

# 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 USD Corporate 1-3 Year Bond UCITS ETF (the "Fund")

A sub-fund of Vanguard Funds PLC

(USD) Distributing  
ISIN: IE00BDD48R20

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

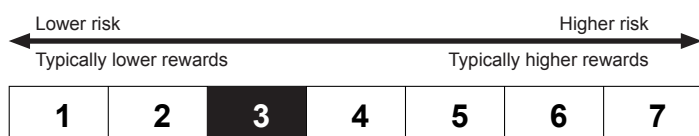
## Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund employs a passive management – or indexing – investment approach, through physical acquisition of securities, and seeks to track the performance of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate – United States Dollar Index 1-3 Year (the "Index").
- The Fund invests in a representative sample of bonds included in the Index in order to closely match the Index's capital and income return.
- The Index measures the performance of a broad spread of US dollar denominated bonds paying a fixed rate of interest which are issued by companies.
- Bonds in the Index have maturities of between one and three years and are generally investment grade.
- To a lesser extent, the Fund may invest in bonds outside the Index where the risk and return characteristics of such bonds closely resemble those of the constituents of the Index.
- 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 USD.
- The Fund attempts to remain fully invested and hold small amounts of cash except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions where the Fund may temporarily depart from this investment policy to avoid losses.
- 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 is appropriate for short-term investment.
- Income from the ETF Shares will be paid out.
- Portfolio transaction costs will have an impact on performance.

- ETF Shares in the Fund can be bought or sold 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). ETF Shares are listed on one or more stock exchange(s). Subject to certain exceptions set out in the Prospectus, investors who are not Authorised Participants may only buy or sell ETF Shares through a company that is a member of a relevant stock exchange at any time when that stock exchange is open for business. 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-funds-plc-ETFs.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 the supplement for the Fund ("Supplement") and Appendix 6 of the Vanguard Funds plc Prospectus (the "Prospectus") on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>**

## Risk and reward profile



- 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 3 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 bonds and fixed income-related securities is affected by influential factors such as interest rates, inflation, credit spreads and volatility which, in turn, are driven by other factors including political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
  - 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. The Fund uses an index sampling technique whereby a representative sample of securities are selected to represent the Index. This means there is the risk that the securities selected for the Funds may

not, in the aggregate, approximate the full index.

- Credit risk. The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- Inflation risk. The value of your investments may not be worth as much in the future due to changes in purchasing power resulting from inflation.

**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                                                                                                                        | 0.09% |
| Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions                                                                          |       |
| Performance fee                                                                                                                        | None  |

Investors who are not Authorised Participants ("APs") may have to pay fees to a stockbroker when you buy or sell on stock exchange(s). The fees are available directly from your stockbroker and are not charged by, or payable to, the Fund.

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.

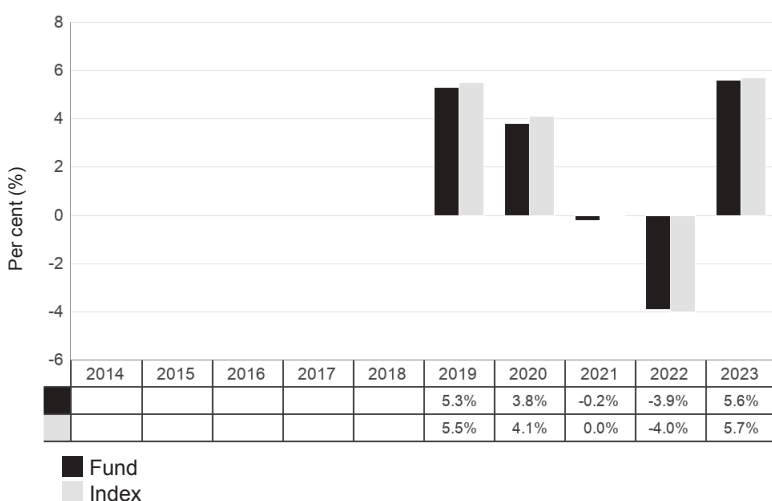
APs dealing directly with the Fund will pay related transaction costs. For cash creations or redemptions there may be a cash transaction fee of a maximum of 2% which is paid to the Fund, and all transactions will have associated transaction costs. Investors who are not APs will not pay these fees or costs.

\* In the case of a large subscription or redemption by an AP, that AP may have to pay an additional charge (e.g. anti-dilution levy) to the Fund to cover transaction costs incurred.

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 Supplement and the sections entitled "Buying Shares", "Redeeming Shares", and "Fees and Expenses" in 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 USD.
- Shares in the Fund were first issued in 2018. This share class was launched in 2018.

## 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 Funds plc ("VF") along with the latest published prices of shares and other practical information, from VF 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>. Information on the Fund's portfolio disclosure policy and publication of the iNAV can be obtained at <https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/portal/ucits-documentation>. 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:** VF 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 VF.
- **Sub-funds:** VF is an umbrella fund with a number of sub-funds. This document describes a sub-fund of VF. The prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire company.
- VF 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 VF.
- **Shares:** ETF Shares in the Fund may not be exchanged for ETF Shares in any other sub-funds of VF, however APs may, with prior approval, switch ETF Shares in the Fund to a different share class of the same Fund, where other share classes are available.
- Information about other share classes offered by VF can be found in the prospectus or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>.
- Further information on the Index Provider please 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.