# **Xtrackers USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF**

## Supplement to the Prospectus

This Supplement contains information in relation to Xtrackers USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF (the "Fund"), a sub-fund of Xtrackers (IE) plc (the "Company") an umbrella type open-ended investment company with segregated liability between sub-funds and with variable capital governed by the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank").

This Supplement forms part of, may not be distributed unless accompanied by (other than to prior recipients of the prospectus of the Company dated 15 June 2023, and must be read in conjunction with, the prospectus of the Company (the "Prospectus").

Xtrackers (IE) plc

**Dated 15 June 2023** 

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Fund is an ETF. The Shares of this Fund are fully transferable to investors and will be listed for trading on one or more stock exchanges.

#### TERMS OF THE SHARES REPRESENTING INTERESTS IN THE FUND

## **Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to track the performance before fees and expenses of the Bloomberg US High Yield Very Liquid Index ex 144A (the "Reference Index"). The Reference Index is a subset of the Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index (the "Parent Index"), and is designed to track a more liquid component of the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed rate corporate bond market.

Further information on the Reference Index is contained under "General Description of the Underlying Asset".

### **Investment Policy**

In order to seek to achieve the investment objective, the Fund will adopt a Direct Investment Policy. There is no assurance that the investment objective of the Fund will actually be achieved.

The Fund will aim to replicate or track, before fees and expenses, the performance of the Reference Index by holding a portfolio mainly comprised of USD denominated corporate bonds with a rating of Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below (using the middle rating of Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch, or in accordance with the "General Description of the Reference Index" below) which are predominantly fixed-rate bonds, that comprise all or a representation of the securities comprised in the Reference Index or unrelated transferable securities or other eligible assets (the "Underlying Securities"). The Fund is managed according to a passive approach and is an Optimised Replication Fund (as described in the Prospectus under the heading "Direct Investment Funds following a passive approach"). Full disclosure on the composition of the Fund's portfolio will be available on a daily basis at www.Xtrackers.com. The optimised sample of securities determined will be selected with the aim of providing the most representative sample of the Reference Index based on its evaluation of the Underlying Securities against factors including, but not limited to, the correlation of the Underlying Securities to the Reference Index and the exposure, liquidity and risk of the Underlying Securities.

The Underlying Securities are listed or traded on markets and exchanges which are set out at Appendix I of the Prospectus, with the Underlying Securities being bought by the Fund from any broker or counterparty who trades on the markets and exchanges listed at Appendix I of the Prospectus.

As further described in the "Efficient Portfolio Management and Financial Derivative Instruments" section below and in the Prospectus, the Fund may also invest in securities which are not constituents of the Reference Index and/or FDIs related to a constituent or constituents of the Reference Index, for efficient portfolio management purposes, where such securities would achieve a risk and return profile similar to that of the Reference Index, a constituent of the Reference Index or a sub-set of constituents of the Reference Index.

Investors should also note that the Fund may invest in ETFs established as collective investment schemes and authorised as UCITS in pursuit of its investment objective, subject to the investment restrictions outlined in the Prospectus. Such ETFs may include other Funds of the Company and all ETFs issued by Xtrackers and Xtrackers II which are collective investment schemes established and authorised as UCITS in Luxembourg.

The Fund may invest in ancillary liquid assets which will include secured and/or unsecured deposits, and/or units or shares of other UCITS or other collective investment schemes which pursue a money market/cash strategy or which are related to the Reference Index or constituents of the Reference Index.

The investments and liquid assets that the Fund may hold on an ancillary basis will, together with any fees and expenses, be valued by the Administrator on each Valuation Day in order to determine the Net Asset Value of the Fund in accordance with the rules set out in the Prospectus.

The value of the Fund's Shares is linked to the Reference Index, (and, for the currency hedged share classes, the relevant hedging arrangement, as described under "Share Class Currency Hedging Methodology") the performance of which may rise or fall. Hence, investors should note that the value of their investment could fall as well as rise and they should accept that there is no guarantee that they will recover their initial investment.

The Fund will have no Final Repurchase Date. However, the Directors may decide to terminate the Fund in

accordance with the terms set out in the Prospectus and/or the Articles of Association.

## **Share Class Hedgin**

The "2C – EUR Hedged", "3C – CHF Hedged" and "4D – GBP Hedged" Share Classes ("Currency Hedged Share Classes"), as indicated under Description of the Shares below) are subject to currency hedging.

For these Currency Hedged Share Classes, the Fund will seek to hedge against the currency exposures of the underlying securities in the portfolio which differ from the currency of the respective Currency Hedged Share Class in accordance with the "Share Class Currency Hedging Methodology" set out in the Prospectus.

Investors should note that the Currency Hedged Share Classes will not completely eliminate currency risk, or provide a precise hedge, and as such, investors may have exposures to currencies other than the currency of the Currency Hedged Share Class.

# **Efficient Portfolio Management and Financial Derivative Instruments**

The Fund may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities under the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank from time to time and the conditions set out in the Prospectus and this Supplement for efficient portfolio management purposes. The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions for efficient portfolio management purposes only in accordance with the conditions and limits set down by the Central Bank.

The Fund may also invest in financial derivative instruments ("**FDIs**") subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank for efficient portfolio management purposes and as described in the Prospectus.

The Company employs a risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage at any time the risks attached to the Fund's FDI positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the portfolio of assets of a Fund. The Company will, on request, provide supplementary information to Shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments in respect of the relevant Fund.

## **Calculation of Global Exposure**

The Fund will employ the commitment approach to assess the Fund's global exposure and to ensure that the Fund's use of derivative instruments is within the limits specified by the Central Bank. Global exposure will be calculated daily. While the Fund may be leveraged through the use of the FDIs, any such leverage will not be in excess of 100% of the Fund's Net Asset Value.

## **Investment Restrictions**

The general investment restrictions set out under "Investment Restrictions" in the Prospectus apply to the Fund.

Further, the Fund will not invest more than 10% of its assets in units or shares of other UCITS or other collective investment schemes in order to be eligible for investment by UCITS governed by the UCITS directive.

The Directors may from time to time impose such further investment restrictions as shall be compatible with or in the interests of Shareholders, in order to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries where Shareholders are located. Such investment restrictions will be included in an updated Supplement.

## **Borrowing**

The Company may only borrow, for the account of the Fund, up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund provided that such borrowing is for temporary purposes. The assets of the Fund may be charged as security for any such borrowings.

# **Specific Risk Warning**

Investors should note that the Fund is not capital protected or guaranteed and that the capital invested is not protected or guaranteed and investors in this Fund should be prepared and able to sustain losses up to the total

capital invested.

### Sub-Investment Grade (High Yield) Bonds

The Fund is exposed to the performance of bonds that are rated sub-investment grade, which may be more volatile than higher-rated bonds of similar maturity. High yield bonds may also be subject to greater levels of credit or default risk than higher rated bonds. The value of high yield bonds can be adversely affected by overall economic conditions, such as an economic downturn or a period of rising interest rates, and high yield bonds may be less liquid and more difficult to value or sell at an advantageous time or price than higher rated bonds. In particular, high yield bonds are often issued by smaller, less creditworthy companies or by highly leveraged (indebted) firms, which are generally less able than more financially stable firms to make scheduled payments of interest and principal. Potential investors in the Fund should consider the relative risks of investing in the Fund carefully and understand that high yield bonds are generally not meant for short-term investing. Prices for high yield bonds may be affected by a sudden lack of market liquidity, legislative and/or regulatory developments which could adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

## Liquidity Risk

Primary market-investors should be aware that it may take up to ten Business Days following the Transaction Day to receive the proceeds of redemptions requests.

#### Currency Hedging Risk

In order to mitigate against the risk of movements in the currency of a Currency Hedged Share Class against the currency of the portfolio constituents (where they are different to that of the relevant Currency Hedged Share Class currency), Share Class specific derivative transactions will be entered into for the purposes of acquiring currency hedges for the Currency Hedged Share Class. The return of the Share Class specific derivative transactions may not perfectly offset the actual fluctuations between the Currency Hedged Share Class currency and currency exposures of the securities that constitute the portion of the portfolio referable to the Currency Hedged Share Classes. No assurance can be given that such hedging activities will be entirely effective in achieving the purpose for which they have been entered into. While currency hedging reduces risks and losses in adverse market circumstances, it can also reduce and may completely offset gains in market circumstances that would otherwise have been beneficial had the position not been hedged. Consequently, the performance of a Currency Hedged Share Class may differ from that of the Underlying Asset as a result of the foreign exchange hedging transactions.

#### Concentration of the Reference Index

The Reference Index is concentrated in securities from a single country. As a result, any country-specific political or economic changes may have an adverse impact on the performance of the Reference Index and the portfolio of transferable securities and eligible assets held by the Fund.

Investors will also bear some other risks as described under the section "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus.

# **Profile of a Typical Investor**

Prospective investors in the Fund should ensure that they understand fully the nature of the Fund, as well as the extent of their exposure to risks associated with an investment in the Fund and should consider the suitability of an investment in the Fund.

Investment in the Fund may be appropriate for investors who have the knowledge of, and investment experience in this type of financial product and understand and can evaluate the strategy and characteristics in order to make an informed investment decision. Further, they may have free and available cash for investment purposes and are looking to gain exposure to the securities making up the Reference Index. As the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund will fluctuate and may fall in value, investment in the Fund should be viewed as suitable for investors who seek a return over the medium to long term. However, prospective investors should be prepared and able to sustain losses up to the total amount of capital invested.

The Prospectus sets out statements on taxation regarding the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction at the date of the Prospectus. The statements are by way of a general guide to potential investors and Shareholders only and do not constitute legal or tax advice to Shareholders or potential investors. Shareholders

and potential investors are therefore advised to consult their professional advisers concerning any investment in the Fund particularly as the tax position of an investor and the rates of tax may change over time.

### **Dividend Policy**

The Fund does not intend to make dividend payments on the "1C", "2C - EUR Hedged" and "3C - CHF Hedged" Share Classes. Dividends may be declared and paid on the "1D" Share Class and the ""4D - GBP Hedged" Share Classes up to four times per annum.

### General Information Relating to the Fund

**Base Currency** USD

**Cut-off Time** Means 4.30 p.m. Dublin time on the relevant Transaction Day1.

**Initial Offer Period** The Initial Offer Period in respect of the "3C - CHF Hedged" Share Class shall

be from 9:00am on 16 June 2023 to 4.30 p.m. (Dublin time) on 15 December 2023, or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine and notify

periodically to the Central Bank.

Minimum Fund Size USD 50,000,000.

Settlement Date Means up to ten Business Days following the Transaction Day.

Securities Lending Yes

**Securities Lending Agent** Deutsche Bank AG, acting through its Frankfurt head office and its London and

New York branches.

**Securities Lending Fee** 

The Securities Lending Agent shall receive a fee for the services provided in **Allocation** respect of any Securities Lending Transactions.

To the extent the Fund undertakes securities lending to reduce costs, the Fund **Securities Lending Revenue** 

> will ultimately be allocated 70% of the associated revenue generated, the Sub-Portfolio Manager will be allocated 15%, and the Securities Lending Agent will be allocated 15%. To facilitate this, the Fund will initially receive 85% of the associated revenue generated from which the Sub-Portfolio Manager will receive their allocation. The Securities Lending Agent acts as the Company's agent in relation to securities lending transactions and the Sub-Portfolio Manager provides risk monitoring services to the Company in relation to securities lending transactions. As securities lending revenue sharing does not increase the costs of running the Fund, this has been excluded from the figures

set out under "Fees and Expenses" below.

Significant Market Means a Direct Replication Significant Market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the case that a Significant Market is closed for trading or settlement on any Business Day during the period between the relevant Transaction Day and the expected settlement date (inclusive), and/or settlement in the base currency of the Fund is not available on the expected settlement date, there may be corresponding delays to the settlement times indicated in this Supplement subject to the regulatory limit on settlement periods of 10 Business Days from the Cut-off Time. Earlier or later times may be determined by the Management Company at its discretion, whereby notice will be given on www.Xtrackers.com.

# **Description of the Shares**

Class	"1D"	"1C"	"2C - EUR Hedged"	"3C - CHF Hedged"	"4D – GBP Hedged"
ISIN Code	IE00BDR5HM97	IE00BDR5HN05	IE00BG04LT92	IE00BG04LW22	IE00BG04LV15
German Security Identification Number (WKN)	A2DXQ6	A2DXQ7	A2JDYP	A2JDYR	A2JDYQ
Share Class currency	USD	USD	EUR	CHF	GBP
Initial Issue Price	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Initial Issue Price will be calculated as corresponding to an appropriate fraction of the closing level of the Reference Index on the Launch Date. The Launch Date shall be the final day of the Initial Offer Period. The Initial Issue Price is available from the Administrator.	N/A
Launch Date	6 February 2018	13 December 2021	14 October 2021	To be determined by the Board of Directors. The Launch Date will be available from the Administrator and via the website: www.Xtrackers.com	15 June 2022
Minimum Initial Investment Amount	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares
Minimum Additional Investment Amount	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares
Minimum Redemption Amount	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares	10,000 shares

# Fees and Expenses

Class	"1D"	"1C"	"2C – EUR Hedged"	"3C - CHF Hedged"	"4D – GBP Hedged"
Management Company Fee	Up to 0.10% per annum	Up to 0.10% per annum	Up to 0.15% per annum	Up to 0.30% per annum	Up to 0.15% per annum
Platform Fee	Up to 0.10% per annum				
All-In Fee	Up to 0.20% per annum	Up to 0.20% per annum	Up to 0.25% per annum	Up to 0.40% per annum	Up to 0.25% per annum

Primary Market Transaction Costs	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable		
Anticipated Tracking Error <sup>2</sup>	Up to 1.00% per annum						
Transaction Costs	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable		

This section headed "Fees and Expenses" should be read in conjunction with the section headed "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The anticipated tracking error displayed represents the tracking error of the unhedged Share Classes against the Fund's Reference Index (which is also unhedged).

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERLYING ASSET

This section is a brief overview of the Reference Index. It contains a summary of the principal features of the Reference Index and is not a complete description of the Reference Index. In case of inconsistency between the summary of the Reference Index in this section and the complete description of the Reference Index, the complete description of the Reference Index prevails. Information on the Reference Index appears on the website identified below in "Further Information". Such information may change from time to time and details of the changes will appear on that website.

## **General Description of the Reference Index**

The Reference Index is based on the Parent Index, which is administered by Bloomberg Index Services Limited (the "Index Administrator"), which expression shall include any successor in such capacity). The Parent Index is designed to reflect the performance of the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market.

The Reference Index is intended to track a more liquid component of the Parent Index, and consists of fixed-rate, high yield, US Dollar denominated Securities. The Reference Index includes securities issued by industrial, utility and financial institutions that meet specific maturity, credit quality and liquidity requirements and excludes 144A tranche securities, which do not have an equivalent Regulation S tranche. As such the Reference Index may contain (and therefore the Fund may be invested in) 144A securities.

The Reference Index is calculated by the Index Administrator on a daily basis. Bonds in the Reference Index are priced at bid price. The initial price for new corporate issues included in the Reference Index is the offer price and, after that, the bid price will be used.

The composition of the Reference Index is rebalanced on a monthly basis, at each month-end. On each rebalancing date, the following factors shall be assessed and rules will be applied to the universe of eligible bonds in order to determine those bonds which shall be included in the Reference Index (the "Reference Index Selection Rules"):

- Eligible Currencies
- Sector
- Amount Outstanding
- Issuer Outstanding
- Quality
- Maturity
- Coupon
- Taxability
- · Seniority of debt
- Market of Issue
- Security Types

In addition to Reference Index Selection Rules, for bonds to be eligible for inclusion in the Reference Index they must be rated high yield (Ba1/BB+/BB+ or lower) using the middle rating of Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch. When a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower rating shall be used. When a rating from only one agency is available, that rating shall be used to determine eligibility for the Reference Index. In cases where explicit bond level ratings may not be available, other sources may be used to classify securities by credit quality.

The Reference Index is calculated on a total return basis which means that the payments from coupons are reinvested in the Reference Index. Payments from coupons and scheduled partial and unscheduled full redemptions are held as cash until the next rebalancing, when the cash is reinvested in the Reference Index.

The Reference Index was created in June 2017 and the historical levels have been calculated from June 2012 (the Base Date).

# **Further Information**

Additional information on the Reference Index can be found on the relevant Bloomberg website (<a href="www.bloombergindices.com">www.bloombergindices.com</a>). Bloomberg Index Services Limited has been granted authorisation by the UK FCA as a UK administrator for this index under the UK's Benchmark Regulations. Bloomberg Index Services Limited is listed on the FCA's register for administrators.

#### **IMPORTANT**

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