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## ISHARES, INC. & ISHARES TRUST – NOTICE OF CORPORATE ACTION

BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited (**BIMAL**), on behalf of iShares, Inc. and iShares Trust, makes this announcement regarding the following U.S. domiciled iShares® exchange traded funds (**Funds**).

ASX Code	Issuing Entity	Fund Name
IOO	iShares Trust	iShares Global 100 ETF
IXI	iShares Trust	iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF
IXJ	iShares Trust	iShares Global Healthcare ETF
IEU	iShares Trust	iShares Europe ETF

As announced on 3 May 2018, iShares, Inc. and iShares Trust, in conjunction with BIMAL, are simplifying the way fourteen (14) of their iShares exchange traded funds (**iShares ETFs**) are offered to Australian investors on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**).

Currently, investments in the iShares ETFs are held as CHESS depositary interests (**CDIs**) which give investors an interest in the shares of a U.S. domiciled iShares ETF. The CDIs will be converted into units of a new Australian domiciled iShares ETF (**Units**) on a 1 for 1 basis (1 CDI for 1 unit). This conversion was approved by investors by special resolution at a meeting held on 22 June 2018.

The conversion of the fourteen CDIs will be completed in phased tranches. CDIs in the above listed Funds will be converted in the next tranche in accordance with the timetable below.

As part of the conversion process, trading on the ASX will be on a deferred settlement basis from 19 September to 21 September 2018 (inclusive) with the Funds' identifiers changing as detailed below. Trading reverts to a normal settlement basis (2 days) on 24 September 2018 and the Funds' identifiers revert back to their original ASX codes. All deferred trades settle on 26 September 2018.

Authorised Participants will be unable to execute Unit redemption orders in the new locally domiciled ETF from 19 September to 21 September 2018 inclusive. Redemptions re-open on 24 September 2018. ASX secondary market trading will continue during the above period on a deferred settlement basis.

The last day of issuance/cancellation of CDIs is 19 September 2018.

### Timetable for implementation in Australia

Event	Date (2018)
Last day of trading in CDIs of the U.S. domiciled iShares ETF on ASX prior to conversion to Units.	18 September
Trading of Units in the Australian domiciled Fund to commence on ASX on a post-conversion basis. Funds to commence trading on a deferred settlement basis under the following ASX codes: <div> <div>IOODC</div> <div>IXIDC</div> <div>IXJDC</div> <div>IEUDA</div> </div> <div> <div>iShares Global 100 ETF</div> <div>iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF</div> <div>iShares Global Healthcare ETF</div> <div>iShares Europe ETF</div> </div>	19 September
Last day to register transfers on a pre-conversion basis (Record Date).	20 September
Implementation date for the Fund conversion (Start of day)	21 September
First day to send notice to each security holder.	21 September
Dispatch holding confirmations to investors for the units in the Australian domiciled iShares ETF	24 September



Event	Date (2018)
Trading of Units in the Australian domiciled Fund commences on ASX on a normal settlement basis. ASX codes for the Fund revert back to its originally allocated ASX codes: <div> <div>IOO</div> <div>iShares Global 100 ETF</div> </div> <div> <div>IXI</div> <div>iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF</div> </div> <div> <div>IXJ</div> <div>iShares Global Healthcare ETF</div> </div> <div> <div>IEU</div> <div>iShares Europe ETF</div> </div>	24 September
All deferred trades settle	26 September

If you experience issues placing a trade on the temporary ASX code, please contact your broker or custodian.

For more information on this initiative, please visit: <http://www.blackrock.com.au/simplifyinvesting>.

#### **Reminder: Submit your tax information**

Your **TFN or ABN**: Currently, all distributions are paid as foreign income from the U.S. domiciled iShares ETF. Post conversion, distribution payments will be paid from a new Australian domiciled iShares ETF. As such, you are invited to provide us with your TFN, ABN or claim an exemption. However, you are not obliged to provide us with your TFN, ABN or claim an exemption. If you do not quote your TFN, ABN or claim an exemption, then your income distributions from the new Australian domiciled iShares ETF will have tax withheld at the top marginal rate plus Medicare levy.

You can provide this information in preparation for this change using the Easy Update portal. You will need to update each holding separately using the relevant link. The link for the funds is listed below, to login you will need your SRN/HIN number and postcode, or country if outside Australia.

iShares Global 100 ETF	<a href="http://www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IOO">www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IOO</a>
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF	<a href="http://www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IXI">www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IXI</a>
iShares Global Healthcare ETF	<a href="http://www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IXJ">www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IXJ</a>
iShares Europe ETF	<a href="http://www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IEU">www.computershare.com.au/easyupdate/IEU</a>

**Provide your tax residency:** As a result of the Australian Government agreeing to participate in the exchange of information with other jurisdictions, we are required to determine your country of tax residence. If you do not certify your country of tax residence, we are required to report your name, address, amounts paid to you and value of your securities to the Australian Taxation Office, who may report them to the Internal Revenue Service of the United States and possibly other tax authorities.

You can provide your tax residency in preparation for this change at [www.computershare.com/au/self-certification](http://www.computershare.com/au/self-certification). Please select each relevant ETF from the drop-down and fill in the details.

**If you hold another locally domiciled iShares ETF (as show at the end of this announcement), we will transfer the previously provided TFN or ABN and Tax residency information to the converted holding unless you notify Computershare on the number listed below.**

#### **Further information**

If you have any questions or require further information please call the iShares Information Line on 1300 474 273 between 8:30am and 5:00pm (AEST), Monday to Friday.



## iShares locally domiciled ETF range (excluding previously converted CDIs)

ASX code	Fund name	Fees p.a.*(%)	Distribution
<b>Australian equities</b>			
<b>IOZ</b>	iShares Core S&P/ASX 200 ETF	<b>0.15</b>	Quarterly
<b>ILC</b>	iShares S&P/ASX 20 ETF	<b>0.24</b>	Quarterly
<b>IHD</b>	iShares S&P/ASX Dividend Opportunities ETF	<b>0.30</b>	Quarterly
<b>ISO</b>	iShares S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries ETF	<b>0.55</b>	Semi-annual
<b>International equities</b>			
<b>IWLD</b>	iShares Core MSCI World All Cap ETF	<b>0.16</b>	Semi-annual
<b>IHWL</b>	iShares Core MSCI World All Cap (AUD Hedged) ETF	<b>0.19</b>	Semi-annual
<b>IHVV</b>	iShares S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) ETF	<b>0.10</b>	Annual
<b>IHO0</b>	iShares Global 100 (AUD Hedged) ETF	<b>0.43</b>	Annual
<b>Australian cash</b>			
<b>BILL</b>	iShares Core Cash ETF	<b>0.07</b>	Monthly
<b>ISEC</b>	iShares Enhanced Cash ETF	<b>0.12</b>	Monthly
<b>Australian fixed income</b>			
<b>IAF</b>	iShares Core Composite Bond ETF	<b>0.20</b>	Quarterly
<b>ILB</b>	iShares Government Inflation ETF	<b>0.26</b>	Quarterly
<b>IGB</b>	iShares Treasury ETF	<b>0.26</b>	Quarterly
<b>International fixed income</b>			
<b>IHCB</b>	iShares Core Global Corporate Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	<b>0.26</b>	Tri-annual
<b>IHHY</b>	iShares Global High Yield Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	<b>0.56</b>	Tri-annual
<b>IHEB</b>	iShares J.P.Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond (AUD Hedged) ETF	<b>0.51</b>	Tri-annual
<b>Smart beta</b>			
<b>AUMF</b>	iShares Edge MSCI Australia Multifactor ETF	<b>0.30</b>	Semi-annual
<b>WDMF</b>	iShares Edge MSCI World Multifactor ETF	<b>0.35</b>	Semi-annual
<b>MVOL</b>	iShares Edge MSCI Australia Minimum Volatility ETF	<b>0.30</b>	Semi-annual
<b>WVOL</b>	iShares Edge MSCI World Minimum Volatility ETF	<b>0.30</b>	Semi-annual

\* Management fee as disclosed in the fund's latest product disclosure statement or prospectus as applicable. Subject to change.

### Important Notice

Before investing in an iShares ETF, you should carefully consider whether such products are appropriate for you, read the applicable prospectus or product disclosure statement (PDS) available at [www.blackrock.com.au](http://www.blackrock.com.au) and consult an investment adviser.

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For more information about iShares ETFs go to [www.blackrock.com/au/ishares](http://www.blackrock.com/au/ishares) or call 1300 474 273.

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