ISHARES GOLD TRUST

Form 10-Q

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2018 or
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from to
Commission File Number: 001-32418
iShares® Gold Trust
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
New York 81-6124036 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)
c/o iShares Delaware Trust Sponsor LLC
400 Howard Street

San Francisco, California 94105

Attn: Product Management Team

iShares Product Research & Development

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(415) 670-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

Indicate by o	check mark whe	ther the registran	it is a shell com	ipany (as define	d in Rule 12b-2 o	of the Exchange	Act). Yes

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

iShares Gold Trust

Statements of Assets and Liabilities (Unaudited)

At September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017

	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Assets Investment in gold bullion, at fair value(a) Total Assets	\$10,214,299,135 10,214,299,135	\$10,149,604,427 10,149,604,427
Liabilities Sponsor's fees payable Total Liabilities	2,102,113 2,102,113	2,097,290 2,097,290
Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 6)	_	_
Net Assets	\$10,212,197,022	\$10,147,507,137
Shares issued and outstanding(b) Net asset value per Share (Note 2C)	897,250,000 \$11.38	814,900,000 \$12.45

⁽a) Cost of investment in gold bullion: \$10,751,660,254 and \$9,663,574,842, respectively.

See notes to financial statements.

⁽b) No par value, unlimited amount authorized.

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iShares Gold Trust

Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

	Three Months Ended September 30, September 30,			
_	2018	2017	2018	2017
Expenses				
Sponsor's fees	\$ <i>6</i> ,488,704	\$ <i>5,574,503</i>	\$20,757,047	\$15,513,955
Total expenses	6,488,704	5,574,503	20,757,047	15,513,955
Net investment loss	(6,488,704) (5,574,503	(20,757,047)	(15,513,955)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) Net realized gain (loss) from:				
Gold bullion sold to pay expenses	(172,528) 204,104	582,278	246,676
Gold bullion distributed for the redemption of Shares	(3,995,892	14,453,668	26,670,585	18,998,291
Net realized gain (loss)	(4,168,420) 14,657,772	27,252,863	19,244,967
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(532,059,056)	258,137,498	(1,023,390,704)	776,911,354
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(536,227,476)) 272,795,270	(996,137,841)	796,156,321
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$(542,716,180)	\$267,220,767	\$(1,016,894,888)	\$780,642,366
Net increase (decrease) in net assets per Share(a)	\$(0.61	\$0.37	\$(1.13)	\$1.13

⁽a) Net increase (decrease) in net assets per Share based on average shares outstanding during the period.

See notes to financial statements.

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iShares Gold Trust

Statements of Changes in Net Assets (Unaudited)

For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and the year ended December 31, 2017

Nine Months Ended	Year Ended
September 30,	December 31, 2017
(20,757,047	(21,630,631)
27,252,863	22,215,914
(1,023,390,704)	881,278,079
	Ended September 30, 2018 \$ 10,147,507,137

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Audit Committee is composed of three independent directors and operates under a written charter adopted by our Board of Directors in connection with our initial public offering and last amended April 2, 2004. The Audit Committee selects our independent accountants.

Management is responsible for our internal controls and the financial reporting process. The independent accountants are responsible for performing an independent audit of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and to issue a report thereon. The Audit Committee s responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

In this context, the Audit Committee has met and held discussions with management and the independent accountants. Management represented to the Audit Committee that our consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the consolidated financial statements with management and the independent accountants. The Audit Committee discussed with the independent accountants all matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees).

Our independent accountants also provided to the Audit Committee the written disclosures required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees), and the Audit Committee discussed with the independent accountants that firm s independence.

Based upon the Audit Committee s discussions with management and the independent accountants and the Audit Committee s review of the representation of management and the report of the independent accountants to the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee recommended that the Board of Directors include the audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The foregoing report of the Audit Committee does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Company filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates such report by reference therein.

Michael Corrigan, Chairman James Collis Brian McNeill

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Our Audit Committee has appointed KPMG LLP as our independent public accountants for 2005. KPMG LLP has served as our independent public accountants since 1997.

We expect representatives of KPMG LLP to be at the Annual Meeting and to be available to respond to questions from stockholders. We will give the KPMG LLP representatives an opportunity to make a statement if they desire.

Stockholder ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP is not required by our Bylaws or otherwise. However, we are submitting the selection of KPMG LLP to the stockholders for ratification. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to retain that firm. Even if the stockholders ratify the selection, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of ACME Communications and its stockholders.

Ratification of appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent public accountants for 2005 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of voting shares of the common stock represented in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting. If the stockholders do not make such ratification, the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors will reconsider the appointment.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent auditors for 2005.

ACCOUNTANT FEES

The aggregate fees incurred for professional services rendered by KPMG LLP, our independent accountants, in the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2003, respectively, are as follows (in thousands):

	Years Decen		
	 2004	2	2003
Audit fees (including SOX 404 attestation and			
quarterly reviews)	\$ 515	\$	230
Audit-related fees			
Tax fees (1)	42		20
All other fees			
Total	\$ 557	\$	250
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⁽¹⁾ Fees related to tax advisory and compliance services.

The Audit Committee pre-approved all professional services provided by KPMG LLP during 2004 and determined that the provision of non-audit services fees in 2004 was consistent with maintaining its independence.

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FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

Our Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, which includes our Annual Report on Form 10-K (including financial statements and schedules, and a list of any exhibits not contained therein) are enclosed with this proxy statement. The exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K are available to any stockholder who submits a written request to the Secretary, at 2101 E. Fourth Street, Suite 202A, Santa Ana, California 92705 and provides payment of charges that approximate our cost of reproduction.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

We must receive stockholder proposals that are intended to be presented at our 2006 annual meeting of stockholders at our principal executive offices not later than December 19, 2005 for inclusion in our proxy statement and form of proxy relating to the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors knows of no matters to be presented for action by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting other than those described in this Proxy Statement. Unless otherwise indicated, if any other matter is properly brought before the meeting and may be properly acted upon, the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy will be authorized by such proxy to vote the proxies thereon in accordance with their best judgment.

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ACME COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders, May 24, 2005
This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors
of ACME Communications, Inc.

The undersigned revokes all previous proxies, acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 24, 2005 and the Proxy Statement, and appoints Jamie Kellner and Thomas Allen, and each of them, the Proxy of the undersigned, with the full power of substitution, to vote all shares of common stock of ACME Communications, Inc. (the Company) which the undersigned is entitled to vote, either in his or her own behalf or on behalf of any entity or entities at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at 1999 Avenue of the Stars, 7th floor, Los Angeles, California, May 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. (local time) and at any adjournment(s) or postponements(s) thereof, with the same force and effect as the undersigned might or could do if personally present thereat. The shares represented by this Proxy shall be voted in the manner set forth below.

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ACME COMMUNICATIONS INC.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1 and 2.

1. To elect eight directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

FOR ALL WITHHOLD AUTHORITY EXECPTIONS* NOMINEES* FOR ALL NOMINEES*

Nominees: Jamie Kellner, Douglas Gealy, Thomas Allen, John Conlin, James Collis, Michael Corrigan, Thomas Embrescia and Brian McNeill

- * Instructions: To vote for or withhold authority to vote for all nominees, check the appropriate box above; to withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, while voting for the others, check the Exceptions box and line through or otherwise strike out the name of the nominee(s) for whom authority is withheld.
- 2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent auditors of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005:

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

3. In accordance with the discretion of the proxy holders, to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS AND FOR THE RATIFICATION OF KPMG LLP AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Please print authority:	the name(s) appearing on each share certificate(s) over which you have voting
	(Print name(s) on certificate)
	Please sign your name(s) (Authorized Signature(s))

Date:	
-	This Proxy must be signed and dated to be valid