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6th February 2024

**To:** Shareholders of iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF (the "Fund") ISIN(s):IE00BQT3WG13, IE00099GAJC6

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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (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.

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 <a href="https://www.ishares.com">www.ishares.com</a>. Shareholders should please refer to the Company's prospectus for full details of the change covered in this letter.

### 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 MSCI China A Inclusion 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 is aware that the Fund is often purchased by clients to be used as a building block for MSCI Emerging Markets investors. As such, the investment manager has endeavoured to follow a fully replicating approach, and

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no longer feels there is a need for the flexibility of an optimising strategy. The investment manager considers that it would be more appropriate for the Fund to be classified as following a replicating strategy. There would be no immediate impact to the Fund as it is already replicating the Benchmark Index as closely as possible.

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.

Further details regarding the Benchmark Index (including its constituents) are available on the index provider's website at <a href="https://www.msci.com/constituents">https://www.msci.com/constituents</a>. 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 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

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### **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)

### Investment Policy

In order to achieve its investment objective, the investment policy of the Fund is to invest in a portfolio of equity securities that as far as possible and practicable consist of the component securities of the MSCI China A Inclusion Index, this Fund's Benchmark Index. The Fund intends to use optimisation techniques in order to achieve a similar return to the 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 to their weightings in the Benchmark Index. The Fund may hold some securities which are not underlying constituents of the 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 of the constituents of the Benchmark Index.

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