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**To: Shareholders of iShares FTSE Italia Mid-Small Cap UCITS ETF (ISIN: IE00BF5LJ058) (the “Sub-fund”)**

**Re: Closure of the Sub-fund**

17/07/2024

Dear Shareholder,

The board of directors of iShares VII plc (the “Board of Directors” or “Directors”) hereby informs the shareholders of the Sub-fund (the “Shareholders”) of the following:

BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited (the “Investment Manager”) continually reviews all fund range to ensure that the investment characteristics and positioning of our funds remain both relevant and consistent with the current investment environment and expectations of our clients. The Board of Directors has been informed by the Investment Manager that the net asset value of the Sub-fund has fallen below the minimum amount considered to be commercially viable and it is not expected to raise subscriptions in the near future. After careful consideration, the Directors have decided to close the Sub-Fund and in accordance with the Prospectus will compulsorily redeem all participating shares of the Sub-fund.

It is intended to close the Sub-fund in accordance with the procedure set out below. The relevant dates are specified in the Appendix to this letter.

1. The “Final Exchange Trading Date” will be the last day of trading of the Sub-fund’s shares on the relevant stock exchanges.
2. The “Final Dealing Date” will be the last day on which applications for subscriptions and redemptions for shares in the Sub-fund may be made.
3. The “Compulsory Redemption Date” is the date on which any remaining shareholdings in the Sub-fund that have not been redeemed on or prior to the Final Dealing Date will be compulsorily redeemed.

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4. The “Expected Delisting Date” is the expected effective date of the cancellation of admission to, and listing of the shares in the Sub-fund on, the relevant stock exchanges.
5. The “Expected Settlement Date” is the expected date on which the net proceeds from the realisation of the Sub-fund’s respective assets as at the Compulsory Redemption Date will be distributed to the Shareholders.
6. The withdrawal of the authorisation of the Sub-fund by the Central Bank of Ireland will take place at a point after the Compulsory Redemption Date and Expected Delisting Date.

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## Compulsory redemption

**If you are still a Shareholder in the Sub-fund on the Compulsory Redemption Date, your shares will be automatically redeemed. The assets of the Sub-fund will be liquidated in order to return the proceeds of your investment to you.**

Settlement times as disclosed in the Appendix will apply instead of the normal settlement times.

If you do not wish for your shares to be automatically redeemed on the Compulsory Redemption Date, you can redeem your shares in the Sub-fund at any time up to and including the Final Dealing Date in accordance with the normal Sub-fund redemption procedures as set out in the Sub-fund's prospectus.

Please note that, at the current size, the ability to meet the investment objective of the Sub-fund may be compromised and there will be an increased risk of tracking error between the Sub-fund and its benchmark index.

You may also wish to acquire an alternative iShares or other BlackRock fund. If you would like further information, please contact iShares using the details below. Shareholders should seek their own advice as to the suitability of any alternative investment option.

## Costs of closure

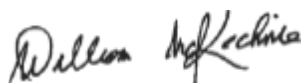
The additional costs incurred by the Sub-fund for closing the Sub-fund will be paid by BlackRock. The Sub-fund's normal operating costs and transaction costs (including redemption costs on the Sub-fund's investments) will continue to be borne by the Sub-fund and its respective shareholders.

## Tax consequences

Shareholders should note that the above options may represent a disposal of shares for tax purposes in certain jurisdictions. This will depend on your individual circumstances. If you are in any doubt as to the tax consequences of your actions you should contact your financial or tax adviser.

If you have any queries, please contact iShares on [info@ishares.com](mailto:info@ishares.com) or 0845 357 7000, or your usual iShares representative

Yours faithfully



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Director  
For and on behalf of iShares VII plc

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## APPENDIX

### Important Dates

Final Exchange Trading Date	Final Dealing Date	Compulsory Redemption Date	Expected Delisting Date	Expected Settlement Date <sup>1</sup>
Monday 19 August 2024	Tuesday 20 August 2024	Wednesday 21 August 2024	Friday 23 August 2024	Friday 30 August 2024

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that since the compulsory redemption is being effected as part of the closure of the Sub-fund the settlement period will be longer than the normal settlement period published in the prospectus. In addition, the expected settlement date may be earlier or later depending upon when the underlying assets are fully realised (but will not exceed the regulatory requirements for settlement).

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