$4.0 billion, up to and including \$8.0 billion, plus 0.57% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$8.0 billion, up to and including \$16.0 billion, plus 0.51% per annum of the aggregate net assets in excess of \$16.0 billion.

For its investment advisory services to the iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund, BFA is paid a management fee based on a percentage of the Fund's average daily net assets at an annual rate of 0.50%.

For its investment advisory services to the iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, BFA is entitled to receive a management fee from each Fund based on the Fund's allocable portion of the aggregate of the average daily net assets of these Funds together with other iShares funds (iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Eastern Europe



Index Fund and iShares MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index Fund, which are offered in separate prospectuses and statements of additional information) as follows: 0.75% per annum of the aggregate net assets less than or equal to \$14.0 billion, plus 0.68% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$14.0 billion, up to and including \$28.0 billion, plus 0.61% per annum of the aggregate net assets in excess of \$28.0 billion.

For its investment advisory services to the iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund, iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund, iShares MSCI France Index Fund, iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund, iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund, iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund, iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund, iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund, iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund, iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund and iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund, BFA is entitled to receive a management fee from the Fund based on the Fund's allocable portion of the aggregate of the average daily net assets of the Fund as follows: 0.59% per annum of the aggregate net assets less than or equal to \$7.0 billion, plus 0.54% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$7.0 billion, up to and including \$11.0 billion, plus 0.49% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$11.0 billion, up to and including \$24.0 billion, plus 0.44% per annum of the aggregate net assets over \$24.0 billion, up to and including \$48.0 billion, plus 0.40% per annum of the aggregate net assets in excess of \$48.0 billion.

Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, BFA, subject to the supervision of the Company's Board and in conformity with the stated investment policies of each Fund, manages and administers the Company and the investment of each Fund's assets. BFA is responsible for placing purchase and sale orders and providing continuous supervision of the investment portfolio of each Fund.

Under the Investment Advisory Agreement, BFA is responsible for all expenses of the Fund, including the cost of transfer agency, custody, fund administration, legal, audit and other services, except interest expense taxes, brokerage expenses, distribution fees or expenses and extraordinary expenses. For its investment management services to each Fund, BFA is paid a management fee at the annual rates (as a percentage of such Fund's average net assets) listed below.

Prior to December 1, 2009, Barclays Global Fund Advisors, a majority-owned subsidiary of Barclays Bank PLC, acted as the Funds' investment adviser and was compensated according to the same management fee rates.

The following table sets forth the management fees paid by each Fund to Barclays Global Fund Advisors for the fiscal years noted:

Fund	Management Fee	Fund Inception Date	Management Fees Paid For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	Management Fees Paid For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	Management Fees Paid For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	\$ 4,365,698	\$ 8,205,849	\$ 5,418,181
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	527,579	1,803,461	2,601,711
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	0.56%	03/12/96	339,987	1,386,685	1,332,129
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	0.65%	07/10/00	37,144,779	47,028,502	21,514,644
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	0.72%	11/12/07	1,342,844	578,683	N/A
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	8,045,646	10,043,541	5,946,553
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	0.65%	11/12/07	1,223,935	272,532	N/A
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund <sup>1</sup>	0.72%	04/07/03	160,371,985	174,932,398	114,234,720
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	0.56%	07/25/00	3,909,074	13,126,393	12,839,319
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	900,092	2,443,788	1,269,129
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	2,369,432	8,738,608	6,219,398
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	7,779,500	11,183,414	6,192,082
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	0.66%	03/26/08	692,048	265,058	N/A
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	570,682	1,220,048	1,055,455
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	0.56%	03/12/96	29,763,035	47,063,599	70,930,669

Fund	Management Fee	Fund Inception Date	Management Fees Paid For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	Management Fees Paid For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	Management Fees Paid For Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	0.56%	12/20/07	151,508	51,470	N/A
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	0.56%	03/12/96	2,012,558	4,929,062	3,843,835
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	2,962,618	7,064,281	6,123,156
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	594,140	1,322,904	1,140,068
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	0.50%	10/25/01	11,437,463	19,183,343	14,285,783
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	5,088,402	9,514,088	7,038,174
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	0.66%	02/03/03	2,109,421	3,789,441	2,554,012
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	0.65%	05/09/00	10,039,046	18,749,352	12,507,997
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	0.56%	03/12/96	1,236,278	3,129,000	2,757,796
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	754,249	1,842,608	2,071,508
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	0.56%	03/12/96	1,439,437	1,995,890	1,413,051
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	0.65%	06/20/00	12,738,136	19,861,527	15,295,138
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	0.65%	03/26/08	257,410	153,669	N/A
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	0.65%	03/26/08	680,004	148,727	N/A
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	0.55%	03/12/96	3,150,913	5,668,706	5,507,753

<sup>1</sup> BFA has contractually agreed to waive its management fees in an amount equal to the Fund's *pro rata* share of the fees and expenses attributable to the Fund's investments in other iShares funds, "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses," through June 30, 2011.

The Investment Advisory Agreement with respect to each Fund continues in effect for two years from its effective date, and thereafter is subject to annual approval by (i) the Board or (ii) the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the applicable Fund, provided that in either event such continuance also is approved by a majority of the Board who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the applicable Fund, by a vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval.

The Investment Advisory Agreement with respect to each Fund is terminable without penalty, on 60 days' notice, by the Board or by a vote of the holders of a majority of the applicable Fund's outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act). The Investment Advisory Agreement is also terminable upon 60 days' notice by BFA and will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

Current interpretations of U.S. federal banking laws and regulations (i) may prohibit BlackRock, Inc., BTC and BFA from controlling or underwriting the shares of the Funds, but (ii) do not prohibit BlackRock, Inc. or BFA generally from acting as an investment adviser, administrator, transfer agent or custodian to the Fund or from purchasing shares as agent for and upon the order of a customer.

BFA believes that it may perform advisory and related services for the Company without violating applicable banking laws or regulations. However, the legal requirements and interpretations about the permissible activities of banks and their affiliates may change in the future. These changes could prevent BFA from continuing to perform services for the Company. If this happens, the Board would consider selecting other qualified firms. Any new investment advisory agreement would be subject to shareholder approval.

If current restrictions on bank activities with mutual funds were relaxed, BFA, or its affiliates, would consider performing additional services for the Company. BFA cannot predict whether these changes will be enacted, or the terms under which BFA, or its affiliates, might offer to provide additional services.

BFA and/or BTC may pay certain broker-dealers and intermediaries for participating in activities that are designed to make registered representatives and other professionals more knowledgeable about exchange traded products, including the Fund, or for other activities, such as participation in marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems. BFA and/or BTC may also pay broker-dealers

or intermediaries for certain printing, publishing and mailing costs associated with the Fund or materials relating to exchange traded products in general. Payments to a broker-dealer or intermediary may create potential conflicts of interest between the broker-dealer or intermediary and its clients. These amounts, which may be significant, are paid by BFA and/or BTC from their own resources and not from the assets of the Fund.

**Portfolio Managers.** The individuals named as Portfolio Managers in the Funds' Prospectuses were also primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of other iShares funds and certain other types of portfolios and/or accounts as indicated in the tables below as of August 31, 2009:

**Diane Hsiung**

<u>Types of Accounts</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Assets</u>
Registered Investment Companies	159	\$255,590,000,000
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	N/A	N/A
Other Accounts	3	\$ 333,000
Accounts with Incentive-Based Fee Arrangements	N/A	N/A

**Greg Savage**

<u>Types of Accounts</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Assets</u>
Registered Investment Companies	159	\$255,590,000,000
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	N/A	N/A
Other Accounts	4	\$ 348,000
Accounts with Incentive-Based Fee Arrangements	N/A	N/A

Each of the portfolios or accounts for which the Portfolio Managers are primarily responsible for the day-to-day management seeks to track the rate of return, risk profile and other characteristics of independent third-party indexes by either replicating the same combination of securities that constitute those indexes or through a representative sampling of the securities that constitute those indexes based on objective criteria and data. Pursuant to BTC and BFA policy, investment opportunities are allocated equitably among the Fund and other portfolios and accounts. For example, under certain circumstances, an investment opportunity may be restricted due to limited supply on the market, legal constraints or other factors, in which event the investment opportunity will be allocated equitably among those portfolios and accounts, including the Fund seeking such investment opportunity. As a consequence, from time to time the Fund may receive a smaller allocation of an investment opportunity than they would have if the Portfolio Managers and BFA and its affiliates did not manage other portfolios or accounts.

Like the Fund, the other portfolios or accounts for which the Portfolio Managers are primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management generally pay an asset-based fee to BFA or BTC, as applicable, for its advisory services. One or more of those other portfolios or accounts, however, may pay BTC an incentive-based fee in lieu of, or in addition to, an asset-based fee for its advisory services. A portfolio or account with an incentive-based fee would pay BTC a portion of that portfolio's or account's gains, or would pay BTC more for its services than would otherwise be the case if BTC meets or exceeds specified performance targets. By their nature, incentive-based fee arrangements could present an incentive for BTC to devote greater resources, and allocate more investment opportunities, to the portfolios or accounts that have those fee arrangements, relative to other portfolios or accounts, in order to earn larger fees. Although BTC has an obligation to allocate resources and opportunities equitably among portfolios and accounts and intends to do so, shareholders of the Fund should be aware that, as with any group of portfolios and accounts managed by an investment adviser and/or its affiliates pursuant to varying fee arrangements, including incentive-based fee arrangements, there is the potential for a conflict of interest that may result in the Portfolio Managers' favoring those portfolios or accounts with incentive-based fee arrangements.

The table below shows, for each Portfolio Manager, the number of portfolios or accounts of the types set forth in the above table and the aggregate of total assets in those portfolios or accounts with respect to which the investment management fees are based on the performance of those portfolios or accounts as of August 31, 2009:



## Diane Hsiung

<u>Types of Accounts</u>	<u>Number of Other Accounts with Performance Fees Managed</u>	<u>Aggregate of Total Assets</u>
Registered Investment Companies	N/A	N/A
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	N/A	N/A
Other Accounts	N/A	N/A

## Greg Savage

<u>Types of Accounts</u>	<u>Number of Other Accounts with Performance Fees Managed</u>	<u>Aggregate of Total Assets</u>
Registered Investment Companies	N/A	N/A
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	N/A	N/A
Other Accounts	N/A	N/A

The discussion below describes the Portfolio Managers' compensation as of August 31, 2009, at which time BGFA acted as the Funds' investment adviser. The compensation for the Portfolio Managers may change as a result of the acquisition by BlackRock, Inc.

With respect to all iShares funds and other portfolios and/or accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers, on behalf of BGFA, the Portfolio Managers received a salary and were eligible to receive an annual bonus. Each Portfolio Manager's salary was a fixed amount generally determined annually based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the Portfolio Manager's title, scope of responsibilities, experience and knowledge. Each Portfolio Manager's bonus was a discretionary amount determined annually based on the overall profitability of the various BGI companies worldwide, the performance of the Portfolio Manager's business unit, and an assessment of the Portfolio Manager's individual performance.

Each Portfolio Manager's salary and annual bonus were paid in cash. BGFA also operated a mandatory bonus deferral plan for employees whose bonuses exceeded certain thresholds which generally became payable three years after grant. One half of the mandatory deferral award was "notionally invested" in funds managed by BGI, and the other half was provisionally allocated to shares in Barclays PLC (the ultimate parent company of BGFA). Thus, the value of the final award may have been increased or decreased over the three-year period. In addition, a Portfolio Manager may have been paid a signing bonus or other amounts in connection with initiation of employment with BGFA. If a Portfolio Manager satisfied the requirements for being part of a "select group of management or highly compensated employees (within the meaning of ERISA Section 401(a))" as so specified under the terms of BGI's Compensation Deferral Plan, the Portfolio Manager may have elected to defer a portion of his or her bonus under that Plan.

If a Portfolio Manager was part of a select group of management or highly compensated employees and was designated by the plan administrators (in their discretion) to be eligible for participation in BGI's Voluntary Levered Alpha Participation Plan ("VLAPP"), the Portfolio Manager may have elected to defer a portion of his or her bonus under VLAPP. Under this plan, the Portfolio Manager would have received an award corresponding to the deferred bonus portion if he or she voluntarily elected in advance to defer. VLAPP awards generally vested after three years. The award would have been "notionally invested" in a fund(s) managed by BGI over the three-year period, and the return on that notional investment would have determined the final award amount. If the referenced fund's return exceeded its benchmark, the excess return was multiplied by a factor of two (2) for the sole purpose of determining the return on the award's notional investment.

Portfolio Managers may have been selected, on a fully discretionary basis, for awards under BGI's Levered Alpha Participation Plan ("LAPP"). Under LAPP, these awards were determined annually, and generally vested in three equal installments over three years. Each vested installment was paid out upon vesting. At the option of the plan administrators, the award may have been "notionally invested" in a fund(s) managed by BGI. If notionally invested, the return on that notional investment during the relevant vesting period would have determined the award payout amount. If the referenced fund's return exceeded its benchmark, the excess return was multiplied by the factor specified by the plan administrators at the time of the award grant for the sole purpose of determining the return on the award's notional investment.

Prior to December 31, 2007, portfolio managers were eligible for selection, on a fully discretionary basis, for awards under BGI's Compensation Enhancement Plan ("CEP"). Under the CEP, these awards were determined annually, and were generally

scheduled to vest after two years. At the option of the CEP administrators, the award may be “notionally invested” in funds managed at that time by BGI, which meant that the final award amount could be increased or decreased according to the performance of the BGI-managed funds over the two-year period. If the award was not notionally invested, the original award amount will be paid once vested.

A Portfolio Manager may have been granted options to purchase shares in Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited (“BGI UK Holdings”), a company organized under the laws of England and Wales that directly or indirectly owned all of the BGI companies worldwide, which options vest in three equal installments over three years and were generally exercisable during prescribed exercise windows. Shares purchased must generally have been held 355 days prior to sale. For such purposes, the value of BGI UK Holdings was based on its fair value as determined by an independent public accounting firm.

As of August 31, 2009, the Portfolio Managers beneficially owned shares of the Funds in the amounts reflected in the following tables:

### Diane Hsiung

Fund	Dollar Range						
	None	\$1 to \$10k	\$10,001 to \$50k	\$50,001 to \$100k	\$100,001 to \$500k	\$500,001 to \$1m	over \$1m
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund		X					
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund		X					
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	X						

## Diane Hsiung

Fund	Dollar Range						
	None	\$1 to \$10k	\$10,001 to \$50k	\$50,001 to \$100k	\$100,001 to \$500k	\$500,001 to \$1m	over \$1m
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	X						

## Greg Savage

Fund	Dollar Range						
	None	\$1 to \$10k	\$10,001 to \$50k	\$50,001 to \$100k	\$100,001 to \$500k	\$500,001 to \$1m	over \$1m
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund		X					
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund		X					
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund			X				
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	X						
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	X						

**Codes of Ethics.** The Company, BFA and the Distributor have adopted Codes of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. The Codes of Ethics permit personnel subject to the Codes of Ethics to invest in securities, subject to certain limitations, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Codes of Ethics are on public file with, and are available from, the SEC.

**Anti-Money Laundering Requirements.** The Funds are subject to the USA PATRIOT Act (the “Patriot Act”). The Patriot Act is intended to prevent the use of the U.S. financial system in furtherance of money laundering, terrorism or other illicit activities. Pursuant to requirements under the Patriot Act, a Fund may request information from Authorized Participants to enable it to form a reasonable belief that it knows the true identity of its Authorized Participants. This information will be used to verify the identity of Authorized Participants or, in some cases, the status of financial professionals; it will be used only for compliance with the requirements of the Patriot Act. The Fund reserve the right to reject purchase orders from persons who have not submitted information sufficient to allow the Fund to verify their identity. Each Fund also reserves the right to redeem any amounts in a Fund from persons whose identity it is unable to verify on a timely basis. It is the Funds’ policy to cooperate fully with appropriate regulators in any investigations conducted with respect to potential money laundering, terrorism or other illicit activities.

**Administrator, Custodian and Transfer Agent.** State Street Bank and Trust Company (“State Street”) serves as administrator, custodian and transfer agent for the Fund. State Street’s principal address is 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116. Pursuant to an Administration Agreement with the Company, State Street provides necessary administrative, legal, tax and accounting and financial reporting services for the maintenance and operations of the Company and each Fund. In addition, State Street makes available the office space, equipment, personnel and facilities required to provide such services. Pursuant to a Custodian Agreement with the Company, State Street maintains in separate accounts cash, securities and other assets of the Company and each Fund, keeps all necessary accounts and records and provides other services. State Street is required, upon the order of the Company, to deliver securities held by State Street and to make payments for securities purchased by the Company for each Fund. Also, pursuant to a Delegation Agreement with the Company, State Street is authorized to appoint certain foreign custodians or foreign custody managers for Fund investments outside the United States. Pursuant to a Transfer Agency and Service Agreement with the Company, State Street acts as a transfer agent for each Fund’s authorized and issued shares of beneficial interest, and as dividend disbursing agent of the Company. As compensation for these services, State Street receives certain out-of-pocket costs, transaction fees and asset-based fees which are accrued daily and paid monthly by BFA from its management fee.

The following table sets forth the administration, transfer agency and custodian expenses of each Fund paid by BFA to State Street for the fiscal years noted:

Fund	Fund Inception Date	Custody, Administration, Transfer Agency Expenses Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	Custody, Administration, Transfer Agency Expenses Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	Custody, Administration, Transfer Agency Expenses Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	03/12/96	\$ 109,442	\$ 278,040	\$ 266,529
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	30,029	97,413	161,631
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	23,940	62,330	60,170
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	07/10/00	1,644,774	5,577,639	5,102,401
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	11/12/07	62,435	49,596	N/A
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	03/12/96	123,276	194,366	135,281
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	11/12/07	419,431	136,959	N/A
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	04/07/03	4,064,849	6,109,897	5,707,078
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	07/25/00	103,543	445,211	508,751
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	03/12/96	33,179	87,619	72,818
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	03/12/96	50,349	197,848	168,144
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	03/12/96	202,609	282,733	188,508
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	91,287	43,748	N/A
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	03/12/96	17,547	35,405	46,124
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	03/12/96	274,212	573,182	1,047,176
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	12/20/07	9,436	6,582	N/A

Fund	Fund Inception Date	Custody, Administration, Transfer Agency Expenses Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	Custody, Administration, Transfer Agency Expenses Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	Custody, Administration, Transfer Agency Expenses Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	03/12/96	193,270	555,721	577,302
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	111,771	469,019	652,627
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	17,653	42,891	42,313
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	10/25/01	310,375	657,164	711,922
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	03/12/96	200,363	602,037	753,276
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	02/03/03	75,320	188,842	181,744
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	05/09/00	376,845	1,480,317	1,485,700
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	03/12/96	25,868	90,546	116,348
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	03/12/96	25,535	67,251	94,767
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	03/12/96	30,968	62,910	63,264
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	06/20/00	710,609	1,922,252	2,523,403
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	16,198	8,818	N/A
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	79,482	20,918	N/A
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	03/12/96	23,114	67,659	105,612

**Distributor.** The Distributor’s principal address is One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456. The Distributor has entered into a Distribution Agreement with the Company pursuant to which it distributes shares of each Fund. The Distribution Agreement will continue for two years from its effective date and is renewable annually. Shares are continuously offered for sale by the Fund through the Distributor only in Creation Units, as described in the applicable Prospectus and below in the *Creation and Redemption of Creation Units* section of this SAI. Shares in less than Creation Units are not distributed by the Distributor. The Distributor will deliver the applicable Prospectus and, upon request, the SAI to persons purchasing Creation Units and will maintain records of both orders placed with it and confirmations of acceptance furnished by it. The Distributor is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”), and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”).

The Distribution Agreement for each Fund provides that it may be terminated at any time, without the payment of any penalty, on at least 60 days’ prior written notice to the other party following (i) the vote of a majority of the Independent Directors, or (ii) the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the relevant Fund. The Distribution Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

The Distributor may also enter into agreements with securities dealers (“Soliciting Dealers”) who will solicit purchases of Creation Units of Fund shares. Such Soliciting Dealers may also be Authorized Participants (as defined below), DTC participants and/or investor services organizations.

BFA or BTC may, from time to time and from its own resources, pay, defray or absorb costs relating to distribution, including payments out of its own resources to the Distributor, or to otherwise promote the sale of shares.

The following table sets forth the compensation paid by BFA to the Distributor for certain services, not primarily intended to result in the sale of Fund shares, provided to each Fund for the fiscal years noted:

Fund	Fund Inception Date	Compensation Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	Compensation Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	Compensation Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	\$36,898	\$50,592
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	07/10/00	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	11/12/07	\$10,603	28,067	N/A
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	11/12/07	\$10,603	28,067	N/A
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	04/07/03	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	07/25/00	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	\$10,603	10,398	N/A
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	12/20/07	\$10,603	18,386	N/A
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	10/25/01	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	02/03/03	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	05/09/00	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	06/20/00	\$10,603	36,898	50,592
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	\$10,603	10,398	N/A
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	\$10,603	10,398	N/A
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	03/12/96	\$10,603	36,898	50,592

## Brokerage Transactions

BFA assumes general supervision over placing orders on behalf of each Fund for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities. In selecting brokers or dealers for any transaction in portfolio securities, BFA's policy is to make such selection based on factors deemed relevant, including but not limited to, the breadth of the market in the security, the price of the security, the reasonableness of the commission or mark-up or mark-down, if any, execution capability, settlement capability, back office efficiency and the financial condition of the broker or dealer, both for the specific transaction and on a continuing basis. The overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid is evaluated by BFA based upon its knowledge of available information as to the general level of commissions paid by other institutional investors for comparable services. Brokers may also be selected because of their ability to handle special or difficult executions, such as may be involved in large block trades, less liquid securities, broad distributions, or other circumstances. BFA does not consider the provision or value of research,



products or services a broker or dealer may provide, if any, as a factor in the selection of a broker or dealer or the determination of the reasonableness of commissions paid in connection with portfolio transactions. The Company has adopted policies and procedures that prohibit the consideration of sales of a Fund's shares as a factor in the selection of a broker or a dealer to execute its portfolio transactions.

The table below sets forth the brokerage commissions paid by each Fund for the fiscal years noted. Any differences in brokerage commissions paid by a Fund from year to year are due to increases or decreases in that Fund's assets over those periods:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund Inception Date</u>	<u>Commissions Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009</u>	<u>Commissions Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008</u>	<u>Commissions Paid During Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007</u>
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	03/12/96	\$ 86,032	\$ 190,106	\$ 150,264
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	21,249	150,770	224,572
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	16,284	95,026	72,646
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	07/10/00	1,089,260	2,382,012	626,251
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	11/12/07	20,463	9,606	N/A
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	03/12/96	63,764	318,661	251,510
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	11/12/07	22,401	19,335	N/A
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	04/07/03	2,645,556	4,360,370	2,129,900
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	07/25/00	45,240	589,966	129,208
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	03/12/96	6,845	30,916	13,158
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	03/12/96	38,682	118,584	52,232
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	03/12/96	64,339	101,228	70,338
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	61,045	19,216	N/A
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	03/12/96	13,412	62,742	33,919
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	03/12/96	169,576	226,491	249,884
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	12/20/07	1,651	1,121	N/A
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	03/12/96	64,467	289,931	365,787
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	109,935	237,428	324,446
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	03/12/96	14,865	78,349	33,790
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	10/25/01	188,666	507,720	489,046
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	03/12/96	88,823	366,027	260,531
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	02/03/03	93,568	336,694	92,616
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	05/09/00	186,355	712,192	124,150
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	03/12/96	40,977	173,721	82,292
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	03/12/96	7,727	66,278	57,105
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	03/12/96	41,294	44,826	22,495
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	06/20/00	440,425	562,575	463,491
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	9,733	27,267	N/A
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	03/26/08	67,382	48,787	N/A
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	03/12/96	42,669	95,464	77,455

The following table sets forth the names of the Funds' "regular broker dealers," as defined under the 1940 Act, which derive more than 15% of their gross revenues from securities-related activities and in which the Funds invest, together with the market value of each investment as of the applicable Fund's fiscal year ended August 31, 2009:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Market Value of Investment</u>
MSCI EMU Index Fund	Deutsche Bank AG	\$ 9,328,123
MSCI Germany Index Fund	Deutsche Bank AG	\$29,098,404
MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	Credit Suisse Group AG	\$ 19,456,917
	UBS AG	13,313,676

None of the Funds paid any brokerage commissions to BlackRock, an affiliate of BFA, and a subsidiary of BTC, during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

The Funds' purchase and sale orders for securities may be combined with those of other investment companies, clients or accounts that BFA manages or advises and for which it has brokerage placement authority. If purchases or sales of portfolio securities of the Funds and one or more other accounts managed or advised by BFA are considered at or about the same time, transactions in such securities are allocated among the Fund and the other accounts in a manner deemed equitable to all by BFA. In some cases, this procedure could have a detrimental effect on the price or volume of the security as far as the Funds are concerned. However, in other cases, it is possible that the ability to participate in volume transactions and to negotiate lower transaction costs will be beneficial to the Fund. BFA may deal, trade and invest for its own account in the types of securities in which the Funds may invest. BFA may, from time to time, effect trades on behalf of and for the account of the Funds with brokers or dealers that are affiliated with BFA, in conformity with the 1940 Act and SEC rules and regulations. Under these provisions, any commissions paid to affiliated brokers or dealers must be reasonable and fair compared to the commissions charged by other brokers or dealers in comparable transactions. The Funds will not deal with affiliates in principal transactions unless permitted by applicable SEC rule or regulation or by SEC exemptive order.

Portfolio turnover may vary from year to year as well as within a year. High turnover rates may result in comparatively greater brokerage expenses. The portfolio turnover rate for each Fund is generally expected to be under 50%. The overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions is evaluated by BFA based upon its knowledge of available information as to the general level of commissions paid by the other institutional investors for comparable services.

The table below sets forth the portfolio turnover rates of each Fund for the fiscal years noted:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008</u>
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	14%	10%
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	26%	26%
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	33%	31%
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	30%	30%
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	7%	9%
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	6%	11%
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	53%	16%
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	5%	11%
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	8%	27%
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	6%	10%
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	15%	11%
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	9%	17%
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	27%	8%
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	18%	29%
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	4%	4%
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	7%	7%
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	52%	92%
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	13%	13%
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	15%	26%
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	10%	14%
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	15%	16%
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	16%	21%



Fund	Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	62%	42%
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	19%	22%
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	9%	17%
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	16%	11%
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	52%	33%
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	15%	19%
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	16%	27%
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	11%	14%

# Additional Information Concerning the Company

**Capital Stock.** The Company currently is comprised of 31 series referred to as funds. Each series issues shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The Company has authorized and issued the following funds as separate series of capital stock: the iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Austria Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Belgium Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, the iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Chile Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Eastern Europe Index Fund, the iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund, the iShares MSCI France Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index, the iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Mexico Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Netherlands Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund, the iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund, the iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund, the iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund and the iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund. The Company has authorized for issuance, but is not currently offering for sale to the public, eight additional series of shares of common stock. The Board may designate additional series of common stock and classify shares of a particular series into one or more classes of that series. The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation confers upon the Board the power to establish the number of shares which constitute a Creation Unit or by resolution, restrict the redemption right to Creation Units.

Each share issued by a Fund has a *pro rata* interest in the assets of that Fund. The Company is currently authorized to issue 18.35 billion shares of common stock. The following number of shares is currently authorized for each of the Funds: the iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund, 627.8 million shares; the iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund, 100 million shares; the iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund, 136.2 million shares; the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, 500 million shares; the iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund, 500 million shares; the iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund, 340.2 million shares; the iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, 200 million shares; the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund, 2 billion shares; the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Eastern Europe Index Fund, 200 million shares; the iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund, 1 billion shares; the iShares MSCI France Index Fund, 340.2 million shares; the iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund, 382.2 million shares; the iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund, 250 million shares; the iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund, 500 million; the iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund, 63.6 million shares; the iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund, 2,124.6 million shares; the iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund, 500 million shares; the iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, 300 million shares; the iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund, 255 million shares; the iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund, 255 million shares; the iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund, 1 billion shares; the iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund, 300 million shares; the iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund, 400 million shares; the iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund, 200 million shares; the iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund, 127.8 million shares; the iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund, 63.6 million shares; the iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund, 318.625 million shares; the iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund, 900 million shares; the iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund, 200 million; the iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund, 200 million; and the iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund, 934.2 million shares. Fractional shares will not be issued. Shares have no preemptive, exchange, subscription or conversion rights and are freely transferable. Each share is entitled to participate equally in dividends and distributions declared by the Board with respect to the relevant Fund, and in the net distributable assets of such Fund on liquidation. Shareholders are entitled to require the Company to redeem Creation Units of their shares. The Articles of Incorporation confer upon the Board the power, by resolution, to alter the number of shares constituting a Creation Unit or to specify that shares of common stock of the Company may be individually redeemable.

Each share has one vote with respect to matters upon which a stockholder vote is required consistent with the requirements of the 1940 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder and the Maryland General Corporation Law. Stockholders have no cumulative voting rights with respect to their shares. Shares of all Funds vote together as a single class except that, if the matter being voted on affects only a particular Fund or, if a matter affects a particular Fund differently from other Funds, that Fund will vote separately on such matter.

Under Maryland law, the Company is not required to hold an annual meeting of stockholders unless required to do so under the 1940 Act. The policy of the Company is not to hold an annual meeting of stockholders unless required to do so under the 1940 Act. Under Maryland law, Directors of the Company may be removed by vote of the stockholders.

Following the creation of the initial Creation Unit(s) of shares of a fund and immediately prior to the commencement of trading in such fund's shares, a holder of shares may be a "control person" of the fund, as defined in the 1940 Act. A fund cannot predict the length of time for which one or more stockholders may remain a control person of the fund.

Shareholders may make inquiries by writing to the Company, c/o the Distributor, SEI Investments Distribution Co., at One Freedom Valley Drive, Oaks, PA 19456.

Absent an applicable exemption or other relief from the SEC or its staff, beneficial owners of more than 5% of the shares of a fund may be subject to the reporting provisions of Section 13 of the 1934 Act and the SEC's rules promulgated thereunder. In addition, absent an applicable exemption or other relief from the SEC staff, officers and directors of a fund and beneficial owners of 10% of the shares of a fund ("Insiders") may be subject to the insider reporting, short-swing profit and short sale provisions of Section 16 of the 1934 Act and the SEC's rules promulgated thereunder. Beneficial owners and Insiders should consult with their own legal counsel concerning their obligations under Sections 13 and 16 of the 1934 Act.

**Termination of the Company or a Fund.** The Company or a Fund may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board or the affirmative vote of a supermajority of the holders of the Company or such Fund entitled to vote on termination. Although the shares are not automatically redeemable upon the occurrence of any specific event, the Company's organizational documents provide that the Board will have the unrestricted power to alter the number of shares in a Creation Unit. In the event of a termination of the Company or a Fund, the Board, in its sole discretion, could determine to permit the shares to be redeemable in aggregations smaller than Creation Units or to be individually redeemable. In such circumstance, the Company may make redemptions in kind, for cash or for a combination of cash or securities.

**DTC as Securities Depository for Shares of the Funds.** Shares of each Fund are represented by securities registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC.

DTC, a limited-purpose trust company, was created to hold securities of its participants ("DTC Participants") and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among the DTC Participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the DTC Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities' certificates. DTC Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of whom (and/or their representatives) own DTC. More specifically, DTC is owned by a number of its DTC Participants and by the NYSE, the NYSE Amex Equities and the FINRA. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants").

Beneficial ownership of shares is limited to DTC Participants, Indirect Participants and persons holding interests through DTC Participants and Indirect Participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in shares (owners of such beneficial interests are referred to herein as "Beneficial Owners") is shown on, and the transfer of ownership is effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to DTC Participants) and on the records of DTC Participants (with respect to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners that are not DTC Participants). Beneficial Owners will receive from or through the DTC Participant a written confirmation relating to their purchase of shares. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability of certain investors to acquire beneficial interests in shares.

Conveyance of all notices, statements and other communications to Beneficial Owners is effected as follows. Pursuant to the Depository Agreement between the Company and DTC, DTC is required to make available to the Company upon request and for a fee to be charged to the Company a listing of the shares of each Fund held by each DTC Participant. The Company shall inquire of each such DTC Participant as to the number of Beneficial Owners holding shares, directly or indirectly, through such DTC Participant. The Company shall provide each such DTC Participant with copies of such notice, statement or other communication, in such form, number and at such place as such DTC Participant may reasonably request, in order that such notice, statement or communication may be transmitted by such DTC Participant, directly or indirectly, to such Beneficial Owners. In addition, the Company shall pay to each such DTC Participant a fair and reasonable amount as reimbursement for the expenses attendant to such transmittal, all subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Share distributions shall be made to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., as the registered holder of all shares of the Company. DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any such distributions, shall credit immediately DTC Participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in shares of each Fund as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. Payments by DTC Participants to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners of shares held through such DTC Participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in a "street name," and will be the responsibility of such DTC Participants.

The Company has no responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or notices to Beneficial Owners, or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in such shares, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests, or for any other aspect of the relationship between DTC and the DTC Participants or the relationship between such DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners owning through such DTC Participants. DTC may decide to discontinue providing its service with respect to shares of the Company at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Company and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. Under such circumstances, the Company shall take action to find a replacement for DTC to perform its functions at a comparable cost.

## Creation and Redemption of Creation Units

**General.** The Company issues and sells shares of each Fund only in Creation Units on a continuous basis through the Distributor, without a sales load, at the Fund's NAV next determined after receipt, on any Business Day (as defined herein), of an order in proper form. The following table sets forth the number of shares of a Fund that constitute a Creation Unit for such Fund and the value of such Creation Unit as of September 30, 2009:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Shares Per Creation Unit</u>	<u>Value Per Creation Unit (\$U.S.)</u>
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	200,000	\$ 4,534,000
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	100,000	2,184,000
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	40,000	515,600
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	50,000	3,388,500
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	50,000	2,079,000
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	100,000	2,540,000
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	50,000	2,399,000
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	450,000	17,437,500
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	100,000	3,786,000
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	200,000	5,150,000
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	300,000	6,621,000
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	75,000	1,167,000
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	50,000	2,407,000
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	150,000	3,057,000
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	600,000	6,036,000
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	100,000	4,421,000
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	75,000	763,500
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	100,000	4,373,000
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	50,000	1,000,000
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	300,000	12,174,000
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	100,000	1,083,000
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	100,000	5,352,000
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	50,000	2,353,000
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	75,000	3,748,500
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	75,000	1,729,500
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	125,000	2,690,000
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	200,000	2,462,000

Fund	Shares Per Creation Unit	Value Per Creation Unit (\$U.S.)
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	50,000	2,079,000
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	50,000	2,494,000
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	200,000	3,086,000

The Board reserves the right to declare a split or a consolidation in the number of shares outstanding of any Fund of the Company, and to make a corresponding change in the number of shares constituting a Creation Unit, in the event that the per share price in the secondary market rises (or declines) to an amount that falls outside the range deemed desirable by the Board.

A “Business Day” with respect to each Fund is any day on which the Listing Exchange on which the Fund is listed for trading is open for business. As of the date of this SAI, each Listing Exchange observes the following holidays, as observed: New Year’s Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

**Fund Deposit.** The consideration for purchase of Creation Units of a Fund (except for the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund and iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund, which are currently offered in Creation Units solely for cash, and the iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund which are currently offered in Creation Units partially for cash), generally consists of the in kind deposit of a designated portfolio of equity securities (*i.e.*, the “Deposit Securities”), which constitutes an optimized representation of the securities of the relevant Fund’s Underlying Index and the Cash Component computed as described below. Together, the Deposit Securities and the Cash Component constitute the “Fund Deposit,” which represents the minimum initial and subsequent investment amount for a Creation Unit of any Fund. The Cash Component is an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of the shares (per Creation Unit) and the “Deposit Amount,” which is an amount equal to the market value of the Deposit Securities and serves to compensate for any differences between the NAV per Creation Unit and the Deposit Amount. Payment of any stamp duty or other similar fees and expenses payable upon transfer of beneficial ownership of the Deposit Securities shall be the sole responsibility of the Authorized Participant that purchased the Creation Unit.

BFA makes available through the NSCC on each Business Day, prior to the opening of business on the Listing Exchange, the list of names and the required number of shares of each Deposit Security to be included in the current Fund Deposit (based on information at the end of the previous Business Day) for each Fund. Such Fund Deposit is applicable, subject to any adjustments as described below, in order to effect purchases of Creation Units of shares of a given Fund until such time as the next-announced Fund Deposit is made available.

The identity and number of shares of the Deposit Securities pursuant to changes in composition of the Fund’s portfolio and changes as rebalancing adjustments and corporate action events are reflected from time to time by BFA with a view to the investment objective of the Fund. The composition of the Deposit Securities may also change in response to adjustments to the weighting or composition of the component securities constituting the relevant Underlying Index.

The Company reserves the right to permit or require the substitution of a “cash in lieu” amount to be added to the Cash Component to replace any Deposit Security that may not be available in sufficient quantity for delivery or that may not be eligible for transfer through the systems of DTC of the Clearing Process (discussed below). The Company also reserves the right to permit or require a “cash in lieu” amount where the delivery of the Deposit Security by the Authorized Participant (as described below) would be restricted under applicable securities laws or where the delivery of the Deposit Security to the Authorized Participant would result in the disposition of the Deposit Security by the Authorized Participant becoming restricted under applicable securities laws, or in certain other situations. The adjustments described above will reflect changes, known to BFA on the date of announcement to be in effect by the time of delivery of the Fund Deposit, in the composition of the subject index being tracked by the relevant Fund, or resulting from stock splits and other corporate actions.

**Role of the Authorized Participant.** Creation Units may be purchased only by or through a DTC Participant that has entered into an Authorized Participant Agreement with the Distributor (an “Authorized Participant”). Such Authorized Participant will agree, pursuant to the terms of such Authorized Participant Agreement and on behalf of itself or any investor on whose



behalf it will act, to certain conditions, including that such Authorized Participant will make available in advance of each purchase of shares an amount of cash sufficient to pay the Cash Component, once the NAV of a Creation Unit is next determined after receipt of the purchase order in proper form, together with the transaction fee described below. The Authorized Participant may require the investor to enter into an agreement with such Authorized Participant with respect to certain matters, including payment of the Cash Component. Investors who are not Authorized Participants must make appropriate arrangements with an Authorized Participant. Investors should be aware that their particular broker may not be a DTC Participant or may not have executed an Authorized Participant Agreement and that orders to purchase Creation Units may have to be placed by the investor's broker through an Authorized Participant. As a result, purchase orders placed through an Authorized Participant may result in additional charges to such investor. The Company does not expect to enter into an Authorized Participant Agreement with more than a small number of DTC Participants. A list of current Authorized Participants may be obtained from the Distributor.

**Purchase Order.** To initiate an order for a Creation Unit, an Authorized Participant must submit to the Distributor an irrevocable order to purchase shares of a Fund. The Distributor will notify BFA and the Custodian of such order. The Custodian will then provide such information to the appropriate subcustodian. For each Fund, the Custodian shall cause the subcustodian to maintain an account into which the Authorized Participant shall deliver, on behalf of itself or the party on whose behalf it is acting, the securities included in the designated Fund Deposit (or the cash value of all or a part of such securities, in the case of a permitted or required cash purchase or "cash in lieu" amount), with any appropriate adjustments as advised by the Company. Deposit Securities must be delivered to an account maintained at the applicable local subcustodian. Those placing orders to purchase Creation Units through an Authorized Participant should allow sufficient time to permit proper submission of the purchase order to the Distributor by the cut-off time on such Business Day.

The Authorized Participant must also make available on or before the contractual settlement date, by means satisfactory to the Company, immediately available or same day funds estimated by the Company to be sufficient to pay the Cash Component next determined after acceptance of the purchase order, together with the applicable purchase transaction fee. Any excess funds will be returned following settlement of the issue of the Creation Unit. Those placing orders should ascertain the applicable deadline for cash transfers by contacting the operations department of the broker or depository institution effectuating the transfer of the Cash Component. This deadline is likely to be significantly earlier than the closing time of the regular trading session on the Listing Exchange.

Investors should be aware that an Authorized Participant may require orders for purchases of shares placed with it to be in the particular form required by the individual Authorized Participant.

**Timing of Submission of Purchase Orders.** For most Funds, an Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable purchase before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day in order to receive that day's NAV. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable order to purchase shares of the iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund and iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund by 11:59 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day in order to receive the next Business Day's NAV. Orders to purchase shares of the iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund or iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund that are submitted on the Business Day immediately preceding a holiday or a day (other than a weekend) when the equity markets in the relevant foreign market are closed will not be accepted. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable order to purchase shares of the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund before 3:00 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day in order to receive that day's NAV. In addition, orders to purchase shares of the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund will not be accepted on any day when the equity markets in the relevant foreign market are closed. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable request to purchase shares of the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund by 5:00 p.m., Eastern time (or by one hour after the close of the Listing Exchange, if earlier) on any Business Day in order to receive the next Business Day's NAV. Orders to create shares of the Fund that are submitted on the Business Day immediately preceding a holiday or day (other than a weekend) when the equity markets in the relevant foreign market are closed may not be accepted. The Distributor in its discretion may permit the submission of such orders and requests by or through an Authorized Participant at any time (including on days on which the Listing Exchange is not open for business) via communication through the facilities of the Distributor's proprietary website maintained for this purpose. Purchase orders and redemption requests, if accepted by the Company, will be processed based on the NAV next determined after such acceptance in accordance with the Company's standard cut-off times as provided in the Authorized Participant Agreement and disclosed in this SAI.

**Acceptance of Order for Creation Unit.** Subject to the conditions that (i) an irrevocable purchase order has been submitted by the Authorized Participant (either on its own or another investor's behalf) and (ii) arrangements satisfactory to the Company are in place for payment of the Cash Component and any other cash amounts which may be due, the Company will accept the order, subject to its right (and the right of the Distributor and BFA) to reject any order until acceptance.

Once the Company has accepted an order, upon next determination of the NAV of the shares, the Company will confirm the issuance of a Creation Unit, against receipt of payment, at such NAV. The Distributor will then transmit a confirmation of acceptance to the Authorized Participant that placed the order.

The Company reserves the absolute right to reject or revoke a creation order transmitted to it by the Distributor in respect of any Fund if (i) the order is not in proper form; (ii) the investor(s) upon obtaining the shares ordered, would own 80% or more of the currently outstanding shares of any Fund; (iii) the Deposit Securities delivered do not conform to the identity and number of shares specified by BFA, as described above; (iv) acceptance of the Deposit Securities would have certain adverse tax consequences to the Fund; (v) acceptance of the Fund Deposit would, in the opinion of counsel, be unlawful; (vi) acceptance of the Fund Deposit would, in the discretion of the Company or BFA, have an adverse effect on the Company or the rights of beneficial owners; or (vii) circumstances outside the control of the Company, the Distributor and BFA make it impracticable to process purchase orders. The Company shall notify a prospective purchaser of a Creation Unit and/or the Authorized Participant acting on behalf of such purchaser of its rejection of such order. The Company, State Street, the subcustodian and the Distributor are under no duty, however, to give notification of any defects or irregularities in the delivery of Portfolio Deposits nor shall any of them incur any liability for failure to give such notification.

**Issuance of a Creation Unit.** Except as provided herein, a Creation Unit will not be issued until the transfer of good title to the Company of the Deposit Securities and the payment of the Cash Component have been completed. When the subcustodian has confirmed to the Custodian that the securities included in the Fund Deposit (or the cash value thereof) have been delivered to the account of the relevant subcustodian or subcustodians, the Distributor and the Adviser shall be notified of such delivery and the Company will issue and cause the delivery of the Creation Unit. Creation Units typically are issued on a "T+3 basis" (i.e., three Business Days after trade date). However, as discussed in the *Regular Holidays* section, each Fund reserves the right to settle Creation Unit transactions on a basis other than T+3 in order to accommodate non-U.S. market holiday schedules, to account for different treatment among non-U.S. and U.S. markets of dividend record dates and ex-dividend dates (i.e., the last day the holder of a security can sell the security and still receive dividends payable on the security) and in certain other circumstances.

To the extent contemplated by an Authorized Participant's agreement with the Distributor, the Company will issue Creation Units to such Authorized Participant notwithstanding the fact that the corresponding Portfolio Deposits have not been received in part or in whole, in reliance on the undertaking of the Authorized Participant to deliver the missing Deposit Securities as soon as possible, which undertaking shall be secured by such Authorized Participant's delivery and maintenance of collateral having a value at least equal to 115%, which BFA may change from time to time, of the value of the missing Deposit Securities in accordance with the Company's then-effective procedures. The only collateral that is acceptable to the Company is cash in U.S. dollars or an irrevocable letter of credit in form, and drawn on a bank, that is satisfactory to the Company. The cash collateral posted by the Authorized Participant may be invested at the risk of the Authorized Participant, and income, if any, on invested cash collateral will be paid to that Authorized Participant. Information concerning the Company's current procedures for collateralization of missing Deposit Securities is available from the Distributor. The Authorized Participant Agreement will permit the Company to buy the missing Deposit Securities at any time and will subject the Authorized Participant to liability for any shortfall between the cost to the Company of purchasing such securities and the cash collateral or the amount that may be drawn under any letter of credit.

In certain cases, Authorized Participants may create and redeem Creation Units on the same trade date and in these instances, the Company reserves the right to settle these transactions on a net basis. All questions as to the number of shares of each security in the Deposit Securities and the validity, form, eligibility and acceptance for deposit of any securities to be delivered shall be determined by the Company and the Company's determination shall be final and binding.

**Cash Purchase Method.** Although the Company does not ordinarily permit cash purchases of Creation Units of iShares funds, when Creation Units are available or specified for a Fund (Creation Units of the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund and iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund are currently offered only for cash and Creation Units of the iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund are currently offered partially for cash), they will be effected in essentially the



same manner as in-kind purchases thereof. In the case of a cash purchase, the investor must pay the cash equivalent of the Deposit Securities it would otherwise be required to provide through an in-kind purchase, plus the same Cash Component required to be paid by an in-kind purchaser. In addition, to offset the Company's brokerage and other transaction costs associated with using the cash to purchase the requisite Deposit Securities, the investor will be required to pay a fixed purchase transaction fee, plus an additional variable charge for cash purchases, which is expressed as a percentage of the value of the Deposit Securities.

**Creation Transaction Fee.** A standard creation transaction fee is imposed to offset the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance of Creation Units. The standard creation transaction fee will be the same regardless of the number of Creation Units purchased by a purchaser on the same day. Purchasers of Creation Units for cash are required to pay an additional variable charge to compensate the relevant Fund for brokerage and market impact expenses. When the Company permits an in-kind purchaser to substitute cash in lieu of depositing a portion of the Deposit Securities, the purchaser will be assessed the additional variable charge for cash purchases on the cash in lieu portion of its investment up to a maximum additional variable charge as indicated in the chart below. Investors will also bear the costs of transferring the Deposit Securities to the Company. Investors who use the services of a broker or other such intermediary may be charged a fee for such services.

The following table sets forth each Fund's standard maximum creation transaction fees and maximum additional variable charges:

Fund	Standard Creation Transaction Fee	Maximum Additional Variable Charge*
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	\$2,400	3.0%
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	600	3.0%
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	700	3.0%
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	2,400	3.0%
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	5,900	3.0%
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	1,900	3.0%
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	3,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	7,700	3.0%
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	8,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	2,900	3.0%
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	1,500	3.0%
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	2,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	3,300	3.0%
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	1,400	3.0%
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	5,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	6,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	5,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	1,400	3.0%
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	1,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	6,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	2,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	1,200	3.0%
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	4,000	3.0%
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	1,500	3.0%
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	1,300	3.0%
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	1,500	3.0%
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	4,500	3.0%
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	1,700	3.0%
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	1,600	3.0%
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	3,500	3.0%

\* As a percentage of the amount invested.

**Redemption of Creation Units.** Shares of a Fund may be redeemed only in Creation Units at their NAV next determined after receipt of a redemption request in proper form by the Distributor and only on a Business Day. The Company will not redeem shares in amounts less than Creation Units. Beneficial owners also may sell shares in the secondary market but must accumulate enough shares to constitute a Creation Unit in order to have such shares redeemed by the Company. There can be no assurance, however, that there will be sufficient liquidity in the public trading market at any time to permit assembly of a Creation Unit. Investors should expect to incur brokerage and other costs in connection with assembling a sufficient number of shares to constitute a redeemable Creation Unit.

With respect to each Fund (other than the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund and iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund, which currently redeem Creation Units of iShares solely for cash and iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund which currently redeem Creation Units of iShares partially for cash), BFA makes available through the NSCC, prior to the opening of business on the Listing Exchange on each Business Day, the identity and number of shares that will be applicable (subject to possible amendment or correction) to redemption requests received in proper form (as defined below) on that day ("Fund Securities"). Fund Securities received on redemption may not be identical to Deposit Securities that are applicable to creations of Creation Units.

Unless cash redemptions are available or specified for a Fund, the redemption proceeds for a Creation Unit generally consist of Fund Securities plus cash in an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of the shares being redeemed, as next determined after a receipt of a request in proper form, and the value of the Fund Securities, less the redemption transaction fee described below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resident Australian or New Zealand holder is entitled only to receive cash upon redemption of Creation Units.

**Redemption Transaction Fee.** A standard redemption transaction fee is imposed to offset transfer and other transaction costs that may be incurred by the relevant Fund. The standard redemption transaction fee will be the same regardless of the number of Creation Units redeemed by an investor on the same day. The redeeming investor may be assessed an additional variable charge on the cash in lieu portion of its redemption proceeds, up to a maximum additional variable charge as indicated in the chart below. The standard redemption transaction fee and the additional variable charge for cash in lieu redemptions are set forth below. Investors will also bear the costs of transferring the Fund Securities from the Company to their account or on their order. Investors who use the services of a broker or other such intermediary may be charged a fee for such services.

The following table sets forth each Fund's standard redemption transaction fees and maximum additional variable charges:

Fund	Standard Redemption Transaction Fee	Maximum Additional Variable Charge*
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	\$2,400	2.0%
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	600	2.0%
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	700	2.0%
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	2,400	2.0%
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	5,900	2.0%
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	1,900	2.0%
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	3,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	7,700	2.0%
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	8,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	2,900	2.0%
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	1,500	2.0%
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	2,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	3,300	2.0%
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	1,400	2.0%
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	5,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	6,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	5,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	1,400	2.0%
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	1,000	2.0%

Fund	Standard Redemption Transaction Fee	Maximum Additional Variable Charge*
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	6,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	2,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	1,200	2.0%
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	4,000	2.0%
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	1,500	2.0%
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	1,300	2.0%
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	1,500	2.0%
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	4,500	2.0%
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	1,700	2.0%
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	1,600	2.0%
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	3,500	2.0%

\* As a percentage of the amount invested.

Redemption requests for Creation Units of any Fund must be submitted to the Distributor by or through an Authorized Participant. For most Funds, an Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable redemption request before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day in order to receive that day's NAV. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable request to redeem shares of the iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund or iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund by 11:59 p.m., Eastern time on any Business Day in order to receive the next Business Day's NAV. Orders to redeem shares of the iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund or iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund that are submitted the Business Day immediately preceding a holiday or a day (other than a weekend) that the equity markets in the relevant foreign market are closed will not be accepted. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable request to redeem shares of the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund or iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund before 3:00 p.m., Eastern time in order to receive that day's NAV. In addition, orders to redeem shares of the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund will not be accepted on any day when the equity markets in the relevant foreign market are closed. An Authorized Participant must submit an irrevocable request to redeem shares of the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund by 5:00 p.m., Eastern time (or by one hour after the close of the Listing Exchange, if earlier) on any Business Day in order to receive the next Business Day's NAV. Orders to redeem shares of the Fund that are submitted on the Business Day immediately preceding a holiday or day (other than a weekend) when the equity markets in the relevant foreign market are closed may not be accepted. Investors other than through Authorized Participants are responsible for making arrangements for a redemption request to be made through an Authorized Participant. The Distributor will provide a list of current Authorized Participants upon request.

The Authorized Participant must transmit the request for redemption in the form required by the Company to the Distributor in accordance with procedures set forth in the Authorized Participant Agreement. Investors should be aware that their particular broker may not have executed an Authorized Participant Agreement and that, therefore, requests to redeem Creation Units may have to be placed by the investor's broker through an Authorized Participant who has executed an Authorized Participant Agreement in effect. At any time, only a limited number of broker-dealers will have an Authorized Participant Agreement. Investors making a redemption request should be aware that such request must be in the form specified by such Authorized Participant. Investors making a request to redeem Creation Units should allow sufficient time to permit proper submission of the request by an Authorized Participant and transfer of the shares to the Company's Transfer Agent; such investors should allow for the additional time that may be required to effect redemptions through their banks, brokers or other financial intermediaries if such intermediaries are not Authorized Participants.

A redemption request is considered to be in "proper form" if (i) an Authorized Participant has transferred or caused to be transferred to the Company's Transfer Agent the Creation Unit being redeemed through the book-entry system of DTC so as to be effective by the Listing Exchange closing time on any Business Day, (ii) a request in form satisfactory to the Company is received by the Distributor from the Authorized Participant on behalf of itself or another redeeming investor within the time periods specified above and (iii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed. If the Transfer Agent does not receive the investor's shares through DTC's facilities by 10:00 a.m., Eastern time, on the Business Day next following the day that the redemption request is received, the redemption request shall be rejected. Investors should be aware that the deadline for such transfers of shares through the DTC system may be significantly earlier than the close of

business on the Listing Exchange. Those making redemption requests should ascertain the deadline applicable to transfers of shares through the DTC system by contacting the operations department of the broker or depository institution effecting the transfer of the shares.

Upon receiving a redemption request, the Distributor shall notify the Company and the Company's Transfer Agent of such redemption request. The tender of an investor's shares for redemption and the distribution of the cash redemption payment in respect of Creation Units redeemed will be made through DTC and the relevant Authorized Participant to the beneficial owner thereof as recorded on the book-entry system of DTC or the DTC Participant through which such investor holds, as the case may be, or by such other means specified by the Authorized Participant submitting the redemption request.

A redeeming Beneficial Owner or Authorized Participant acting on behalf of such Beneficial Owner must maintain appropriate security arrangements with a qualified broker-dealer, bank or other custody providers in each jurisdiction in which any of the Portfolio Securities are customarily traded, to which account such Portfolio Securities will be delivered.

Deliveries of redemption proceeds by the Funds generally will be made within three Business Days (*i.e.*, "T+3"). However, as discussed in the *Regular Holidays* section, each Fund reserves the right to settle redemption transactions and deliver redemption proceeds on another basis to accommodate non-U.S. market holiday schedules, to account for different treatment among non-U.S. and U.S. markets of dividend record dates and dividend ex-dates (*i.e.*, the last date the holder of a security can sell the security and still receive dividends payable on the security sold) and in certain other circumstances. The *Regular Holidays* section hereto identifies the instances, if any, where more than seven days would be needed to deliver redemption proceeds. Pursuant to an order of the SEC, the Company will make delivery of in-kind redemption proceeds within the number of days stated in the *Regular Holidays* section to be the maximum number of days necessary to deliver redemption proceeds.

If neither the redeeming Beneficial Owner nor the Authorized Participant acting on behalf of such redeeming Beneficial Owner has appropriate arrangements to take delivery of Fund Securities in the applicable non-U.S. jurisdiction and it is not possible to make other such arrangements, or if it is not possible to effect deliveries of Fund Securities in such jurisdiction, the Company may in its discretion exercise its option to redeem such shares in cash, and the redeeming Beneficial Owner will be required to receive its redemption proceeds in cash. In such case, the investor will receive a cash payment equal to the net asset value of its shares based on the NAV of shares of the relevant Fund next determined after the redemption request is received in proper form (minus a redemption transaction fee and additional variable charge for cash redemptions specified above, to offset the Company's brokerage and other transaction costs associated with the disposition of Portfolio Securities of the Fund). Redemptions of shares for Fund Securities will be subject to compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and each Fund (whether or not it otherwise permits cash redemptions) reserves the right to redeem Creation Units for cash to the extent that the Fund could not lawfully deliver specific Fund Securities upon redemptions or could not do so without first registering the Fund Securities under such laws.

Although the Company does not ordinarily permit cash redemptions of Creation Units (except that, as noted above, Creation Units of the iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund, iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund, iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund and iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund may be redeemed only for cash, and resident Australian and New Zealand holders may redeem solely for cash, and Creation Units of iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund and iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund may be redeemed partially for cash), in the event that cash redemptions are permitted or required by the Company proceeds will be paid to the Authorized Participant redeeming shares on behalf of the redeeming investor as soon as practicable after the date of redemption (within seven calendar days thereafter, except for the instances listed in the *Regular Holidays* section hereto where more than seven calendar days would be needed).

To the extent contemplated by an Authorized Participant's agreement with the Distributor, in the event an Authorized Participant has submitted a redemption request in proper form but is unable to transfer all or part of the Creation Unit to be redeemed to the Company, at or prior to 10:00 a.m., Eastern time, on the Listing Exchange business day after the date of submission of such redemption request, the Distributor will accept the redemption request in reliance on the undertaking by the Authorized Participant to deliver the missing shares as soon as possible. Such undertaking shall be secured by the Authorized Participant's delivery and maintenance of collateral consisting of cash, in U.S. dollars in immediately available funds, having a value at least equal to 115%, which BFA may change from time to time, of the value of the missing shares. Such cash collateral must be delivered no later than 10:00 a.m., Eastern time on the day after the date of submission of such redemption request and shall be held by State Street and marked to market daily. The fees of State Street and any subcustodians in respect of the delivery, maintenance and redelivery of the cash collateral shall be payable by the Authorized

Participant. The cash collateral posted by the Authorized Participant may be invested at the risk of the Authorized Participant, and income, if any, on invested cash collateral will be paid to that Authorized Participant. The Authorized Participant Agreement permits the Company to acquire Fund Securities and the Cash Component underlying such shares at any time and subjects the Authorized Participant to liability for any shortfall between the cost to the Company of purchasing such shares, Fund Securities or Cash Component and the value of the cash collateral.

Because the Portfolio Securities of a Fund may trade on exchange(s) on days that the Listing Exchange is closed or are otherwise not Business Days for such Fund, shareholders may not be able to redeem their shares of such Fund, or purchase or sell shares of such Fund on the Listing Exchange on days when the NAV of such Fund could be significantly affected by events in the relevant non-U.S. markets.

The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed with respect to any Fund (i) for any period during which the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings), (ii) for any period during which trading on the NYSE is suspended or restricted, (iii) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal of the shares of the Fund's portfolio securities or determination of its net asset value is not reasonably practicable or (iv) in such other circumstance as is permitted by the SEC.

**Taxation on Creation and Redemptions of Creation Units.** An Authorized Participant generally will recognize either gain or loss upon the exchange of Deposit Securities for Creation Units. This gain or loss is calculated by taking the market value of the Creation Units purchased over the Authorized Participant's aggregate basis in the Deposit Securities exchanged therefor. However, the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") may apply the wash sales rules to determine that any loss realized upon the exchange of Deposit Securities for Creation Units is not currently deductible. Authorized Participants should consult their own tax advisors.

Current federal tax laws dictate that capital gain or loss realized from the redemption of Creation Units will generally create long-term capital gain or loss if the Authorized Participant holds the Creation Units for more than one year, or short-term capital gain or loss if the Creation Units were held for one year or less.

**Regular Holidays.** For every occurrence of one or more intervening holidays in the applicable non-U.S. market that are not holidays observed in the U.S. equity market, the redemption settlement cycle will be extended by the number of such intervening holidays. In addition to holidays, other unforeseeable closings in a non-U.S. market due to emergencies may also prevent the Company from delivering securities within normal settlement period.

The securities delivery cycles currently practicable for transferring portfolio securities to redeeming investors, coupled with non-U.S. market holiday schedules, will require a delivery process longer than seven calendar days, in certain circumstances. The holidays applicable to each Fund during such periods are listed below, as are instances where more than seven days will be needed to deliver redemption proceeds. Although certain holidays may occur on different dates in subsequent years, the number of days required to deliver redemption proceeds in any given year is not expected to exceed the maximum number of days listed below for each Fund. The proclamation of new holidays, the treatment by market participants of certain days as "informal holidays" (e.g., days on which no or limited securities transactions occur, as a result of substantially shortened trading hours), the elimination of existing holidays, or changes in local securities delivery practices, could affect the information set forth herein at some time in the future.

The dates in calendar years 2010 and 2011 in which the regular holidays affecting the relevant securities markets of the below listed countries are as follows (please note these holiday schedules are subject to potential changes in the relevant securities markets):

## 2010

### Argentina

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January 1	May 25	October 11
March 24	June 21	December 8
April 1	July 9	December 24
April 2	August 16	December 31

Australia

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January 1	April 5	August 2	December 27
January 26	April 26	August 11	December 28
March 1	May 3	September 27	
March 8	June 7	October 4	
April 2	June 14	November 2	

Austria

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January 1	May 13	November 1
January 6	May 24	December 8
April 2	June 3	December 24
April 5	October 26	December 31

Belgium

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January 1	May 14	November 1
April 2	May 24	November 11
April 5	July 21	
May 13	August 16	

Brazil

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January 1	April 2	September 7	December 24
January 20	April 21	October 12	December 31
January 25	April 23	November 2	
February 15	June 3	November 15	
February 16	July 9	November 30	

Canada

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January 1	May 24	September 6	December 28
January 4	June 24	October 11	
February 15	July 1	November 11	
April 2	August 2	December 27	

Chile

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January 1	July 16	December 31
April 2	October 11	
May 21	November 1	
June 28	December 8	

China

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January 1	April 2	July 1	September 29
January 18	April 5	July 5	September 30
February 15	April 6	September 6	October 1
February 16	May 3	September 22	October 11
February 17	May 21	September 23	November 11
February 18	May 31	September 27	November 25
February 19	June 16	September 28	December 27

Colombia

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January 1	April 2	July 5	November 1
January 11	May 17	July 20	November 15
March 22	June 7	August 16	December 8
April 1	June 14	October 18	December 31

The Czech Republic

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January 1	September 28	December 31
April 5	October 28	
July 5	November 17	
July 6	December 24	

Egypt

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January 7	July 1	November 16
April 4	September 12	November 17
April 5	October 6	December 7
April 25	November 15	

Finland

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January 1	May 13	December 31
January 6	June 25	
April 2	December 6	
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**Germany**

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**Greece**

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**Hong Kong**

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**Hungary**

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**India**

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**Indonesia**

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**Ireland**

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**Israel**

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**Italy**

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**Japan**

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**Malaysia**

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**Mexico**

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**Morocco**

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August 20 December 7



The Netherlands

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New Zealand

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January 1	April 2	December 27
January 4	April 5	December 28
January 25	June 7	
February 1	October 25	

Peru

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January 1	July 28	November 1
April 1	July 29	December 8
April 2	August 30	
June 29	October 8	

The Philippines

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January 1	April 12	August 30	December 24
February 25	May 10	September 10	December 30
April 1	June 14	November 1	December 31
April 2	August 23	November 29	

Poland

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April 5	November 11
May 3	December 24

Portugal

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January 1	June 3	December 1
February 16	June 10	December 8
April 2	October 5	December 24
April 5	November 1	

Russia

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January 1	January 7	March 8	November 4
January 4	January 8	May 3	
January 5	February 22	May 10	
January 6	February 23	June 14	

Singapore

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January 1	May 28	November 17
February 15	August 9	
February 16	September 10	
April 2	November 5	

South Africa

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January 1	April 27	December 16
March 22	June 16	December 27
April 2	August 9	
April 5	September 24	

South Korea

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May 5	September 22	

Spain

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Sweden

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Switzerland

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Taiwan

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Thailand

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Brazil

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Turkey

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Canada

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The United Kingdom

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Chile

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China

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Australia

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Colombia

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Austria

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The Czech Republic

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Belgium

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Egypt

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Finland

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France

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Germany

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Greece

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Hong Kong

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Hungary

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Indonesia

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Ireland

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Israel

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Italy

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Japan

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Malaysia

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Mexico

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Morocco

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The Netherlands

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New Zealand

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Peru

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The Philippines

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Poland

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Portugal

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Russia

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January 6	March 7	May 10	

Singapore

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South Africa

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South Korea

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Spain

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Sweden

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Thailand

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Switzerland

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Turkey

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Taiwan

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February 3	April 5	October 10

The United Kingdom

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April 25	December 26
May 2	December 27

**Redemptions.** The longest redemption cycle for a Fund is a function of the longest redemption cycle among the countries whose stocks comprise the Funds. In the calendar year 2010\* and 2011\*, the dates of regular holidays affecting the following securities markets present the worst-case redemption cycle for a Fund as follows:

2010 Country	Trade Date	Settlement Date	Number of Days to Settle
China	02/10/10	02/22/10	12
	02/11/10	02/23/10	12
	02/12/10	02/24/10	12
	03/29/10	04/07/10	9
	03/30/10	04/08/10	9
	04/01/10	04/09/10	8
	09/20/10	10/04/10	14
	09/21/10	10/05/10	14
Egypt	09/24/10	10/06/10	12
	11/10/10	11/18/10	8
	11/11/10	11/21/10	10
Indonesia	11/14/10	11/22/10	8
	09/01/10	09/14/10	13
	09/02/10	09/15/10	13
Japan	09/03/10	09/16/10	13
	04/28/10	05/06/10	8
	04/29/10	05/07/10	8
Malaysia	04/30/10	05/10/10	10
	05/25/10	06/02/10	8
	05/26/10	06/03/10	8
South Korea	05/27/10	06/04/10	8
	09/16/10	09/24/10	8
	09/17/10	09/27/10	10
Spain	09/20/10	09/28/10	8
	03/29/10	04/06/10	8
	03/30/10	04/07/10	8
Taiwan	03/31/10	04/08/10	8
	02/10/10	02/22/10	12
	04/08/10	04/16/10	8
Thailand	04/09/10	04/19/10	10
	04/12/10	04/20/10	8
	11/11/10	11/22/10	11
Turkey	11/12/10	11/23/10	11
<b>2011</b>			
Argentina	04/20/11	04/27/11	8
Australia	04/19/11	04/27/11	8
	04/20/11	04/28/11	8
	04/21/11	04/29/11	8
	01/26/11	02/10/11	15
China	01/27/11	02/11/11	15
	01/28/11	02/14/11	17
	08/24/11	09/05/11	12
Indonesia	08/25/11	09/06/11	12
	08/26/11	09/07/11	12
	12/21/11	12/29/11	8
Ireland	12/22/11	12/30/11	8
	12/23/2011	01/03/12	11
	04/27/11	05/06/11	9
Japan	04/28/11	05/09/11	11
	05/02/11	05/10/11	8

Malaysia	01/26/11	02/07/11	12
	01/27/11	02/08/11	12
	01/28/11	02/09/11	12
	08/24/11	09/02/11	9
	08/25/11	09/05/11	11
	08/26/11	09/06/11	11
Taiwan	01/28/11	02/08/11	11
	01/29/11	02/09/11	11
Thailand	04/08/11	04/18/11	10
	04/11/11	04/19/11	8
	04/12/11	04/20/11	8
Turkey	08/25/11	09/05/11	11
	08/26/11	09/06/11	11

\* These worst-case redemption cycles are based on information regarding regular holidays, which may be out of date. Based on changes in holidays, longer (worse) redemption cycles are possible.

## Taxes

**Regulated Investment Company Qualifications.** Each Fund intends to continue to qualify for treatment as a separate RIC under Subchapter M of the IRC. To qualify for treatment as a RIC, each Fund must annually distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (which includes dividends, interest and net short-term capital gains) and meet several other requirements. Among such other requirements are the following: (i) at least 90% of each Fund's annual gross income must be derived from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or non-U.S. currencies, other income (including, but not limited to, gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies, and net income derived from interests in qualified publicly-traded partnerships (*i.e.*, partnerships that are traded on an established securities market or tradable on a secondary market, other than partnerships that derive 90% of their income from interest, dividends, capital gains and other traditionally permitted mutual fund income); and (ii) at the close of each quarter of each Fund's taxable year, (a) at least 50% of the market value of each Fund's total assets must be represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities limited for purposes of this calculation in respect of any one issuer to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's assets and not greater than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (b) not more than 25% of the value of each Fund's total assets may be invested in the securities (other than U.S. government securities or the securities of other RICs) of any one issuer, of two or more issuers of which 20% or more of the voting stock is held by the Fund and that are engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses or related trades or businesses or the securities of one or more qualified publicly-traded partnerships.

Although in general the passive loss rules of the IRC do not apply to RICs, such rules do apply to a RIC with respect to items attributable to an interest in a qualified publicly-traded partnership. A Fund's investments in partnerships, including in qualified publicly-traded partnerships, may result in a Fund being subject to state, local, or non-U.S. income, franchise or withholding tax liabilities.

**Taxation of RICs.** As a RIC, a Fund will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the portion of its taxable investment income and capital gains that it distributes to its shareholders, provided that it satisfies a minimum distribution requirement. To satisfy the minimum distribution requirement, a Fund must distribute to its shareholders at least the sum of (i) 90% of its "investment company taxable income" (*i.e.*, income other than its net realized long-term capital gain over its net realized short-term capital loss), plus or minus certain adjustments, and (ii) 90% of its net tax-exempt income for the taxable year. A Fund will be subject to income tax at regular corporation rates on any taxable income or gains that it does not distribute to its shareholders. If a Fund fails to qualify for any taxable year as a RIC or fails to meet the distribution requirement, all of its taxable income will be subject to tax at regular corporate income tax rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders, and such distributions generally will be taxable to shareholders as ordinary dividends to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. In such event, distributions to individuals should be eligible to be treated as qualified dividend income and distributions to corporate shareholders generally should be eligible for the dividends



received deduction. Although each Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its net investment income and its capital gains for each taxable year, each Fund will be subject to U.S. federal income taxation to the extent any such income or gains are not distributed. If a Fund fails to qualify as a RIC in any year, it must pay out its earnings and profits accumulated in that year in order to qualify again as a RIC. If a Fund fails to qualify as a RIC for a period greater than two taxable years, the Fund may be required to recognize any net built-in gains with respect to certain of its assets (i.e., the excess of the aggregate gains, including items of income, over aggregate losses that would have been realized with respect to such assets if the Fund had been liquidated) if it qualifies as a RIC in a subsequent year.

**Excise Tax.** A Fund will be subject to a 4% excise tax on certain undistributed income if it does not distribute to its shareholders in each calendar year at least 98% of its ordinary income for the calendar year plus 98% of its capital gain net income for the 12 months ended October 31 of such year. For this purpose, however, any ordinary income or capital gain net income retained by a Fund that is subject to corporate income tax will be considered to have been distributed by year-end. In addition, the minimum amounts that must be distributed in any year to avoid the excise tax will be increased or decreased to reflect any underdistribution or overdistribution, as the case may be, from the previous year. Each Fund intends to declare and distribute dividends and distributions in the amounts and at the times necessary to avoid the application of this 4% excise tax.

**Net Capital Loss Carryforwards.** Net capital loss carryforwards may be applied against any net realized capital gains in each succeeding year, or until their respective expiration dates, whichever occurs first.

The following Funds had tax basis net capital loss carryforwards as of August 31, 2009, the tax year-end for the Funds listed:

Fund	Expiring 2010	Expiring 2011	Expiring 2012	Expiring 2013	Expiring 2014	Expiring 2015	Expiring 2016	Expiring 2017	Total
iShares MSCI Australia Index Fund	\$3,625,203	\$ 650,082	\$ 596,240	\$ 384,424	—	\$ 7,066	\$ 529,868	\$ 24,006,125	\$ 29,799,008
iShares MSCI Austria Investable Market Index Fund	1,291,324	370,948	855,364	—	—	9,795,917	2,587,916	7,102,366	22,003,835
iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index Fund	1,677,678	117,767	175,781	33,969	—	—	1,698,444	5,953,120	9,656,759
iShares MSCI Brazil Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29,287,453	29,287,453
iShares MSCI BRIC Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,540,740	1,540,740
iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund	—	—	—	2,931,648	—	5,363,291	5,107,471	27,886,883	41,289,293
iShares MSCI Chile Investable Market Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,886,881	1,886,881
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index Fund	—	—	840,778	20,296,564	11,239,258	29,973,301	13,844,901	228,196,854	304,391,656
iShares MSCI EMU Index Fund	—	—	659,648	1,873,963	—	—	—	26,644,200	29,177,811
iShares MSCI France Index Fund	2,436,748	236,944	2,400,550	—	—	158,472	335,795	3,408,374	8,976,883
iShares MSCI Germany Index Fund	8,697,227	5,469,732	8,656,712	2,241,687	—	4,227,713	3,394,735	27,790,050	60,477,856

Fund	Expiring 2010	Expiring 2011	Expiring 2012	Expiring 2013	Expiring 2014	Expiring 2015	Expiring 2016	Expiring 2017	Total
iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund	4,971,970	2,870,602	2,330,414	468,716	425,440	2,899,247	3,185,408	29,235,556	46,387,353
iShares MSCI Israel Capped Investable Market Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	784,479	784,479
iShares MSCI Italy Index Fund	2,648,775	848,408	541,980	527,327	—	—	472,268	2,743,650	7,782,408
iShares MSCI Japan Index Fund	62,572,173	3,621,148	5,594,562	8,733,802	68,122,871	27,817,841	44,443,527	116,295,478	337,201,402
iShares MSCI Japan Small Cap Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	131,718	131,718
iShares MSCI Malaysia Index Fund	9,819,029	2,898,105	775,477	6,820,474	1,543,708	3,357,786	1,127,892	40,223,530	66,566,001
iShares MSCI Mexico Investable Market Index Fund	47,326	2,329,290	3,136,171	12,912	632,766	—	853,150	8,973,988	15,985,603
iShares MSCI Netherlands Investable Market Index Fund	3,222,792	1,497,810	2,481,175	129,137	403,525	260,715	1,195,162	5,819,153	15,009,469
iShares MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66,207,828	66,207,828
iShares MSCI Singapore Index Fund	1,934,119	4,428,316	4,256,421	2,558,348	—	—	807,115	15,680,510	29,664,829
iShares MSCI South Africa Index Fund	—	—	527,613	—	260,738	1,607,845	972,024	15,339,464	18,707,684
iShares MSCI South Korea Index Fund	666,642	504,041	3,363,449	11,590,303	3,172,573	38,097,223	—	178,889,302	236,283,533
iShares MSCI Spain Index Fund	—	—	995,671	—	—	—	—	5,946,927	6,942,598
iShares MSCI Sweden Index Fund	713,472	1,577,551	1,149,514	—	107,613	—	100,015	13,686,746	17,334,911
iShares MSCI Switzerland Index Fund	1,970,979	1,018,305	2,149,171	354,252	—	—	—	2,837,786	8,330,493
iShares MSCI Taiwan Index Fund	12,532,361	8,689,663	9,129,874	12,022,719	14,435,986	64,999,586	16,734,578	343,375,145	481,919,912
iShares MSCI Thailand Investable Market Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	555,444	555,444
iShares MSCI Turkey Investable Market Index Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	720,636	720,636

Fund	Expiring 2010	Expiring 2011	Expiring 2012	Expiring 2013	Expiring 2014	Expiring 2015	Expiring 2016	Expiring 2017	Total
iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index Fund	856,798	6,448,554	4,272,059	1,517,783	7,063,063	—	261,754	16,140,312	36,560,323

**Taxation of U.S. Shareholders.** Dividends and other distributions by a Fund are generally treated under the IRC as received by the shareholders at the time the dividend or distribution is made. However, any dividend or distribution declared by a Fund in October, November or December of any calendar year and payable to shareholders of record on a specified date in such a month shall be deemed to have been received by each shareholder on December 31 of such calendar year and to have been paid by the Fund not later than such December 31, provided such dividend is actually paid by the Fund during January of the following calendar year.

Each Fund intends to distribute annually to its shareholders substantially all of its investment company taxable income and any net realized long-term capital gains in excess of net realized short-term capital losses (including any capital loss carryovers). However, if a Fund retains for investment an amount equal to all or a portion of its net long-term capital gains in excess of its net short-term capital losses (including any capital loss carryovers), it will be subject to a corporate tax (currently at a maximum rate of 35%) on the amount retained. In that event, the Fund will designate such retained amounts as undistributed capital gains in a notice to its shareholders who (a) will be required to include in income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gains, their proportionate shares of the undistributed amount, (b) will be entitled to credit their proportionate shares of the 35% tax paid by the Fund on the undistributed amount against their U.S. federal income tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds to the extent their credits exceed their liabilities, if any, and (c) will be entitled to increase their tax basis, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, in their shares by an amount equal to 65% of the amount of undistributed capital gains included in the shareholder's income. Organizations or persons not subject to U.S. federal income tax on such capital gains will be entitled to a refund of their *pro rata* share of such taxes paid by the Fund upon filing appropriate returns or claims for refund with the IRS.

Distributions of net realized long-term capital gains, if any, that a Fund designates as capital gains dividends are taxable as long-term capital gains, whether paid in cash or in shares and regardless of how long a shareholder has held shares of the Fund. All other dividends of a Fund (including dividends from short-term capital gains) from its current and accumulated earnings and profits ("regular dividends") are generally subject to tax as ordinary income, subject to the discussion of qualified dividend income below.

If an individual receives a regular dividend qualifying for the long-term capital gains rates and such dividend constitutes an "extraordinary dividend," and the individual subsequently recognizes a loss on the sale or exchange of stock in respect of which the extraordinary dividend was paid, then the loss will be long-term capital loss to the extent of such extraordinary dividend. An "extraordinary dividend" on common stock for this purpose is generally a dividend (i) in an amount greater than or equal to 10% of the taxpayer's tax basis (or trading value) in a share of stock, aggregating dividends with ex-dividend dates within an 85-day period or (ii) in an amount greater than 20% of the taxpayer's tax basis (or trading value) in a share of stock, aggregating dividends with ex-dividend dates within a 365-day period.

Distributions in excess of a Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits will, as to each shareholder, be treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of a shareholder's basis in shares of the Fund, and as a capital gain thereafter (if the shareholder holds shares of the Fund as capital assets). Shareholders receiving dividends or distributions in the form of additional shares should be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as receiving a distribution in an amount equal to the amount of money that the shareholders receiving cash dividends or distributions will receive and should have a cost basis in the shares received equal to such amount. Dividends paid by a Fund that are attributable to dividends received by a Fund from domestic corporations may qualify for the federal dividends received deduction for corporations.

Investors considering buying shares just prior to a dividend or capital gain distribution should be aware that, although the price of shares purchased at that time may reflect the amount of the forthcoming distribution, such dividend or distribution may nevertheless be taxable to them. If a Fund is the holder of record of any security on the record date for any dividends payable with respect to such security, such dividends will be included in the Fund's gross income not as of the date received but as of the later of (a) the date such security became ex-dividend with respect to such dividends (*i.e.*, the date on which a buyer of the security would not be entitled to receive the declared, but unpaid, dividends); or (b) the date the Fund acquired

such security. Accordingly, in order to satisfy its income distribution requirements, a Fund may be required to pay dividends based on anticipated earnings, and shareholders may receive dividends in an earlier year than would otherwise be the case.

In certain situations, a Fund may, for a taxable year, defer all or a portion of its capital losses and currency losses realized after October until the next taxable year in computing its investment company taxable income and net capital gain, which will defer the recognition of such realized losses. Such deferrals and other rules regarding gains and losses realized after October may affect the tax character of shareholder distributions.

**Sales of Shares.** Upon the sale or exchange of shares of a Fund, a shareholder will realize a taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and the shareholder's basis in shares of the Fund. A redemption of shares by a Fund will be treated as a sale for this purpose. Such gain or loss will be treated as capital gain or loss if the shares are capital assets in the shareholder's hands and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the shares are held for more than one year and short-term capital gain or loss if the shares are held for one year or less. Any loss realized on a sale or exchange will be disallowed to the extent the shares disposed of are replaced, including replacement through the reinvesting of dividends and capital gains distributions in the Fund, within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the disposition of the shares. In such a case, the basis of the shares acquired will be increased to reflect the disallowed loss. Any loss realized by a shareholder on the sale of a Fund share held by the shareholder for six months or less will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions or deemed distributions of long-term capital gains received by the shareholder with respect to such share.

If a shareholder incurs a sales charge in acquiring shares of a Fund, disposes of those shares within 90 days and then acquires shares in a mutual fund for which the otherwise applicable sales charge is reduced by reason of a reinvestment right (e.g., an exchange privilege), the original sales charge will not be taken into account in computing gain/loss on the original shares to the extent the subsequent sales charge is reduced. Instead, the disregarded portion of the original sales charge will be added to the tax basis of the newly acquired shares. Furthermore, the same rule also applies to a disposition of the newly acquired shares made within 90 days of the second acquisition. This provision prevents shareholders from immediately deducting the sales charge by shifting their investments within a family of mutual funds.

**Back-Up Withholding.** In certain cases, a Fund will be required to withhold at the applicable withholding rate (currently 28%), and remit to the U.S. Treasury such amounts withheld from any distributions paid to a shareholder who: (i) has failed to provide a correct taxpayer identification number; (ii) is subject to back-up withholding by the IRS; (iii) has failed to certify to a Fund that such shareholder is not subject to back-up withholding; or (iv) has not certified that such shareholder is a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). Back-up withholding is not an additional tax and any amount withheld may be credited against a shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability.

**Sections 351 and 362.** The Company, on behalf of each Fund, has the right to reject an order for a purchase of shares of the Fund if the purchaser (or group of purchasers) would, upon obtaining the shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of a given Fund and if, pursuant to Sections 351 and 362 of the IRC, that Fund would have a basis in the securities different from the market value of such securities on the date of deposit. If a Fund's basis in such securities on the date of deposit was less than market value on such date, the Fund, upon disposition of the securities, would recognize more taxable gain or less taxable loss than if its basis in the securities had been equal to market value. It is not anticipated that the Company will exercise the right of rejection except in a case where the Company determines that accepting the order could result in material adverse tax consequences to a Fund or its shareholders. The Company also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination.

**Taxation of Certain Derivatives.** A Fund's transactions in zero coupon securities, non-U.S. currencies, forward contracts, options and futures contracts (including options and futures contracts on non-U.S. currencies), to the extent permitted, will be subject to special provisions of the IRC (including provisions relating to "hedging transactions" and "straddles") that, among other things, may affect the character of gains and losses realized by the Fund (i.e., may affect whether gains or losses are ordinary or capital), accelerate recognition of income to the Fund and defer Fund losses. These rules could therefore affect the character, amount and timing of distributions to shareholders. These provisions also (a) will require a Fund to mark-to-market certain types of the positions in its portfolio (i.e., treat them as if they were closed out at the end of each year) and (b) may cause a Fund to recognize income without receiving cash with which to pay dividends or make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the distribution requirements for avoiding income and excise taxes. Each Fund will monitor its transactions, will make the appropriate tax elections and will make the appropriate entries in its books and

records when it acquires any zero coupon security, non-U.S. currency, forward contract, option, futures contract or hedged investment in order to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of the Fund as a RIC.

A Fund's investment in so-called "Section 1256 contracts," such as regulated futures contracts, most non-U.S. currency forward contracts traded in the interbank market and options on most security indexes, are subject to special tax rules. All Section 1256 contracts held by a Fund at the end of its taxable year are required to be marked to their market value, and any unrealized gain or loss on those positions will be included in the Fund's income as if each position had been sold for its fair market value at the end of the taxable year. The resulting gain or loss will be combined with any gain or loss realized by the Fund from positions in Section 1256 contracts closed during the taxable year. Provided such positions were held as capital assets and were not part of a "hedging transaction" nor part of a "straddle," 60% of the resulting net gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss, and 40% of such net gain or loss will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss, regardless of the period of time the positions were actually held by the Fund.

As a result of entering into swap contracts, a Fund may make or receive periodic net payments. A Fund may also make or receive a payment when a swap is terminated prior to maturity through an assignment of the swap or other closing transaction. Periodic net payments will generally constitute ordinary income or deductions, while termination of a swap will generally result in capital gain or loss (which will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the Fund has been a party to the swap for more than one year). With respect to certain types of swaps, a Fund may be required to currently recognize income or loss with respect to future payments on such swaps or may elect under certain circumstances to mark such swaps to market annually for tax purposes as ordinary income or loss. The tax treatment of many types of credit default swaps is uncertain.

**Qualified Dividend Income.** Distributions by a Fund of investment company taxable income (including any short-term capital gains), whether received in cash or shares, will be taxable either as ordinary income or as qualified dividend income, eligible for the reduced maximum rate to individuals of 15% (0% for individuals in lower tax brackets) to the extent the Fund receives qualified dividend income on the securities it holds and the Fund designates the distribution as qualified dividend income. Qualified dividend income is, in general, dividend income from taxable U.S. corporations (but generally not from U.S. REITs) and certain non-U.S. corporations (e.g., non-U.S. corporations that are not "passive foreign investment companies" and which are incorporated in a possession of the U.S. or in certain countries with a comprehensive tax treaty with the U.S., or the stock of which is readily tradable on an established securities market in the U.S.). Under current IRS guidance, the United States has appropriate comprehensive income tax treaties with the following countries: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, China (but not with Hong Kong, which is treated as a separate jurisdiction for U.S. tax purposes), Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela.

A dividend from a Fund will not be treated as qualified dividend income to the extent that (i) the shareholder has not held the shares on which the dividend was paid for 61 days during the 121-day period that begins on the date that is 60 days before the date on which the shares become ex-dividend with respect to such dividend or the Fund fails to satisfy those holding period requirements with respect to the securities it holds that paid the dividends distributed to the shareholder (or, in the case of certain preferred stocks, the holding requirement of 91 days during the 181-day period beginning on the date that is 90 days before the date on which the stock becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend); (ii) the Fund or the shareholder is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to substantially similar or related property; or (iii) the shareholder elects to treat such dividend as investment income under Section 163(d)(4)(B) of the IRC. Dividends received by a Fund from a REIT or another RIC may be treated as qualified dividend income only to the extent the dividend distributions are attributable to qualified dividend income received by such REIT or other RIC. It is expected that dividends received by a Fund from a REIT and distributed to a shareholder generally will be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income. Absent further legislation, the maximum 15% rate on qualified dividend income will not apply to dividends received in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010. Distributions by a Fund of its net short-term capital gains will be taxable as ordinary income. Capital gain distributions consisting of a Fund's net capital gains will be taxable as long-term capital gains.

If you lend your Fund shares pursuant to securities lending arrangements you may lose the ability to use non-U.S. tax credits passed through by the Fund or to treat Fund dividends (paid while the shares are held by the borrower) as qualified



dividends. Consult your financial intermediary or tax advisor. If you enter into a short sale with respect to shares of the Fund, substitute payments made to the lender of such shares may not be deductible. Consult your financial intermediary or tax advisor.

**Corporate Dividends Received Deduction.** Each Fund does not expect dividends that are paid to its corporate shareholders to be eligible, in the hands of such shareholders, for the corporate dividends received deduction.

**Excess Inclusion Income.** Under current law, the Funds serve to block unrelated business taxable income from being realized by their tax-exempt shareholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a tax-exempt shareholder could realize unrelated business taxable income by virtue of its investment in a Fund if shares in the Fund constitute debt-financed property in the hands of the tax-exempt shareholder within the meaning of IRC Section 514(b). Certain types of income received by a Fund from REITs, real estate mortgage investment conduits, taxable mortgage pools or other investments may cause the Fund to designate some or all of its distributions as “excess inclusion income.” To Fund shareholders, such excess inclusion income may (i) constitute taxable income, as “unrelated business taxable income” for those shareholders who would otherwise be tax-exempt such as individual retirement accounts, 401(k) accounts, Keogh plans, pension plans and certain charitable entities; (ii) not be offset by otherwise allowable deductions for tax purposes; (iii) not be eligible for reduced U.S. withholding for non-U.S. shareholders even from tax treaty countries; and (iv) cause the Fund to be subject to tax if certain “disqualified organizations” as defined by the IRC are Fund shareholders. If a charitable remainder annuity trust or a charitable remainder unitrust (each as defined in IRC Section 664) has UBTI for a taxable year, a 100% excise tax on the UBTI is imposed on the trust.

**Non-U.S. Investments.** Under Section 988 of the IRC, gains or losses attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the time a Fund accrues income or receivables or expenses or other liabilities denominated in a non-U.S. currency and the time the Fund actually collects such income or pays such liabilities are generally treated as ordinary income or ordinary loss. In general, gains (and losses) realized on debt instruments will be treated as Section 988 gain (or loss) to the extent attributable to changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which the instruments are denominated. Similarly, gain or losses on non-U.S. currency, non-U.S. currency forward contracts and certain non-U.S. currency options or futures contracts denominated in non-U.S. currency, to the extent attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the acquisition and disposition dates, are also treated as ordinary income or loss unless the Fund were to elect otherwise.

Each Fund may be subject to non-U.S. income taxes withheld at the source. Each Fund, if permitted to do so, may elect to “pass through” to its investors the amount of non-U.S. income taxes paid by the Fund provided that the Fund held the security on the dividend settlement date and for at least 15 additional days immediately before and/or thereafter, with the result that each investor with respect to shares of the Fund held for a minimum 16-day holding period at the time of deemed distribution will (i) include in gross income, even though not actually received, the investor’s *pro rata* share of the Fund’s non-U.S. income taxes, and (ii) either deduct (in calculating U.S. taxable income) or credit (in calculating U.S. federal income tax) the investor’s *pro rata* share of the Fund’s non-U.S. income taxes. A non-U.S. person invested in the Fund in a year that the Fund elects to “pass through” its non-U.S. taxes may be treated as receiving additional dividend income subject to U.S. withholding tax. A non-U.S. tax credit may not exceed the investor’s U.S. federal income tax otherwise payable with respect to the investor’s non-U.S. source income. For this purpose, shareholders must treat as non-U.S. source gross income (i) their proportionate shares of non-U.S. taxes paid by the Fund and (ii) the portion of any dividend paid by the Fund that represents income derived from non-U.S. sources; the Fund’s gain from the sale of securities will generally be treated as U.S.-source income. Certain limitations will be imposed to the extent to which the non-U.S. tax credit may be claimed.

**Passive Foreign Investment Companies.** If a Fund purchases shares in “passive foreign investment companies” (“PFICs”), it may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a portion of any “excess distribution” or gain from the disposition of such shares even if such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by the Fund to its shareholders. Additional charges in the nature of interest may be imposed on the Fund in respect of deferred taxes arising from such distributions or gains.

If a Fund were to invest in a PFIC and elect to treat the PFIC as a “qualified electing fund” under the IRC, in lieu of the foregoing requirements, the Fund might be required to include in income each year a portion of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the qualified electing fund, even if not distributed to the Fund, and such amounts would be subject to the 90% and excise tax distribution requirements described above. In order to make this election, the Fund would be required to obtain certain annual information from the PFICs in which it invests, which may be difficult or impossible to obtain.

Alternatively, a Fund may make a mark-to-market election that would result in the Fund being treated as if it had sold and repurchased its PFIC stock at the end of each year. In such case, the Fund would report any such gains as ordinary income and would deduct any such losses as ordinary losses to the extent of previously recognized gains. The election must be made separately for each PFIC owned by the Fund and, once made, would be effective for all subsequent taxable years, unless revoked with the consent of the IRS. By making the election, the Fund could potentially ameliorate the adverse tax consequences with respect to its ownership of shares in a PFIC, but in any particular year may be required to recognize income in excess of the distributions it receives from PFICs and its proceeds from dispositions of PFIC stock. The Fund may have to distribute this “phantom” income and gain to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and to avoid imposition of the 4% excise tax.

A Fund will make the appropriate tax elections, if possible, and take any additional steps that are necessary to mitigate the effects of these rules.

**Reporting.** If a shareholder recognizes a loss with respect to a Fund’s shares of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder, the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases exempted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a RIC are not exempted. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer’s treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

**Other Taxes.** Dividends, distributions and redemption proceeds may also be subject to additional state, local and non-U.S. taxes depending on each shareholder’s particular situation.

**Taxation of Non-U.S. Shareholders.** Dividends paid by a Fund to non-U.S. shareholders are generally subject to withholding tax at a 30% rate or a reduced rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty to the extent derived from investment income and short-term capital gains. In order to obtain a reduced rate of withholding, a non-U.S. shareholder will be required to provide an IRS Form W-8BEN certifying its entitlement to benefits under a treaty. The withholding tax does not apply to regular dividends paid to a non-U.S. shareholder who provides a Form W-8ECI, certifying that the dividends are effectively connected with the non-U.S. shareholder’s conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Instead, the effectively connected dividends will be subject to regular U.S. income tax as if the non-U.S. shareholder were a U.S. shareholder. A non-U.S. corporation receiving effectively connected dividends may also be subject to additional “branch profits tax” imposed at a rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate). A non-U.S. shareholder who fails to provide an IRS Form W-8BEN or other applicable form may be subject to back-up withholding at the appropriate rate.

In general, U.S. federal withholding tax will not apply to any gain or income realized by a non-U.S. shareholder in respect of any distributions of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses, exempt-interest dividends, or upon the sale or other disposition of shares of a Fund.

After December 31, 2009, distributions by a Fund that are attributable to gain received from the sale or exchange of U.S. real property or an interest in a U.S. real property holding corporation will be subject to 35% withholding tax and taxed to the shareholder as income effectively connected to a U.S. trade or business if the distributions are attributable to distributions from a REIT to the Fund.

Disposition of Fund shares by non-U.S. shareholders will be subject to withholding tax and treated as income effectively connected to a U.S. trade or business if 50% or more of the value of a Fund’s assets are invested in REITs and other U.S. real property holding corporations and the non-U.S. shareholder owns more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Fund at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of disposition.

The rules laid out in the previous two paragraphs, other than the withholding rules, will apply notwithstanding a Fund’s participation in a wash sale transaction or its payment of a substitute dividend.

Provided that 50% or more of the value of a Fund’s stock is held by U.S. shareholders, distributions of U.S. real property interests (including securities in a U.S. real property holding corporation) in redemption of a non-U.S. shareholder’s shares of the Fund will cause the Fund to recognize gain. If a Fund is required to recognize gain, the amount of gain recognized will equal to the fair market value of such interests over the Fund’s adjusted bases to the extent of the greatest non-U.S. ownership percentage of the Fund during the five-year period ending on the date of redemption for redemptions.



For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2010, properly-designated dividends are generally exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax where they (i) are paid in respect of a Fund's "qualified net interest income" (generally, the Fund's U.S. source interest income, other than certain contingent interest and interest from obligations of a corporation or partnership in which the Fund is at least a 10% shareholder, reduced by expenses that are allocable to such income) or (ii) are paid in respect of a Fund's "qualified short-term capital gains" (generally, the excess of the Fund's net short-term capital gain over the Fund's long-term capital loss for such taxable year). However, depending on its circumstances, a Fund may designate all, some or none of its potentially eligible dividends as such qualified net interest income or as qualified short-term capital gains and/or treat such dividends, in whole or in part, as ineligible for this exemption from withholding. In order to qualify for this exemption from withholding, a non-U.S. shareholder will need to comply with applicable certification requirements relating to its non-U.S. status (including, in general, furnishing an IRS Form W-8BEN or substitute Form). In the case of shares held through an intermediary, the intermediary may withhold even if a Fund designates the payment as qualified net interest income or qualified short-term capital gain. Non-U.S. shareholders should contact their intermediaries with respect to the application of these rules to their accounts.

For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2010, distributions that a Fund designates as "short-term capital gains dividends" or "long-term capital gains dividends" may not be treated as such to a recipient non-U.S. shareholder if the distribution is attributable to gain received from the sale or exchange of U.S. real property or an interest in a U.S. real property holding corporation and the non-U.S. shareholder has not owned more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Fund at any time during the one-year period ending on the date of distribution. Such distributions will be subject to 30% withholding by the Fund and will be treated as ordinary dividends to the non-U.S. shareholder.

Shares of a Fund held by a non-U.S. shareholder at death will be considered situated within the United States and subject to the U.S. estate tax.

The foregoing discussion is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax considerations only and is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Purchasers of shares should consult their own tax advisers as to the tax consequences of investing in such shares, including under state, local and non-U.S. tax laws. Finally, the foregoing discussion is based on applicable provisions of the IRC, regulations, judicial authority and administrative interpretations in effect on the date of this SAI. Changes in applicable authority could materially affect the conclusions discussed above, and such changes often occur.

With respect to Brazil, a 2% Imposto sobre Operações Financeiras (IOF) tax applies to certain foreign exchange inflows into Brazil. Also, a 1.5% IOF tax will apply to the creation of new ADR or GDR issuances with respect to Brazilian equities. If incurred by a Fund, an IOF tax would not be creditable against U.S. income tax liability.

# Financial Statements

Each Fund's audited Financial Statements, including the Financial Highlights, appearing in the Annual Report to Shareholders and the report therein of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, are hereby incorporated by reference in this SAI. The applicable Annual Report to Shareholders is delivered with this SAI to shareholders requesting this SAI.

## Miscellaneous Information

**Counsel.** Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, located at 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10019, is counsel to the Company.

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.** PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, located at Three Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111, serves as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, audits the Funds' financial statements, and may perform other services.

**Shareholder Communications to the Board.** The Board has established a process for shareholders to communicate with the Board. Shareholders may contact the Board by mail. Correspondence should be addressed to iShares Board of Directors, c/o BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. – Mutual Fund Administration, 400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Shareholder communications to the Board should include the following information: (i) the name and address of the shareholder; (ii) the number of shares owned by the shareholder; (iii) the Fund(s) of which the shareholder owns share; and (iv) if these shares are owned indirectly through a broker, financial intermediary or other record owner, the name of the broker, financial intermediary or other record owner. All correspondence received as set forth above shall be reviewed by the Secretary of the Company and reported to the Board.

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