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# **INDICATIVE 2017 FUND DISTRIBUTIONS CALENDAR**

## FOR RELEASE TO ALL FUNDS LISTED BELOW

ASX has granted each of iShares, Inc. and iShares Trust (the "Companies") a waiver from certain ASX Settlement Operating Rules in respect of anticipated distributions for each of the funds of the Companies quoted on ASX ("the Funds"), listed in the table below.

| ASX Code | Issuer        | Fund                                |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| IRU      | iShares Trust | iShares Russell 2000 ETF            |
| IJH      | iShares Trust | iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF             |
| IJR      | iShares Trust | iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF           |
| IVV      | iShares Trust | iShares S&P 500 ETF                 |
| IBK      | iShares, Inc. | iShares MSCI BRIC ETF               |
| IEM      | iShares, Inc. | iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF   |
| IHK      | iShares, Inc. | iShares MSCI Hong Kong ETF          |
| IJP      | iShares Trust | iShares MSCI Japan ETF              |
| IKO      | iShares, Inc. | iShares MSCI South Korea Capped ETF |
| ISG      | iShares, Inc. | iShares MSCI Singapore Capped ETF   |
| ITW      | iShares, Inc. | iShares MSCI Taiwan Capped ETF      |
| IVE      | iShares Trust | iShares MSCI EAFE ETF               |
| IAA      | iShares Trust | iShares Asia 50 ETF                 |
| IEU      | iShares Trust | iShares Europe ETF                  |
| 100      | iShares Trust | iShares Global 100 ETF              |
| IXI      | iShares Trust | iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF |
| IXJ      | iShares Trust | iShares Global Healthcare ETF       |
| IXP      | iShares Trust | iShares Global Telecom ETF          |
| IZZ      | iShares Trust | iShares China Large-Cap ETF         |

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The waivers were granted in anticipation of future distributions which may be declared by the Companies as per the attached indicative distributions calendar and CDI issuance/cancellation deferral schedule.

The waivers permit each of the Companies to defer processing of CDI conversions between the principal register in the US and the CDI register in Australia, on certain days during the anticipated distribution periods (see details in the attached calendar), so to prevent these registers suffering any misalignment due to time zone and holiday differences.

Until such time as either of the Companies announces a Fund distribution, all dates in the attached calendar remain indicative and are subject to change.

For the avoidance of doubt, deferring processing of CDI conversions will not affect trading in iShares funds quoted on ASX.

The waiver expires on 28 February 2018.

### **DISCLAIMER**

Before investing in an iShares fund, you should carefully consider the appropriateness of such products to your circumstances, read the applicable Australian prospectus and the ASX announcements relating to the iShares fund, and consult an investment adviser.

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# 2017 Australian Indicative Distributions Calendar for International (US Domiciled) iShares ETFs

#### **Quarterly Distributions**

iShares S&P 500 ETF (IVV)

iShares S&P Mid-Cap ETF (IJH)

iShares S&P Small-Cap ETF (IJR)

| Distributions Calendar            | First Quarterly Distribution | Second Quarterly Distribution | Third Quarterly Distribution | Fourth Quarterly Distribution | Potential Additional Distribution |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Announcement Date - United States | 23-Mar-17                    | 26-Jun-17                     | 25-Sep-17                    | 18-Dec-17                     | 27-Dec-17                         |
| Announcement Date - in Australia  | 24-Mar-17                    | 27-Jun-17                     | 26-Sep-17                    | 19-Dec-17                     | 28-Dec-17                         |
| Ex-Date                           | 27-Mar-17                    | 28-Jun-17                     | 27-Sep-17                    | 20-Dec-17                     | 2-Jan-18                          |
| Record Date                       | 28-Mar-17                    | 29-Jun-17                     | 28-Sep-17                    | 21-Dec-17                     | 3-Jan-18                          |
| Fx Date                           | 19-Apr-17                    | 19-Jul-17                     | 18-Oct-17                    | 15-Jan-18                     | 23-Jan-18                         |
| Payment Date                      | 26-Apr-17                    | 25-Jul-17                     | 24-Oct-17                    | 19-Jan-18                     | 29-Jan-18                         |

### **Quarterly Distributions**

iShares Russell 2000 FTF (IRU)

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| Distributions Calendar            | First Quarterly Distribution | Second Quarterly Distribution | Third Quarterly Distribution | Fourth Quarterly Distribution | Potential Additional Distribution |
| Announcement Date - United States | 23-Mar-17                    | 5-Jul-17                      | 25-Sep-17                    | 20-Dec-17                     | 27-Dec-17                         |
| Announcement Date - in Australia  | 24-Mar-17                    | 6-Jul-17                      | 26-Sep-17                    | 21-Dec-17                     | 28-Dec-17                         |
| Ex-Date                           | 27-Mar-17                    | 7-Jul-17                      | 27-Sep-17                    | 22-Dec-17                     | 2-Jan-18                          |
| Record Date                       | 28-Mar-17                    | 7 10-Jul-17                   | 28-Sep-17                    | 27-Dec-17                     | 3-Jan-18                          |
| Fx Date                           | 19-Apr-17                    | 28-Jul-17                     | 18-Oct-17                    | 17-Jan-18                     | 23-Jan-18                         |
| Payment Date                      | 26-Apr-17                    | 3-Aug-17                      | 24-Oct-17                    | 23-Jan-18                     | 29-Jan-18                         |

#### **Semi-Annual Distributions**

iShares Asia 50 ETF (IAA) iShares Global 100 ETF (IOO) iShares China Large-Cap ETF (IZZ)

iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF (IXI)

iShares Global Telecom ETF (IXP)

| iShares Europe ETF (IEU)          | iShares Global Healthcare ETF (IXJ | )                             |                              |                               |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Distributions Calendar            | First Quarterly Distribution       | Second Quarterly Distribution | Third Quarterly Distribution | Fourth Quarterly Distribution | Potential Additional Distribution |
| Announcement Date - United States |                                    | 19-Jun-17                     |                              | 20-Dec-17                     | 27-Dec-17                         |
| Announcement Date - in Australia  |                                    | 20-Jun-17                     |                              | 21-Dec-17                     | 28-Dec-17                         |
| Ex-Date                           |                                    | 21-Jun-17                     |                              | 22-Dec-17                     | 2-Jan-18                          |
| Record Date                       |                                    | 22-Jun-17                     |                              | 27-Dec-17                     | 3-Jan-18                          |
| Fx Date                           |                                    | 12-Jul-17                     |                              | 17-Jan-18                     | 23-Jan-18                         |
| Payment Date                      |                                    | 18-Jul-17                     |                              | 23-Jan-18                     | 29-Jan-18                         |

#### **Semi-Annual Distributions**

iShares MSCI BRIC ETF (IBK) iShares MSCI Hong Kong ETF (IHK) iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (IVE) iShares MSCI Japan ETF (IJP)

iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETE (IEM) iShares MSCI Singapore Canned FTE (ISG)

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| Announcement Date - in Australia          |                                            | 20-Jun-17                     |                              | 19-Dec-17                     | 28-Dec-17                         |
| Ex-Date                                   |                                            | 21-Jun-17                     |                              | 20-Dec-17                     | 2-Jan-18                          |
| Record Date                               |                                            | 22-Jun-17                     |                              | 21-Dec-17                     | 3-Jan-18                          |
| Fx Date                                   |                                            | 12-Jul-17                     |                              | 15-Jan-18                     | 23-Jan-18                         |
| Payment Date                              |                                            | 18-Jul-17                     |                              | 19-Jan-18                     | 29-Jan-18                         |

#### **Annual Distributions**

iShares MSCI South Korea Capped ETF (IKO)

iShares MSCI Taiwan Capped ETF (ITW)

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| Distributions Calendar                | First Quarterly Distribution | Second Quarterly Distribution | Third Quarterly Distribution | Fourth Quarterly Distribution | Potential Additional Distribution |  |
| Announcement Date - United States     |                              |                               |                              | 18-Dec-17                     | 27-Dec-17                         |  |
| Announcement Date - in Australia      |                              |                               |                              | 19-Dec-17                     | 28-Dec-17                         |  |
| Ex-Date                               |                              |                               |                              | 20-Dec-17                     | 2-Jan-18                          |  |
| Record Date                           |                              |                               |                              | 21-Dec-17                     | 3-Jan-18                          |  |
| Fx Date                               |                              |                               |                              | 15-Jan-18                     | 23-Jan-18                         |  |
| Payment Date                          |                              |                               |                              | 19-Jan-18                     | 29-Jan-18                         |  |

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