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1 August 2023

To:

Shareholders of iShares Digital Entertainment and Education UCITS ETF (the "Fund")

ISIN(s): IE00023EZQ82

Dear Shareholder,

The Directors of iShares IV plc (the "Company") wish to advise you that the index tracking

investment strategy (and therefore the investment policy) of the Fund will be changed (as

described below) with effect on or around the 15 August 2023 (the "Effective Date").

The change being made will not have a material adverse effect on the manner in which your

investment is managed. You are not required to do anything as a result of this notification.

A new version of the Company's prospectus and Key Investor Information Document (KIID) or

Key Information Document (KID) as applicable will be published on or around the Effective

Date, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Ireland and will be available on

www.ishares.com. Shareholders should please refer to the Company's prospectus for full

details of the change covered in this letter.

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iShares IV public limited company Registered Office: 200 Capital Dock, 79 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, D02 RK57, Ireland. Changes to the Fund's Index tracking investment strategy

The Fund currently follows a non-replicating investment strategy. This means that the Fund

may, or may not hold every security or the exact concentration of a security in the STOXX

Global Digital Entertainment and Education Index, (the "Benchmark Index") (and may use

optimisation techniques to achieve its investment objective) but will aim to track the

Benchmark Index as closely as possible.

The Company's investment manager has advised that should the Fund continue to follow a

non-replicating investment strategy, it could be at risk of being unable to hold the full

weighting of constituents in the Benchmark Index which would consequently increase the

Fund's tracking error against the performance of its Benchmark Index.

The Fund's index tracking investment strategy will therefore be changed to a replicating

investment strategy which will allow the Fund to replicate as closely as possible the

composition of the Benchmark Index and permit the Fund to avail of higher investment limits

disclosed in Schedule III of the Company's prospectus with effect on or around the Effective

Date.

The Directors believe that this change to the investment strategy of the Fund is in the best

interests of Shareholders in the Fund.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on

the index provider's website at https://www.stoxx.com/indices.

Please refer to the Schedule of this letter for details of how the investment policy of the Fund

will be amended as a result of this change.

**Costs** 

There is not expected to be any transaction costs borne by the Sub-Fund associated with the

change of investment strategy.

**Further information** 

Please contact info@ishares.com if you have any queries concerning the change to the
Company.
Yours faithfully

Director

for and on behalf of iShares IV plc

William Mylechina

## **Appendix**

Proposed amendments to the investment objective and policy and benchmark description of the Fund subject to any changes as may be approved by the Central Bank of Ireland are highlighted below in bold, underlined text:

## **Current Investment Objective and Benchmark Description**

## Proposed Investment Objective and Benchmark Description (changes in bold and underlined)

In order to achieve this investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as possible and practicable consists of component securities of the STOXX Global Digital Entertainment and Education Index. the Fund's Benchmark Index. The Fund intends to use optimisation techniques in order to achieve a similar return to Benchmark Index and it is therefore not expected that the Fund will hold each and every underlying constituent of the Benchmark Index at all times or hold them in the same proportion as their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the

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Benchmark Index where such securities provide similar performance (with matching risk profile) to certain securities that make up the Benchmark Index. However, from time to time the Fund may hold all constituents of the Benchmark Index.

It is intended that the Fund's direct investments will, at the time of with purchase, comply the environmental, social and governance ("ESG") requirements of the Fund's Benchmark Index. The Fund may continue to hold securities which no comply ESG longer with the requirements of the Fund's Benchmark Index until such time as the relevant securities cease to form part of the Benchmark Index and it is possible and practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the position.

For the purposes of complying with AMF ESG Rules, the minimum proportion of the net assets of the Fund, excluding Cash Holdings and daily dealing money market collective investment schemes, that are rated or

## exceptional market conditions apply (as set out in section 4 of Schedule III).

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For the purposes of complying with AMF ESG Rules, the minimum proportion of the net assets of the Fund, excluding Cash Holdings and daily dealing money market collective investment schemes, that are rated or analysed in accordance with the ESG criteria of the Benchmark Index shall, where an issuer is from (i) developed

analysed in accordance with the ESG criteria of the Benchmark Index shall, where an issuer is from (i) developed markets (as defined by the index provider) be 90%, and (ii) emerging markets (as defined by the index provider) be 75%. For FDI, any such analyses will apply only to the underlying securities. As a result of the application of the ESG criteria of the Benchmark Index, the weighted average environmental rating of the Fund will be higher than the Parent Index (as defined below).

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