

VANGUARD'S UK MANIFESTO

Three steps to improving the financial standing of people in the UK

PROPOSED STEPS	<div>1</div> <div>Encourage people to save</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Ensure people have access to help</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Ensure people have access to a fair deal</div>
WHY DOES IT MATTER?	<p>The UK suffers from a 'savings gap'. People across Britain face considerable financial challenges, making it difficult for them to save enough to achieve their long-term financial goals. This includes being able to live comfortably during retirement.</p> <p>A number of positive steps have been taken recently, including pension auto-enrolment and the introduction of financial education in UK schools. Now is the time to build on this progress and strengthen the incentive to save.</p>	<p>The savings landscape is complex. Many savers need help to make successful investment decisions. People in the UK can struggle to find the right support, at the right time and at a fair price.</p> <p>We need to create a market that delivers affordable and accessible financial guidance to everyone. Good financial advice should be available at every income level, not just be a service for those with considerable wealth.</p>	<p>Costs matter. Low investment costs enable investors to keep more of their returns. This is particularly important when people do not have substantial sums to invest.</p> <p>However, awareness of costs amongst UK savers is very low. Nearly a third of consumers either do not know whether they pay platform charges for investing, or do not think that they pay any at all. This has to be addressed. Once people are in a position to find the best deal, they should be able to transfer their investments to their selected provider quickly and easily at minimum cost.</p>
OUR ASKS OF GOVERNMENT & REGULATORS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simplify the individual savings account (ISA) regime 2. Remove the pension lifetime allowance and introduce a flat-rate pension tax relief 3. Introduce kitemarked investment products 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Promote the value of advice and guidance through the Money and Pensions Service 5. Encourage the development of a range of advice and guidance options by tailoring the 'suitability' information to be collected by advisers to the type of advice they are providing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Introduce a mandatory cost warning in all investment documents for consumers 7. Require pre-purchase investment cost review screens 8. Introduce a mandatory transfer time between investment accounts 9. Ban exit fees

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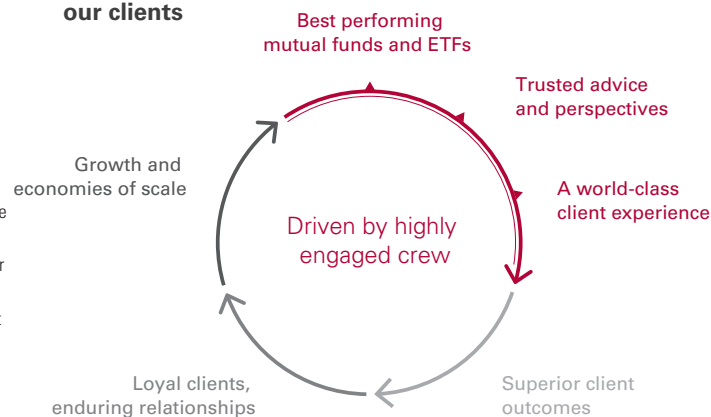
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