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# Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund

### **GBP** Dist

Inception date: 09 June 2020

Total assets (million) £287 Share class assets (million) £13 as at 28 February 2022

| Minimum initial<br>investment | ISIN         | SEDOL   | Bloomberg | Investment<br>structure | SRRI‡ | Index ticker | Domicile | Settlement | Trading frequency<br>(cut-off) |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|----------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1,000,000                     | IE00BKV0W029 | BKV0W02 | VAEAIGI   | UCITS                   | 5     | FGCEACNG     | Ireland  | T+2        | Daily (T-1 16:00 Irish Time)   |

#### Ongoing Charges Figuret 0.25 %

†The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers administration, audit, depository, legal, registration and regulatory expenses incurred in respect of the Funds.

#### Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund employs a passive management or indexing investment approach and seeks to track the performance of the FTSE Emerging All Cap Choice Index (the "Index").
  The Index is a market-capitalisation-weighted index composed of large-, mid-, and small-cap stocks of companies located in emerging market countries. Market-capitalisation is the value of a company's outstanding shares in the market and shows the size of a company. The Index is constructed from the FTSE Emerging All Cap Index (the "Parent Index") which is then screened for certain environmental, social, and corporate governance criteria by the sponsor of the Index, which is independent of Vanguard.
- The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by excluding companies from its portfolio based on the impact of their conduct or products on society and / or the environment. This is met by tracking the Index.
- The Index excludes shares of companies that FTSE Russell, as both the sponsor of the Index and the data source, determines to be engaged or involved in, and / or derive revenue (above a threshold specified by the Index provider) from, the following activities: (a.) Controversies (i.e. companies which do not meet the labour, human rights, environmental, and anti-corruption standards as defined by the United Nations Global Compact Principles); (b.) Non-renewable energy (i.e. (i) companies that own proved or probable reserves in coal, oil, or gas; (ii) companies with a primary business activity defined as the production, or supporting products and services, of coal, oil or gas; and (iii) companies that generate revenues from nuclear power production or related activities (including equipment, construction, and uranium)); (c.) Vice products (i.e. (i) companies that produce alcoholic beverages; (iii) companies that produce to bacco products; and (iv) companies that provide gambling services); and (d.) Weapons (i.e. (i) companies that produce or produce or produce or produce or services for, nuclear weapon systems, chemical or biological weapons, cluster munitions, and antipersonnel mines; (ii) companies that produce other weapons for military use; and (iii) companies that produce firearms or ammunition for non-military use).
- The Fund may hold securities which do not comply with the ESG requirements of the Index until such time as the relevant securities cease to form part of the Index and it is possible and practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the position.
- Company product and conduct involvement is monitored on a yearly basis by the Index provider and as new data is made available to the Index provider.
- In this regard, the Index is consistent with the characteristics promoted by the Fund.

Investment manager Vanguard Global Advisers, LLC Europe Equity Index Team

‡ Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

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#### Performance summary\*\*

GBP-Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund Benchmark — FTSE Emerging All Cap Choice Index

|                        |   |   |   |   | 01 Mar 2021 |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|
|                        | _ | _ | _ | _ | 28 Feb 2022 |
| Fund (Net of expenses) |   |   | _ |   | -6.79%      |
|                        |   |   |   |   |             |

| Performance**          | 1 month | Quarter | Year to<br>date | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | 10 years | Since<br>inception |
|------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------|
| Fund (Net of expenses) | -2.88%  | -4.23%  | -3.13%          | -6.79% | —       | —       | —        | 7.48%              |
| Benchmark              | -2.64%  | -3.94%  | -2.92%          | -6.14% | _       | _       | _        | 8.28%              |

\*\*In this document the performance displayed for the Fund(s) and therefore relative performance to the benchmark index may be impacted by swing pricing. The NAV of a Fund may swing according to subscription/redemption activity so that transaction costs caused by these cashflows are not borne by the existing holders in a Fund. The benchmark index is not affected by swing pricing and therefore you may see tracking difference between the performance of the Fund and the benchmark. Performance and Data is calculated on closing NAV as at 28 February 2022. **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** 

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Source: Vanguard; FTSE Emerging All Cap Choice Index

#### Key investment risks

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.

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.

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 uses 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.

Accuracy risk. There is no assurance that the Index provider will compile the Index accurately or that the Index will be determinded, composed or calculated correctly.

Environmental, Social and Governance risk. A Fund may track an index which screens out possible investments if they do not meet certain environmental, social and governance ('ESG') criteria. This may affect the Fund's exposure to certain issuers and cause the Fund to forego certain investment opportunities. The relevant Fund may perform differently to other funds, including underperforming funds that do not seek to screen investments in this way.

Unscheduled rebalancing risk. Apart from scheduled rebalances, the index provider may carry out additional ad hoc rebalances to the Benchmark Index in order for example, to correct an error in the selection of index constituents.

Please also read the risk factors section in the prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document, both of which are available on the Vanguard website.

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Data as at 28 February 2022 unless otherwise stated.

| Characteristics         | Fund   | Benchmark |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Number of stocks        | 3,026  | 3,039     |
| Median market cap       | £17.4B | £17.3B    |
| Price/earnings ratio    | 13.5x  | 13.5x     |
| Price/book ratio        | 2.2x   | 2.2x      |
| Return on equity        | 15.7%  | 15.7%     |
| Earnings growth rate    | 12.9%  | 12.9%     |
| Turnover rate           | -33%   | _         |
| Equity yield (dividend) | 2.3%   | 2.3%      |

The PTR (Portfolio Turnover Rate) approach considers the total security purchases and sales, the total subscriptions and redemptions and the average net assets of the fund to calculate the turnover figure. Data as at 31 December 2021.

| Top 10 | holdings |
|--------|----------|
|--------|----------|

| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.     | 8.1% |
|---|------|
| Tencent Holdings Ltd.                           | 5.1  |
| Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.                      | 3.0  |
| Meituan   | 1.3  |
| Infosys Ltd.                                    | 1.3  |
| China Construction Bank Corp.                   | 1.1  |
| MediaTek Inc.                                   | 0.9  |
| JD.com Inc.                                     | 0.9  |
| Housing Development Finance Corp. Ltd.          | 0.9  |
| Al Rajhi Bank                                   | 0.8  |
| Top 10 approximately equals 23.4% of net assets |      |
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Data as at 28 February 2022

#### Weighted exposure



| Technology             | 27.3% |
|------------------------|-------|
| Financials             | 24.2  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 14.0  |
| Industrials            | 7.2   |
| Basic Materials        | 6.2   |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.8   |
|                        |       |

| Hea  | alth Care       | 4.7% |
|------|-----------------|------|
| Tel  | ecommunications | 4.6  |
| Rea  | al Estate       | 3.6  |
| Util | ities           | 2.8  |
| Ene  | ergy            | 0.6  |

Sector categories are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark system ("ICB"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided an ICB classification as of the effective reporting period.

#### Market allocation

|  | China        | 36.1% |
|--|--------------|-------|
|  | Taiwan       | 22.7  |
|  | India        | 12.6  |
|  | Brazil       | 4.2   |
|  | Saudi Arabia | 4.2   |

| South Africa | 4.1% |
|--------------|------|
| Thailand     | 2.8  |
| Mexico       | 2.5  |
| Malaysia     | 2.3  |
| Indonesia    | 1.7  |

#### Source: Vanguard

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#### Investment risk information

The value of investments, and the income from them, may fall or rise and investors may get back less than they invested.

Some funds invest in emerging markets which can be more volatile than more established markets. As a result the value of your investment may rise or fall. Investments in smaller companies may be more volatile than investments in well-established blue chip companies.

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The Funds may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value. 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.

Some funds invest in securities which are denominated in different currencies. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.

For further information on risks, please see the 'Risk Factors' section of the prospectus on our website at https://global.vanguard.com.

#### **Glossary for fund characteristics**

The fund characteristics section above contains a number of metrics that professional investors use to value individual stocks against a market or index average. These metrics can also be used to value and compare funds to the market by taking the average of all the stocks held in the fund and comparing them to those of the fund's benchmark index. We've provided a definition of the terms used for your convenience.

Median market cap (capitalisation) looks at all companies in a mutual fund portfolio and calculates the mid point market capitalisation. Market capitalisation represents the aggregate value of a company's stock.

Price earnings ratio (P/E ratio) of a stock is the price paid for a share divided by the annual profit earned by the firm per share. A stock with a price of £10 a share, and earnings last year of £1 a share, would have a P/E ratio of 10.

Price book ratio compares a stock's market value to its book value (the accounting value of a stock). It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest guarter's book value per share.

Return on equity is a measure of a company's profitability that reveals how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.

Earnings growth rate is a measure of growth in a company's net income (what remains after subtracting all the costs from a company's revenues) over a specific period (often one year). Earnings growth can apply to previous periods or estimated data for future periods.

Turnover rate is the total value of sales and purchases of stocks by a fund, less any subscriptions and redemptions monies into or out of a fund, expressed as a percentage of the fund's average value, over a specified period (usually one year).

Equity yield characteristics reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market unit price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

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