

# Key Investor Information



This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## Vanguard Japan Stock Index Fund (the "Fund")

A sub-fund of Vanguard Investment Series Plc

GBP Dist

ISIN: IE00B51KW525

Manager: Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited ("VGIL")

## Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund employs a passive management – or indexing – investment approach and seeks to track the performance of the MSCI Japan Index (the "Index").
- The Index is comprised of large and mid-sized company stocks in Japan.
- The Fund attempts to:
  - Track the performance of the Index by investing in all constituent securities of the Index in the same proportion as the Index. Where not practicable to fully replicate, the Fund will use a sampling process.
  - Remain fully invested except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions where the Fund may temporarily depart from this investment policy to avoid losses.
- The Fund may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth. A derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a share, bond, or currency) or a market index.
- The base currency of the Fund is EUR.
- The Fund invests in securities which are denominated in currencies other than the base currency. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.
- The Fund may engage in short term secured lending of its investments to certain eligible third parties. This is used as a means of generating additional income and to off-set the costs of the Fund.
- The Fund is appropriate for long-term investment. You should have an investment horizon of at least 5 years.
- Income from the Fund will be paid out.
- Portfolio transaction costs will have an impact on performance.
- Subject to certain exceptions set out in the Prospectus, Shares in the

Fund can be bought or sold or exchanged on a daily basis (save on certain bank / public holidays and subject to certain restrictions described in Appendix 1 of the Prospectus or in a separate Supplement) by submitting an application in writing. A list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be bought or sold is available on <https://fund-docs.vanguard.com/holiday-calendar-vanguard-investment-series-plc-irish-funds.pdf>

**For further information about the objectives and investment policy of the Fund, as well as the limited relationship with the Index provider, please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 6 of the Vanguard Investment Series plc prospectus (the "Prospectus") on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>**

## Risk and reward profile



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- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean "risk free".
- The Fund is rated 5 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
  - The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
  - Movements in currency exchange rates can adversely affect the return of your investment.
  - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political or regulatory events.
  - Use of derivatives. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value.

### The risk and reward indicator does not take account of the following risks of investing in the Fund:

- Counterparty risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily. This could cause the Fund to incur higher costs when buying or selling investments or could mean that the Fund is not able to buy or sell investments when it would like to do so.
- Index tracking risk. The Fund is not expected to track the performance of the Index at all times with perfect accuracy. The Fund is, however, expected to provide investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the Index.
- Index sampling risk. As the Fund may use an index sampling technique whereby a representative sample of securities are selected to represent the Index, there is the risk that the securities selected for the Fund may not, in the aggregate, approximate the full index.

**For further information on risks please see the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>**

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

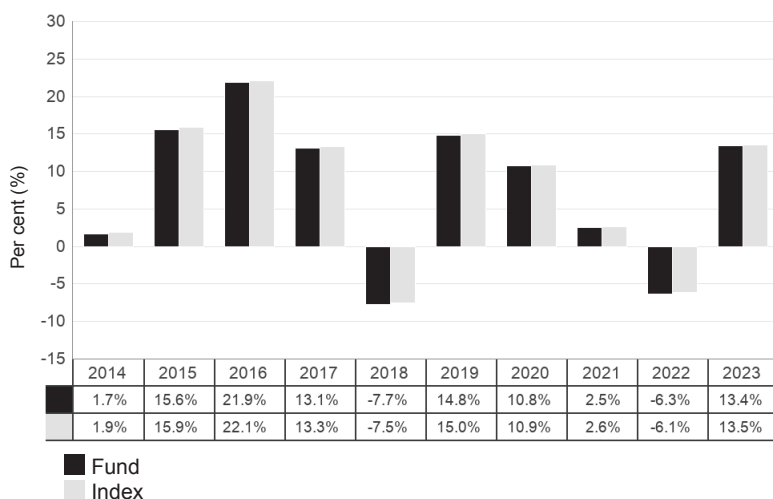
| One-off charges taken before or after you invest                                                                                       |       |
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| Entry charge                                                                                                                           | None  |
| Exit charge                                                                                                                            | None  |
| This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out. |       |
| Charges taken from the Fund over a year                                                                                                |       |
| Ongoing charges                                                                                                                        | 0.16% |
| Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions                                                                          |       |
| Performance fee                                                                                                                        | None  |

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures and in some cases you might pay less. Investors can find out the actual entry and exit charges from their distributor and or adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

**For further information about charges, please see the sections entitled "Buying Shares", "Redeeming Shares", "Fees and Expenses", Appendix 1, and the "Swing Pricing" section in Appendix 2 of the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>**

## Past performance



### • Past performance:

1. **Is not a reliable indication of future performance.**
  2. Includes ongoing charges and the reinvestment of income. It excludes entry and exit fees.
  3. Has been calculated in GBP.
- Shares in the Fund were first issued in 2003. This share class was launched in 2009.

## Practical information

- **Depository:** Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited.
- **Documents, prices of shares and further information:** You can obtain copies of the Prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts for Vanguard Investment Series plc ("VIS"), along with the latest published prices of shares and other practical information on the Fund from Vanguard Investment Series plc c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, 30 Herbert Street, Dublin 2, D02 W329, Ireland or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>. These documents are available in English only. The documents are available in English and are free of charge.
- **Prices:** The last published prices of shares in the Fund are also available from the FT's website [www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com) or <https://global.vanguard.com>
- **Tax:** VIS is subject to the tax laws of Ireland. Depending on your country of residence, this may have an impact on your personal tax position. You are recommended to consult your professional tax adviser.
- **Liability:** VGIL may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for VIS.
- **Sub-funds:** VIS is an umbrella fund with a number of sub-funds. This document describes a sub-fund of VIS. The prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire company.
- VIS is an umbrella Fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. This means that the holdings of the Fund are maintained separately under Irish law from holdings of other sub-funds of VF and your investment in the Fund will not be affected by any claims against any other sub-fund of VIS.
- **Shares:** You may exchange your shares in the Fund for shares in any other sub-fund of VIS. Details of switching are provided in the Prospectus.
- Information about other share classes offered by VIS can be found in the prospectus or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>.
- The Fund is not sponsored, endorsed or promoted by MSCI and MSCI bears no liability with respect to the Fund or the Benchmark. For more information, see the Fund's prospectus.
- **Remuneration policy:** Details of VGIL's Remuneration Policy are available at <https://www.ie.vanguard/content/dam/intl/europe/documents/ch/en/ucits-v-remuneration-policy.pdf>, including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from VGIL at 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland.