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[IAU] iShares Gold Trust

Inception date: 1/21/2005

**The iShares Gold Trust is not a standard ETF.** The Trust is not an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or a commodity pool for purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act. Shares of the Trust are not subject to the same regulatory requirements as mutual funds. **Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risk factors and other information included in the prospectus.**

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The iShares Gold Trust ( Trust ) seeks to correspond generally to the day-to-day movement of the price of gold bullion. The objective of the Trust is for the value to reflect, at any given time, the price of gold owned by the Trust at that time, less the expenses and liabilities of the Trust.

**Backed by Physical Gold**

The shares are backed by gold, identified on the custodian's books as property of the Trust and held by the custodian in vaults in the vicinity of New York, Toronto, London and other locations.

**Accessible**

Investors may purchase and sell shares through traditional brokerage accounts. The shares are listed and trade on NYSE Arca and are available to be bought or sold throughout the trading day.

**Cost Efficient**

Shares of the Trust may represent a cost-efficient alternative to investments in gold for investors not otherwise in a position to participate directly in the market for physical gold.

**Transparent**

Price, NAV, and holding amounts of gold are available daily. Vault inspections are conducted twice a year and inspection certificates are available [here](http://us.ishares.com/library/kits/iau_vault_inspection_certificates.htm) (url: http://us.ishares.com/library/kits/iau\_vault\_inspection\_certificates.htm)

**Average Annualized Total Returns (NAV)**

quarterly, as of xx/xx/2010

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	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>	<b>1 Yr.</b>
IAU	x.xx%	x.xx%	x.xx%	x.xx%	x.xx%
Benchmark*	x.xx%	x.xx%	x.xx%	x.xx%	x.xx%

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**Trading Data**

10-Day Average Trading Volume as of xx/xx/2011	x,xxx,xxx
Current Volume *	x,xxx,xxx
Current Price*	\$xx.xx

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Bid/Ask *	\$xx.xx/\$xx.xx
* as of 09/17/2010 04:00 pm ET	
<b>Gold Held and Vault Locations</b>	
Ounces of Gold in Trust as of xx/xx/2011	x,xxx,xxx.xx
Tonnes of Gold in Trust as of xx/xx/2011	xx.xx
<World map with a dot highlighting Toronto, New York and London>	
[title] Diversified Vault Locations	
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<b>Fundamentals</b> as of xx/xx/2011	
Beta Beta	xx.xx
(vs S&P 500)	
Standard Deviation (3 year)	xx.xx%
<b>Premium/Discount</b> as of xx/xx/2011	
Premium/Discount	xx.xx%
Click here for important information about Premium/Discount	
NAV	\$xxxx.xxxx
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Mid-Point	\$xxxx.xxxx
Closing Price	\$xxxx.xxxx
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<b>Profile</b> as of xx/xx/2011	
Total Net Assets	\$xxxxxxxx
Shares Outstanding	xxxxxxxx
Sponsor s Fee	0.25%
Inception Date	1/21/2005
Ounces of Gold in Trust	xxxxxxxx
Tonnes of Gold in Trust	xxx.xxxx
Indicative Basket Gold Amount	xxxxxxxx
Basket Gold Amount	xxxxxxxx
NAV per IAU in Gold	xxxxxxxx
<b>Related Index</b>	GOLDLNPM
Net Asset Value	\$xxxxxxxx
<b>as of xx/xx/2011</b>	xx.xx% \$xx.xx
Price	\$xxxxxxxx
<b>as of xx/xx/2011</b>	xx.xx% \$xx.xx
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### Gold Spot Price

Bid	XXXXXXXX
Ask	XXXXXXXX
Mid	XXXXXXXX
Time	XXXXX

Source: TheBullionDesk.com Time stamp is GMT (Greenwich Mean Time). Click here for Important Disclosure.

### Trading Information

Ticker	IAU
Related Index	GOLDLNPM
NAV	IAU.NV
Underlying Trading Value	IAU.IV
Shares Outstanding	IAU.SO
CUSIP	464285105
<a href="#">[link] Options Available</a>	

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**Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. Because shares of the Trust are created to reflect the price of the gold held by the Trust, the market price of the shares will be as unpredictable as the price of gold has historically been. Additionally, shares of the Trust are bought and sold at market price (not NAV). Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.**

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Following an investment in shares of the Trust, several factors may have the effect of causing a decline in the prices of gold and a corresponding decline in the price of the shares. Among them: (i) Large sales by the official sector. A significant portion of the aggregate world gold holdings is owned by governments, central banks and related institutions. If one or more of these institutions decides to sell in amounts large enough to cause a decline in world gold prices, the price of the shares will be adversely affected. (ii) A significant increase in gold hedging activity by gold producers. Should there be an increase in the level of hedge activity of gold producing companies, it could cause a decline in world gold prices, adversely affecting the price of the shares. (iii) A significant change in the attitude of speculators and investors towards gold. Should the speculative community take a negative view towards gold, it could cause a decline in world gold prices, negatively impacting the price of the shares.

The amount of gold represented by shares of the Trust will decrease over the life of the trust due to sales necessary to pay the sponsor's fee and trust expenses. Without increase in the price of gold sufficient to compensate for that decrease, the price of the shares will also decline, and investors will lose money on their investment. The Trust will have limited duration. The liquidation of the trust may occur at a time when the disposition of the trust's gold will result in losses to investors.

Although market makers will generally take advantage of differences between the NAV and the trading price of Trust shares through arbitrage opportunities, there is no guarantee that they will do so. There is no guarantee an active trading market will develop for the shares, which may result in losses on your investment at the time of disposition of your shares. The value of the shares of the Trust will be adversely affected if gold owned by the trust is lost or damaged in circumstances in which the trust is not in a position to recover the corresponding loss. The Trust is a passive investment vehicle. This means that the value of your shares may be adversely affected by trust losses that, if the trust had been actively managed, might have been possible to avoid.

Shares of the Trust are not deposits or other obligations of or guaranteed by BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliates, and are not insured by the Federal deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency.

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Although shares of the iShares® Gold Trust may be bought or sold on the exchange through any brokerage account, shares of the Trust are not redeemable from the Trust except in large aggregated units called Baskets.

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If you need further information, please feel free to call the Options Industry Council Helpline. They will be able to provide you with balanced options education and tools to assist you with your iShares options questions and trading. The Options Industry Council Helpline phone number is 1-888-Options (1-888-678-4667) and their website is [www.888options.com](http://www.888options.com).

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Certain sectors and markets perform exceptionally well based on current market conditions and the Trust can benefit from that performance. Achieving such exceptional returns involves the risk of volatility and investors should not expect that such results will be repeated.

Net Asset Value (NAV) is determined as specified in the [prospectus](#): based on the value of the London PM Fix on that day. For more information on the London PM Fix price, visit the London Bullion Market Association website [[url: www.lbma.org.uk](http://www.lbma.org.uk)].

The Premium/Discount table presents information about the difference between the daily market price for shares of the Trust and the Trust's net asset value. The market price is determined using the midpoint between the highest bid and the lowest offer on the listing exchange, as of the time that the Trust's NAV is calculated (usually 4:00 p.m. eastern time). The table above shows the premium or discount expressed as a percentage of NAV. Although market makers will generally take advantage of differences between the NAV and the trading price of iShares Trust shares through arbitrage opportunities, there is no guarantee that they will do so.

*Why is there a difference between NAV and Closing Price?* A major reason for the difference is that Timing Discrepancies can exist between the NAV and Closing Price (last trade) reported above. Information is constantly flowing to and among investors, corporations, and financial institutions that affects their outlook on the financial markets and the value of securities. This process, known as Price Discovery, is why market prices change and evolve throughout the trading day. It is important to note that even when markets are closed, the price discovery process continues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

#### *Possible Timing Discrepancies:*

1. **Close of Trading Times:** The NAV of the iShares Trust normally is calculated using prices as of 4:00 p.m. ET. Shares of the Trust normally trade on the NYSE Arca Exchange until 4:15 p.m. ET. Price discovery between 4:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. ET may result in a difference between the NAV and the Closing Price of the Trust.
2. **Time of Last Trade:** Trading generally takes place throughout the normal trading hours for the iShares Trust on the listing exchange. At times, many trades are placed in rapid succession. At other times, little or no trading activity is taking place. It is important to note that the date/time of the last trade (which is recorded as the Closing Price) may not take place at exactly 4:00 p.m. ET when the iShares Trust normally calculates NAV. The date/time of the last trade sometimes may occur before 4:00 p.m. ET or up until 4:15 p.m. ET as discussed above. Thus, ongoing price discovery may result in a deviation between the price recorded as the Closing Price and the NAV of the Trust shares at 4:00 p.m. ET.

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**Total Returns** as of xx/xx/2010

Quarter-End Month-End as of [drop-down] Dec (Q4) 2010

	Total Returns (%)		Market Price Returns (%)
	IAU	Benchmark*	IAU
<b>YTD</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>1 Month</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>3 Month</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>6 Month</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>1 Year</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>3 Years</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>5 Years</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>10 Years</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>Since Inception</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx

Returns are average annualized total returns, except those for periods of less than one year, which are cumulative.

**Annual Returns**

	Total Returns (%)		Market Price Returns (%)
	IAU	Benchmark*	IAU
<b>2009</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>2008</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>2007</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx
<b>2006</b>	xx.xx	xx.xx	xx.xx

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**Fees & Expenses**

Expense Type	Amount
Sponsor's Fee	0.25%

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**Gold Held and Vault Locations**

<World map with a dot highlighting Toronto, New York and London>

[title] Diversified Vault Locations

Ounces of Gold in Trust as of xx/xx/2011

x,xxx,xxx.xx

Tonnes of Gold in Trust as of xx/xx/2011

xx.xx

Gold held by the iShares Gold Trust (IAU) meet standards set by the London Bullion Market Association and/or COMEX. These two organizations set requirements for bar size, the bar markings and fineness of the gold bar.

All gold held in the Trust is secured in vaults in London, New York and Toronto. The trust is audited twice each year by a third-party. Click either of the following links to view the latest vault inspection certificate[link to pdf] or a full inventory of settled gold[link to pdf] in the trust.

**Important note on Trade Date vs. Settlement Date** The amount of gold listed as held by the trust can differ between data displayed on the webpage and the bar list pdf. These differences are due to timing and settlement procedures. The bar list includes settled gold as well as gold that will be redeemed but is pending settlement. The amount of gold displayed on the web page represents the amount of gold in the Trust as of the trade date, regardless of the settlement date.

Bullion Weight List

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1. **Vault** The name of vault.
2. **Vault Location** The location of the vault where the bar of gold is stored.
3. **Total Bars** The number of gold bars held for the trust in the vault.
4. **Gross Ounces** Gross weight of the gold bars expressed in troy ounces. A troy ounce is equal to 1.0971428.
5. **Fine Ounces** The number of total fine troy ounces in the gold bars held in the vault.

Sample Bar List PDF

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1. **Brand** Name of company that refined the bar of gold.
2. **Bar No.** Identifying serial number stamped into the bar.
3. **Shape** Category of standard bar size, generally either 400 troy ounces or 100 troy ounces. Actual gross weight is listed in the column titled Gross Ounces.
- 4.

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**Assay** Measurement of the fineness (or purity) of the gold contained in a particular bar, expressed as the fine metal content in parts per 10,000.

5. **Gross Ounces** Gross weight of the bar of gold expressed in troy ounces. A troy ounce is equal to 1.0971428.
  
6. **Fine Ounces** The number of fine troy ounces in the gold bar. The fine troy ounces are calculated by multiplying the applicable Gross Ounces by the bar's Assay fineness.
  
7. **Vault** The location of the vault where the bar of gold is stored.

iShares ETFs

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