

# iShares MSCI EAFE ETF

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### Annual Shareholder Report — July 31, 2024



This annual shareholder report contains important information about iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (the “Fund”) for the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the Fund at [blackrock.com/fundreports](https://blackrock.com/fundreports). You can also request this information by contacting us at 1-800-iShares (1-800-474-2737).

#### What were the Fund costs for the last year?

(based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

Fund name	Costs of a \$10,000 investment	Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	\$34	0.32%

#### How did the Fund perform last year?

- Slowing inflationary pressures and hopes of interest rate cuts drove global equities higher for the reporting period.
- The European Central Bank cut its primary lending rate by 0.25% in June while the Bank of Japan exited its zero-interest rate policy that it had held since 2016, raising its short-term policy rate to 0.25%.
- Market sentiment swung late in the period, shifting away from information technology stocks amid growing uncertainty about economic growth, geopolitics, and the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

#### What contributed to performance?

Japanese equities, which comprise about 23% of the Fund on average, contributed the most to the Fund's return during the reporting period. Japan's stock market accelerated to new highs during the reporting period, helped by ongoing corporate reforms and the Bank of Japan ending its negative interest rate policy. This interest rate increase helped Japanese banks increase lending profits and net interest margins (the difference between interest revenue and interest expenses of a financial firm). In the United Kingdom, which comprises about 15% of the Fund on average, the financials sector was helped by solid lending income attributed to higher interest rates.

#### What detracted from performance?

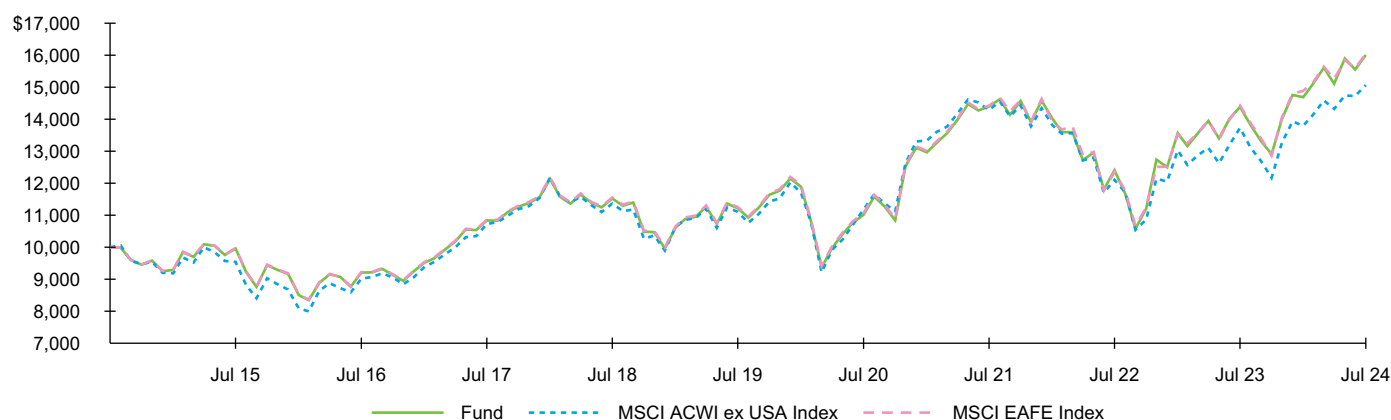
Hong Kong stocks suffered from malaise related to economic weakness in China during the reporting period. As a special administrative region of China, many stocks are dual listed in Hong Kong and China and are more susceptible to China's recent economic slowdown and regulatory scrutiny. Hong Kong's financials sector was particularly impacted by slowing Chinese growth, while slumping property values hindered the real estate sector.

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#### Fund performance

Cumulative performance: August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2024

Initial investment of \$10,000



See “Average annual total returns” for additional information on fund performance.

Average annual total returns			
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Fund NAV .....	11.27%	7.37%	4.82%
Fund Market .....	11.22	7.52	4.87
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index .....	9.75	6.29	4.18
MSCI EAFE Index .....	11.21	7.36	4.84

The Fund has added the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index in response to new regulatory requirements.

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## What did the Fund invest in?

(as of July 31, 2024)

Sector allocation	
Sector	Percent of Total Investments <sup>(a)</sup>
Financials .....	20.4%
Industrials .....	17.1
Health Care .....	13.7
Consumer Discretionary .....	11.1
Information Technology .....	9.1
Consumer Staples .....	8.6
Materials .....	6.6
Communication Services .....	4.1
Energy .....	4.0
Utilities .....	3.2
Real Estate .....	2.1

<sup>(a)</sup> Excludes money market funds.

# Ten largest country/geographic regions are presented. Additional country/geographic regions are found in Other.

Country/Geographic allocation	
Country/Geographic Region	Percent of Total Investments <sup>(a)</sup>
Japan .....	23.3%
United Kingdom .....	15.1
France .....	11.2
Switzerland .....	9.9
Germany .....	8.6
Australia .....	7.4
Netherlands .....	5.0
Denmark .....	3.7
Sweden .....	3.2
Italy .....	2.7
Other <sup>#</sup> .....	9.9

## Additional Information

If you wish to view additional information about the Fund, including but not limited to financial statements, the Fund's prospectus, and proxy voting policies and procedures, please visit [blackrock.com/fundreports](https://www.blackrock.com/fundreports). For proxy voting records, visit [blackrock.com/proxyrecords](https://www.blackrock.com/proxyrecords).

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