

# **Annual Report for the Investment Fund**

iShares ATX UCITS ETF (DE)



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#### NOTICE AND NOTE ON LICENCES FOR ISHARES ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

#### Notice

The investment fund named in this report is governed by German law. Fund units are bought on the basis of the currently valid prospectus and investment conditions, supplemented by the most recent annual report concerned and also by the semi-annual report if such a report exists that is more recent than the last annual report.

The annual and semi-annual reports were drawn up in German and translated into other languages.

Only the German version is legally binding.

#### Note on Licences

#### Legal information

The German iShares funds mentioned in this document are investment funds subject to the German Investment Code. These funds are managed by BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG and are regulated by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).

#### For investors in Germany

The sales prospectuses of the funds issued in Germany are available free of charge electronically and in hard copy from BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Lenbachplatz 1, 80333 Munich, Germany, Tel.: +49 (0) 89 42729 – 5858, Fax: +49 (0) 89 42729 – 5958, info@iShares.de.

#### Risk warnings

The value of investments in all the iShares funds may fluctuate, and investors may not get back the amount invested. Past performance may not be repeated and is no guarantee of future returns. Investment risks from market and currency losses as well as high volatility and concentration risk cannot be excluded.

#### Index - Disclaimers of liability

ATX (Austrian Traded Index) is a registered trademark of WBAG (Wiener Börse AG). The issuer has been granted a licence to use ATX in respect of this issue. This product is not issued, sponsored, sold or marketed by WBAG.



#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ISHARES ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

#### Additional Information for Investors in Austria

The sales prospectuses, including investment terms and conditions, annual reports and semi-annual reports can be obtained, without charge, from the Investment company. In some countries, the paying agent and distributor or the tax representatives also provide this information.

#### Tax Representative in Austria:

Deloitte Tax Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH Renngasse 1/Freyung 1010 Vienna, Austria

#### Additional information for investors in countries outside Germany:

#### iShares ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

#### Performance of the fund over the last three calendar years:

31/12/2021 - 31/12/2022 -16.46% 31/12/2022 - 31/12/2023 +13.97% 31/12/2023 - 31/12/2024 +10.79%

#### **PEA ELIGIBILITY**

The PEA (Plan d'Epargne en Actions) is a French equity savings plan intended to encourage French tax resident individuals to invest in European equities. Each PEA eligible Fund must invest on a permanent basis at least 75% of their assets in PEA eligible securities issued by companies (i) established in a Member State of the European Union or in Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway and (ii) subject to corporate income tax, or an equivalent tax.

As at 30/04/2025, the Fund below had the following percentage of its assets invested in eligible PEA securities:

Fund	% Invested in European PEA eligible shares
iShares ATX UCITS ETF (DE)	96.51



#### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR ISHARES ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

#### Report of the Management Board

Dear Investors.

In 2024, BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG ("BAMDE") was able to assert its position in the ETF market. In 2024, the market for ETPs and ETFs in Europe continued to develop dynamically. BlackRock's iShares division in particular benefited from this development and thus also the iShares branded ETFs managed by BAMDE in Germany. Considering the market relevant to BAMDE, iShares had the highest share of new business inflows into ETFs in the EMEA region in 2024. EMEA iShares achieved net inflows of USD 91.1 billion USD or EUR 87.7 billion EUR in the entire EMEA region (Europe, Middle East & Africa) in 2024 (previous year: USD 70.8 billion or EUR 64.1 billion), corresponding to a market share of 34% in inflows. In contrast, BAMDE recorded net outflows. This is explained by the different product offerings of the BAMDE ETF platform, which focuses primarily on European and German equities, compared to the Irish platform, which tracks global and tech indices.

The range of iShares ETFs currently comprises 733 share classes admitted for sale in Germany. This gives investors in this country easy and diversified access to a variety of global markets and asset classes. Around one tenth (65) of these exchange-traded share classes are set up in Germany and can be recognized by the "(DE)" in the fund name.

As of 30 April 2025, the volume of German funds under management was USD 64.0 billion or EUR 56.3 billion. The volume of the 22 sub-funds of iShares (DE) I Investment Stock Company with sub-funds was USD 12.8 billion or EUR 11.3 billion on the same date. This Annual Report provides you with detailed information about the performance of our index funds.

Economic output in Germany is likely to have increased slightly in the first quarter of 2025, but could suffer a setback in the second quarter. In the first quarter of 2025, real gross domestic product (GDP) is likely to have risen slightly after seasonal adjustment, following a decline in the previous quarter. This is suggested by the recent increase in industrial and construction output. Service providers are also likely to have expanded their activity somewhat, possibly buoyed by slightly higher private consumption. Real sales in the retail trade, for instance, continued to rise in January and February. However, the underlying cyclical trend remains weak overall. While demand in the construction industry has already recovered from a very depressed level, domestic and foreign demand for German industrial products has remained sluggish. Low capacity utilisation in industry is weighing on firms' propensity to invest. The labour market is weakening and dampening consumer sentiment.

In March, there were positive signals from business sentiment. The ifo business climate index rose markedly and on a broad front. Business expectations, in particular, brightened. In addition, the S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index for March was above the expansion threshold in both the services and manufacturing sectors. However, the much more expansionary future fiscal policy stance, which is on the cards following the amendments to Germany's Basic Law, is likely to have been a major factor in this. Yet a certain time lag is expected before fiscal policy has any major supporting effect on economic output.

In the short term, meanwhile, there is a risk of additional headwind for the export industry as a result of US tariff policy. The recent developments and the resulting strong responses in the financial markets were not yet reflected in the March sentiment indicators. The S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index fell markedly in April. From today's perspective, economic output is expected, overall, to decline again in the second quarter.

Since the start of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against the sovereign neighbouring state of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, economic sanctions against Russia, which had already been in place since 2014, have been significantly expanded. In addition to the European Union, these were also issued by other international organizations as well as nation states, such as the United Kingdom, Norway or Switzerland against companies, individuals or officials. The sanctions are supplemented by further decrees and regulatory measures which, among other things, have significantly restricted trading in Russian securities. The long-term consequences of the conflict are difficult to assess at this point in time. The iShares funds of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG (including TGVs) had no direct exposure to Russian or Ukrainian securities as of the reporting date.

With its broad product range geared to investor and market interests, the company sees itself well-positioned to compete, even though increasing competitive pressure is being felt, partly as a result of the market entry of further and in some cases large competitors, which is increasing the pressure on margins in the asset management industry. In order to maintain the Company's position in the future despite increasing competition in the ETF market, a large number of customer group-specific and individual sales activities are planned.

Institutional and private investors do not just value iShares ETFs as components of their portfolios for implementing their own investment ideas. As the funds become more widespread, the demand for ETF-based insurance solutions, ETF savings schemes and asset management products based on ETFs also grows. In this context, we have worked with partners to design models that offer suggestions for suitable asset allocations for investor types with different risk/reward profiles. In the reporting period, this included developing model portfolios for banks, various online brokers, and providers of digital asset management services, commonly known as robo-advisors. In the European ETF market, iShares is still excellently positioned as a provider from the onset. We continue to invest in excellent service and products that meet our customers' needs. We intend to further extend our market leadership by means of continuous and innovative expansion of our offering. The strategic competitive advantages of iShares ETFs include high market liquidity, tight bid/ask spreads, and highly accurate index replication.



#### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR ISHARES ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

For more information, please visit our website www.iShares.de or call us on +49 (0) 89 42729 - 5858.

We would like to thank you for your confidence and look forward to continued partnership and cooperation.

The Board of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG

Dirk Schmitz

Harald Klug

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#### **Fund Management Activity Report**

#### Investment objectives and policies

The investment fund iShares ATX UCITS ETF (DE) is an exchange-traded index fund (ETF) that tracks the performance of the ATX<sup>®</sup> index as closely as possible. The index tracks the 20 largest (by market capitalisation) and most frequently traded Austrian equities listed on the Prime Standard of the Wiener Börse. The product represents market capitalisation based on the current share price and the total number of shares of a company. In order to replicate the index, the investment fund uses a passive investment approach to invest directly in the securities included in the index in accordance with their weighting in the index.

#### Structure of the investment fund with regard to investment objectives and significant changes during the reporting period

The duplication percentage of the fund in comparison with the benchmark index was 100.00% at the end of the reporting period. Inflows during the reporting period were also invested in line with the weighting of the shares in the index. Dividends are accumulated in the fund. The ATX UCITS ETF (DE) investment fund is a distributing fund. Income is distributed after expenses have been offset in the course of interim distributions or, as the case may be, six weeks after the end of the financial year. The realised profits and losses are primarily the result of transactions involving equities that were carried out as a consequence of changes in indices, corporate actions and the redemption of shares.

The index on which the ETF is based is regularly reviewed by the index provider in accordance with the index methodology and any resulting changes to the index (e.g. additions and deletions) are published.

In the reporting year, the fund management's activities focused in particular on implementing these changes in the reporting period or on the reporting date.

In addition, extraordinary index adjustments and changes in the fund due to capital measures were tracked accordingly.

In order to achieve the investment objective of tracking the performance of the ATX® index as closely as possible in the reporting period, fund management pursued an exclusively passive investment approach. Accordingly, as part of the fund management activities affecting this investment fund, no risks were actively managed or entered into.

#### Material risks and events in the reporting period

#### Market price risk

In the period under review, the investment fund was subject to the general and specific market price risk arising from individual stocks. Throughout the reporting period, the investment fund implemented the individual selection of securities within the investment universe prescribed by the provider of the index. This meant that the investment fund was subject to a high absolute market price risk.

#### Currency risk

As prescribed by the index, the investment fund invested in Austrian equities in the reporting period. Therefore there was no currency risk for EUR investors.

#### Credit risk

The management of credit risk for the investment fund is carried out within the risk management system of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG. Due to the existing investment universe of the exchange-traded iShares ETFs, the credit risk is classified as low.

#### Counterparty risk

Counterparty risk for the investment fund is managed within the risk management system of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG. The counterparty risk for the iShares ETFs in this investment fund is classified as low.

#### Liquidity risk

The assets held in the investment fund were liquid at all times, thus the liquidity risk can be regarded as low.

#### Operational risk

Operational risks for the investment fund are managed within the risk management system of BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG. The operational risks of the processes relevant to the investment fund are the subject of regular identification, analysis and monitoring. This is achieved, for example, through the use of instruments such as self-assessment, risk indicators and a loss database.

Business areas or processes which are relevant for this investment fund and which have been outsourced by BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG are subject to an outsourcing controlling process.

The investment fund did not incur any material losses from operational risks in the reporting period.

#### Russian invasion of Ukraine

Since the start of the Russian Federation's invasion of the sovereign neighbouring state of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, economic sanctions against Russia that have already been in place since 2014 have been significantly expanded. In addition to the European Union, these sanctions have also been enacted by other international organisations and nation states, such as the United Kingdom, Norway and Switzerland, against companies, individuals or officials. The sanctions are supplemented by further directives and regulatory measures, which have significantly restricted trading in Russian securities, among other things. The long-term consequences of the conflict are difficult to assess at this time. The investment fund had no direct exposure to Russian or Ukrainian securities as at the reporting date.



#### Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30/04/2025

	Market value	% of Fund-
	in EUR	assets1)
I. Assets	90,519,310.68	100.03
1. Shares	87,361,832.71	96.55
Commercial & service sector	12,231,880.08	13.52
Financial sector	41,693,050.14	46.08
Industrial manufacturing, including the construction industry	7,285,175.30	8.05
Manufacture of industrial raw materials and semi-finished goods	13,295,675.72	14.69
Supply, disposal	9,295,260.20	10.27
Telecoms	1,965,923.52	2.17
Transport	1,594,867.75	1.76
2. Derivatives	9,035.00	0.01
Forward contracts	9,035.00	0.01
3. Bank accounts	248,375.00	0.27
4. Other assets	2,900,067.97	3.20
II. Liabilities	-31,420.64	-0.03
Other liabilities	-31,420.64	-0.03
III. Fund assets	90,487,890.04	100.00

<sup>1)</sup> Rounding of percentages during the calculation may result in slight rounding differences.



#### Statement of Net Assets as at 30/04/2025

			Units,							
Designation of class of security	ISIN	Market	shares or currency in 1,000s	As at 30/04/2025	Purchases/ Additions in the repo	Sales/ Disposals orting period		Price	Market value in EUR	% of the fund assets <sup>2)</sup>
Securities					·	<i></i>			87,361,832.71	96.55
Exchange-traded securities									87,361,832.71	96.55
Shares									87,361,832.71	96.55
Andritz AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000730007		Units	115,546	93,157	107,484	EUR	63.050	7,285,175.30	8.05
AT&S Austria Techn.&Systemt.AG Inhaber-Aktien	AT0000969985		Units	43,163	35,081	40,428	EUR	14.240	614,641.12	0.68
o.N. BAWAG Group AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000BAWAG2		Units	124,752	100,532	116,000	EUR	96.750	12,069,756.00	13.34
CA Immobilien Anlagen AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000641352		Units	67,611	54,900	63,283	EUR	23.820	1,610,494.02	1.78
CPI Europe AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000A21KS2		Units	66,028	53,505	61,692	EUR	17.400	1,148,887.20	1.27
DO & CO AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000818802		Units	12,203	10,215	11,341	EUR	140.600	1,715,741.80	1.90
Erste Group Bank AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000652011		Units	271,048	280,783	484,301	EUR	59.450	16,113,803.60	17.81
EVN AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000741053		Units	85,650	69,105	79,724	EUR	23.100	1,978,515.00	2.19
Lenzing AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000644505		Units	30,676	24,724	28,495	EUR	27.650	848,191.40	0.94
Mayr-Melnhof Karton AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000938204		Units	15,872	12,777	14,745	EUR	81.400	1,291,980.80	1.43
OMV AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000743059		Units	259,720	209,301	241,503	EUR	45.560	11,832,843.20	13.08
Raiffeisen Bank Intl AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000606306		Units	208,834	168,493	194,386	EUR	23.480	4,903,422.32	5.42
Schoeller-Bleckm. Oilf. Equ.AG Inhaber-Aktien EO	AT0000946652		Units	17,708	14,393	16,665	EUR	31.350	555,145.80	0.61
1 Telekom Austria AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000720008		Units	210,936	170,598	196,751	EUR	9.320	1,965,923.52	2.17
UNIQA Insurance Group AG Inhaber-Stammaktien			Units	196,175	158,781	183,104		10.200	2,000,985.00	2.21
o.N.				•						
Verbund AG Inhaber-Aktien A o.N.	AT0000746409		Units	108,076	87,110	100,511		67.700	7,316,745.20	8.09
Vienna Insurance Group AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000908504		Units	60,948	49,359	56,915		41.900	2,553,721.20	2.82
voestalpine AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000937503		Units	198,372	160,065	184,661		23.160	4,594,295.52	5.08
Wienerberger AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000AD00T4		Units	173,792	142,985	168,520		30.880	5,366,696.96	5.93
Österreichische Post AG Inhaber-Aktien o.N.	AT0000APOST4		Units	53,609	43,547	50,194	EUR	29.750	1,594,867.75	1.76
Derivatives									9,035.00	0.01
(The amounts marked with a minus sign are sold p	oositions.)								0.005.00	0.04
Equity index derivatives									9,035.00	0.01
Receivables/liabilities									0.005.00	0.04
Stock index futures		EDT	Number	78			EUR		<b>9,035.00</b> 9.035.00	0.01
ATX-Index Future (FATX) Juni 25				70			LUK		.,	
Bank Accounts, Unsecuritised Money Market Instru	uments and Money N	varket Fund	IS .						248,375.00	0.27
Bank accounts									248,375.00	0.27
EUR balances  Depository: State Street Bank International GmbH			EUR	248,375.00			%	100.000	<b>248,375.00</b> 248,375.00	0.27
•			LUIX	240,373.00			/0	100.000		
Other assets  Withholding tax reimbursement claims			EUR	2,533,067.97					2,900,067.97	3.20
Initial margin			EUR	367,000.00					2,533,067.97 367,000.00	2.80 0.41
-			LOIK	307,000.00						
Other liabilities  Management fee			EUR	-21,241.65					<b>-31,420.64</b> -21,241.65	<b>-0.03</b> -0.02
Received variation margin			EUR	-8,840.00					-21,241.05	-0.02
Other liabilities			EUR	-0,840.00					-1,338.99	-0.00
Curci liabilities			EUK	-1,330.99						-0.00
Fund assets								EUR	90,487,890.04	100.00
Unit value								EUR	44.14	

2) Rounding of percentages during the calculation may result in slight rounding differences.



Security prices and market prices

The fund assets are valued on the basis of the following market prices:

Derivatives: Closing prices on the respective valuation dates All securities: Closing prices on the respective valuation dates

Market key

a) Futures exchanges

EDT Eurex (Eurex Frankfurt/Eurex Zürich)

Transactions during the reporting period, insofar as these no longer appear in the statement of net assets:

Securities purchases and sales, investment units and bonds (market allocation on the reporting date)

		Units,			
		shares or			
		currency	Purchases/	Sales/	Volume
Designation of class of security	ISIN	in 1,000s	Additions	Disposals	in 1,000

**Derivatives** 

(Option premiums or volume of option transactions implemented in opening transactions, and information on purchases and sales for warrants)

**Futures contracts** 

Stock index futures

Purchased contracts: 17,141

Underlying(s): ATX Austrian Traded Index (EUR)



Profit and Loss Account (incl. Income Adjustment)		
for the period from 01/05/2024 to 30/04/2025  I. Income		
Dividends from foreign issuers (before withholding tax)	EUR	5,097,545.28
2. Interest from domestic liquidity investments	EUR	15,646.75
3. Deduction of foreign withholding tax	EUR	-791,765.36
4. Other income	EUR	53,376.41
Total income	EUR	4,374,803.08
II. Expenses		
Interest from borrowings	EUR	-679.75
2. Management fee	EUR	-270,710.36
3. Other expenses	EUR	-23,529.46
Total expenses	EUR	-294,919.57
III. Ordinary net income	EUR	4,079,883.51
IV. Disposals		
1. Realised gains	EUR	11,750,649.04
2. Realised losses	EUR	-3,530,592.65
Gain/loss on disposals	EUR	8,220,056.39
V. Annual realised results	EUR	12,299,939.90
Net change in unrealised gains	EUR	-84,473.13
2. Net change in unrealised losses	EUR	-79,647.84
VI. Annual unrealised results	EUR	-164,120.97
VII. Result for the financial year	EUR	12,135,818.93

#### Change in Fund Assets

				2024/2025
I. Value of fund assets at the start of the financial year			EUR	97,762,348.88
Distribution for the previous year			EUR	-1,061,729.80
2. Interim distributions			EUR	-3,484,052.25
3. Cash inflow / outflow (net)			EUR	-17,546,970.00
a) Proceeds received from sales of units	EUR	55,229,400.00		
b) Payments for redemption of units	EUR	-72,776,370.00		
4. Income adjustment/cost compensation			EUR	2,682,474.28
5. Result for the financial year			EUR	12,135,818.93
of which unrealised gains	EUR	-84,473.13		
of which unrealised losses	EUR	-79,647.84		
II. Value of fund assets at the end of the financial year			EUR	90,487,890.04



Use of income from the investment fund

Calculation of distribution (total and per unit)		total	per unit
I. Available for distribution	EUR	24,088,928.99	11.75
1. Carryforward from the previous year <sup>3)</sup>	EUR	11,788,989.09	5.75
2. Realised net income for the financial year	EUR	12,299,939.90	6.00
II. Not used for distribution	EUR	-20,009,046.29	-9.76
1. Reinvested	EUR	-6,435,862.78	-3.14
2. Carryforward to new account	EUR	-13,573,183.51	-6.62
III. Total pay-out	EUR	4,079,882.70	1.99
1. Interim distribution	EUR	3,484,052.25	1.70
2. Final year-end distribution	EUR	595,830.45	0.29

<sup>3)</sup> Difference from the previous year because of income adjustment calculated on carryforwards.

#### Comparative overview of the last three financial years

Financial year		Fund assets at the end of the financial year	Unit value
2024/2025	EUR	90,487,890.04	44.14
2023/2024	EUR	97,762,348.88	38.34
2022/2023	EUR	92,904,994.98	35.06
2021/2022	EUR	131,980,174.02	35.19

Notes				
Information pursuant to the German Derivatives Ordinance [Derivateverordnung, DerivateV]:				
Information where derivatives are employed pursuant to Section 37 Para. 1 Derivatives	ateV:			
Level of exposure through derivatives:	EUR	3,197,446.20		
Counterparty to derivatives transactions:				
Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC				
		Market value of securities in EUR		
Total sum in connection with third-party derivatives for collateral:	EUR	0.00		

Securities held in the fund (in %)	96.55%
Portfolio of derivatives in the sub-fund (in %)	0.01%

Pursuant to the Derivatives Ordinance, the utilisation of the market risk ceiling for this investment fund was calculated in accordance with the simple approach.



**Notes** 

Other information

Number of fund units in circulation and value of a fund unit on the reporting date pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 1 of the German Capital Investment Accounting and Valuation Ordinance (KARBV)

Unit value EUR 44.14
Units in circulation Units 2,050,000

#### Information on the valuation process for assets pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 2 KARBV

The valuation of assets generally took place during the financial year and at the balance sheet date on the basis of the last traded stock exchange price.

Assets not admitted for trading on stock exchanges nor admitted to another regulated market or included in such market, or for which no tradable value is available, are valued at current market values, which shall be assessed with due care using appropriate valuation models and taking into consideration current market conditions.

Derivatives admitted for trading on a stock exchange or another regulated market are valued at the closing price on the relevant valuation date.

Money in bank accounts and existing receivables are valued at their current nominal value. Existing liabilities are reported at the amounts payable.

#### Information on transparency and the total expense ratio (TER) pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 KARBV

Total expense ratio pursuant to Section 101 Para. 2 KAGB: 0.33%.

The total expense ratio expresses all costs and payments (not including transaction costs) borne by the investment fund during the year in relation to the average net asset value of the investment fund's assets.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of investment, a fixed fee of 0.30% p.a. based on the average net asset value and payable to the Investment Management Company has been agreed for the investment fund. This fixed fee covers services rendered by the Company, in particular the expenses of the depository, costs of legally required printing, mailings and publications associated with the investment fund, and for the auditing of the annual report. Of this amount, 0.0239% p.a. is due to the depository based on the average net asset value, and 0.0536% p.a. to third parties (printing and publication expenses, auditing and miscellaneous costs). The Company does not pay any fees to brokers.

The following expenses are not included in the fixed fee:

- a) Expenses resulting from the purchase and sale of assets (transaction costs);
- b) Customary bank custody fees, including the customary bank charges for the custody of foreign securities abroad and related taxes, if applicable:
- c) Expenses related to day-to-day account management;
- d) Expenses incurred in the assertion and enforcement of the legal claims of the investment fund; and
- e) Expenses for providing information to investors of the investment fund by means of a durable medium, with the exception of expenses for providing information in the case of fund mergers.

Details of the fee structure are provided in the current investment conditions.

#### Expenses paid and repayments received pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 c) KARBV

In the reporting period from 01/05/2024 to 30/04/2025, the Investment Management Company BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG received no repayment of fees or reimbursement of expenses paid from the investment fund to the depository or to third parties for the investment fund iShares ATX UCITS ETF (DE).

#### Information concerning other income and other expenses pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 e) KARBV

Other income amounting to EUR 53,376.41 is broken down as follows:

a) Income from withholding tax refunds/claims: EUR 552.84 b) Interest credits for Focus Bank reimbursement EUR 52,823.57 Other expenses amounting to EUR 23,529.46 is broken down as follows:

a) Safekeeping fees: EUR 16,882.20 b) Other expenditure: EUR 6,647.26

#### Information concerning transaction costs pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 f) KARBV

The transaction costs pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 f) KARBV paid during the reporting period totalled EUR 13,254.18.

Transaction costs take into account all costs that were separately recognised or invoiced for the account of the investment fund and that are in direct connection with the purchase or sale of assets.

The share of the securities transactions executed during the period under review for account of the investment fund through brokers that are closely affiliated companies and persons was 0.00%. Their total amount was EUR 0.00.



#### Index fund information pursuant to Section 16 Para. 2 KARBV

Tracking error level at the end of the reporting period pursuant to Section 16 Para. 2 No. 1 KARBV Annual tracking difference level

1.80 percentage points4.62 percentage points

The ATX® price index recorded a performance of 15.14% in the reporting period. Taking into account costs, distributions and taxes, iShares ATX UCITS ETF (DE) recorded a performance of 19.76% during the same period.



#### Information on staff remuneration pursuant to Section 101 Para. 4 KAGB

The below disclosures are made in respect of the remuneration policies of the BlackRock group ("BlackRock"), as they apply to BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG ("BAMDE"). The disclosures are made in accordance with the Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities ("UCITS"), as amended, including in particular by Directive 2021/2261/EU of the European Parliament and of the council of 15 December 2021, (the "Directive"), and the "Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive" issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

BlackRock's UCITS Remuneration Policy (the "UCITS Remuneration Policy") will apply to the UK and EU entities within the BlackRock group authorised as a manager of UCITS funds in accordance with the Directive and will ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 14b of the Directive.

The UCITS Remuneration Policy remains under regular review and is updated as required to ensure compliance with all regulatory obligations. The UCITS Remuneration Policy was last reviewed in February 2024 where no material changes were made.

The implementation of the UCITS Remuneration Policy is subject to annual independent review to ensure that the implementation is consistent with the policy, with the requirements of the Directives, as applicable, and that remuneration practices are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by the Management Development and Compensation Committee ("MDCC") (which is the global, independent remuneration committee for BlackRock, Inc.) and the BAMDE Management Board. The last review in 2024 did not identify any issues.

BlackRock operates a total remuneration model including a base salary that forms a sufficiently high proportion of employees' total remuneration.

BlackRock also operates an annual discretionary bonus scheme. In determining specific individual remuneration amounts, a number of factors are considered including non-financial goals and objectives and overall financial and investment performance.

Discretionary bonus awards for all employees are subject to a guideline that determines the portion paid in cash and the portion granted in BlackRock, Inc. stock and subject to additional vesting/clawback conditions. The portion deferred into stock vests into three equal instalments over the three years following grant.

#### Quantitative Remuneration Disclosure

BAMDE is required under the Directive to make quantitative disclosures of remuneration. These disclosures are made in line with BlackRock's interpretation of currently available regulatory guidance on quantitative remuneration disclosures. As market or regulatory practice develops BlackRock may consider it appropriate to make changes to the way in which quantitative remuneration disclosures are calculated. Where such changes are made, this may result in disclosures in relation to a fund not being comparable to the disclosures made in the prior year, or in relation to other BlackRock fund disclosures in that same year. BlackRock bases its proportionality approach on a combination of factors that it is entitled to take into account under the relevant guidelines.

Remuneration information at the level of the individual funds is not readily available, would not be relevant or reliable. Disclosures are made in relation to (a) the employees of BAMDE; (b) employees who are members of the management; (c) employees who have the ability to materially influence the risk profile the risk profile of the fund; and (d) employees of companies to whom the portfolio management and risk management have been formally outsourced.

All individuals included in the aggregated figures disclosed are rewarded in line with BlackRock's remuneration policy for their responsibilities across the relevant BlackRock business area. As all individuals have a number of areas of responsibilities, only the portion of remuneration for those individuals' services attributable to BAMDE is included in the aggregate figures disclosed.

Members of staff and senior management of BAMDE typically provide both UCITS and non-UCITS related services in respect of multiple funds, clients and functions of BAMDE and across the broader BlackRock group. Conversely, members of staff and senior management of the broader BlackRock group may provide both UCITS and non-UCITS related services in respect of multiple funds, clients and functions of the broader BlackRock group and of BAMDE. Therefore, the figures disclosed are a sum of individual's portion of remuneration attributable to BAMDE according to an objective apportionment methodology which acknowledges the multiple-service nature of BAMDE and the broader BlackRock group. Accordingly, the figures are not representative of any individual's actual remuneration or their remuneration structure.

The amount of the total remuneration awarded to the BAMDE staff in respect of the BAMDE's financial year ending 31 December 2024 was EUR 3,649k. This figure is comprised of fixed remuneration of EUR 3,236k and variable remuneration of EUR 413k. There was a total of 26 beneficiaries of the remuneration described above.

The amount of the aggregate remuneration awarded by the BAMDE in respect of the BAMDE's financial year ending 31 December 2024, to its senior management was nil and to other members of its staff whose actions potentially have a material impact on the risk profile of the BAMDE or its funds was EUR 483k. These figures relate to the entire BAMDE and not to the Fund.

The amount of the total remuneration awarded to the staff of the delegate(s) to whom the BAMDE has delegated investment management functions in respect of the BAMDE's financial year ending 31 December 2024 was EUR 2,926k. This figure is comprised of fixed remuneration of EUR 1,240k and variable remuneration of EUR 1,686k. There was a total of 3,873 beneficiaries of the remuneration described above. These figures were provided by the respective delegate(s).

The BAMDE does not pay any remuneration directly from the Fund to staff of the delegate(s).



#### Additional Information

#### Information pursuant to Section 101 Para. 2 No. 5 German Investment Code (KAGB)

In fulfilling the requirement to implement the second shareholders' rights directive, which came into force on 1 January 2020, we report the following pursuant to Section 134c Para. 4 German Stock Corporation Act (AktG):

#### 1) Significant medium to long-term risks:

With regard to the medium to long-term risks of the fund, we refer to the details in the Activity Report. The risks described in the Activity Report are related to the past, but we do not expect any change in the risk assessment presented there in the medium to long term.

#### 2) Portfolio composition, portfolio turnover and portfolio turnover costs:

With regard to the composition of the portfolio, we refer to the Statement of Net Assets. The portfolio turnover can also be found in the Statement of Net Assets and details on "Transactions during the reporting period, insofar as these no longer appear in the assets listed". The portfolio turnover costs can be found under "Information on transparency and the total expense ratio (TER) pursuant to Section 16 Para. 1 No. 3 KARBV".

#### 3) The consideration of the medium to long-term performance of the company in the investment decision:

The investment objectives and investment policy of the fund are set out in the Activity Report. The fund tracks the performance of the underlying index as closely as possible, such that the medium to long-term performance of the respective companies is not a primary criterion for investment decisions.

#### 4) Use of proxy advisors:

BlackRock did not follow the voting recommendations of a single proxy advisor although BlackRock has contractual relationships with two proxy advisors. Our analysis of voting and our engagement is determined by several pieces of information, including a company's own disclosures and our records of past engagements.

### 5) Handling securities lending and handling conflicts of interest in the context of participation in companies, in particular by the exercise of shareholders' rights

The fund did not engage in securities lending during the financial year 2024/2025. Conflicts of interest are identified and monitored.

#### Further information necessary for understanding the report pursuant to Section 7 No. 9 d) KARBV

#### Explanation of the calculation of net change in unrealised gains and losses

Determination of net change in unrealised gains and losses takes place by means of comparing, in each financial year, the valuations of assets included in the unit price with the relevant historical purchase prices, the level of the positive differences in the sum of unrealised gains included, the level of the negative differences in the sum of unrealised losses included and by determining the net changes from a comparison of the sum totals at the end of the financial year with those at the beginning.

### Information pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Taxonomy Regulation) and pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Disclosure Regulation)

The Fund does not meet the criteria for Article 8 or 9 products under the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") and the investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The Investment Manager has access to a range of data sources, including principal adverse indicator ("PAI") data, when making decisions on the selection of investments. However, whilst BlackRock considers ESG risks for all portfolios and these risks may coincide with environmental or social themes associated with the PAIs, unless stated otherwise in the prospectus, each/the Fund does not commit to considering PAIs in driving the selection of their investments.

#### Additional notes in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on securities financing transactions

In the period under review, no transactions as defined by Article 3 (11) and (18) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 were carried out, i.e. securities financing transactions or total return swaps.

Munich, 19 August 2025

BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG (KVG)

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT FOR ISHARES ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### To BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich

#### **Audit Opinion**

We have audited the annual report pursuant to § [Article] 7 KARBV [Kapitalanlage-Rechnungslegungs- und -Bewertungsverordnung: Capital Investment Accounting and Valuation Ordinance] of the investment fund iShares ATX UCITS ETF (DE) – which comprise of the activity report for the financial year from 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025, the statement of assets and liabilities and the statement of net assets as at 30 April 2025, the statement of income and expenses, the use of income statement, the statement of change in fund assets for the financial year from 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025, as well as the comparative overview of the last three financial years, the statement of transactions concluded during the reporting period to the extent that these are no longer subject of the statement of net assets, and the notes.

In our opinion, on the basis of the knowledge obtained in the audit, the accompanying annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV complies, in all material respects, with the requirements of the German Capital Investment Code [Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch: KAGB] and the applicable European regulations and enables to obtain a comprehensive view of the actual circumstances of the investment fund and its developments in compliance with these requirements.

#### Basis for the Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit of the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV in accordance with § 102 KAGB in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Our responsibilities under those requirements and principles are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Report Pursuant to § 7 KARBV" section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG, Munich, (hereafter the "Investment Management Company") in accordance with the requirements of German commercial and professional law, and we have fulfilled our other German professional responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV.

#### Other Information

The executive directors of the Investment Management Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the parts of the publication "Annual Report", which we obtained prior to the date of our auditor's report – excluding cross-references to external information – with the exception of the audited annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV and our auditor's report.

Our audit opinion on the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV does not cover the other information, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion or any other form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit, our responsibility is to read the other information mentioned above and, in so doing, to consider whether the other information

- is materially inconsistent with the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV or with our knowledge obtained in the audit, or
- otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

#### Responsibilities of the Executive Directors for the Annual Report pursuant to § 7 KARBV

The executive directors of the Investment Management Company are responsible for the preparation of the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV that complies, in all material respects, with the requirements of the German KAGB and the applicable European regulations and that the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV enables to obtain a comprehensive view of the actual circumstances of the investment fund and its developments in compliance with these requirements. In addition, the executive directors are responsible for such internal control as they, in accordance with these requirements, have determined necessary to enable the preparation of an annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud (i.e., fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets) or error.

In preparing the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV, the executive directors are responsible for including events, decisions and factors that may materially impact the further development of the investment fund in their reporting. This means, among other things, that the executive directors must assess the continuation of the investment fund when preparing the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV and are responsible for disclosing matters related to the going concern of the investment fund, if relevant.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Report pursuant to § 7 KARBV

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, as well as to issue an auditor's report that includes our audit opinion on the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with § 102 KAGB in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) will always detect a material misstatement. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT FOR ISHARES ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

We exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an audit opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of the Investment Management Company or the arrangements and measures.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used for the preparation of the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV by the executive directors of the Investment Management Company and the reasonableness of estimates made by the executive directors and related disclosures.
- Conclude on whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the continuation of the investment fund, based on the audit evidence obtained. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our audit opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause that the investment fund is not continued.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV, including the disclosures, and whether the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV presents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that the annual report pursuant to § 7 KARBV enables to obtain a comprehensive view of the actual circumstances of the investment fund and its developments in accordance with the requirements of the German KAGB and the applicable European regulations.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Munich, 20 August 2025

**PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH** Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Simon Boßhammer German Public Auditor [Wirtschaftsprüfer] p.p. Arndt Herdzina German Public Auditor [Wirtschaftsprüfer]



#### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ISHARES ATX UCITS ETF (DE)

#### **General Information**

#### **Management Company**

BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG Lenbachplatz 1 80333 Munich

Share capital as at 31/12/2024: 5 Mio. EUR Liable equity as at 31/12/2024: 67.07 Mio. EUR

#### Shareholder

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited

#### Management

Dirk Schmitz Chairman of the Management Board Munich

Harald Klug Member of the Management Board Munich

Peter Scharl Member of the Management Board Munich

Maika Jahn\* Member of the Management Board Munich

#### **Supervisory Board**

Michael Rüdiger (Chairman) independent member of supervisory boards and boards of foundations Utting am Ammersee

Jane Sloan (Deputy Chairwoman)
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#### **Auditor**

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