



## VANGUARD LAUNCHES TWO NEW ESG EQUITY INDEX FUNDS

- Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund (UK) and Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund provide broad, ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) friendly exposure to global equity markets at a low cost.

**09 June 2020** – Vanguard today launched the Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund (UK) and the Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund. The funds are designed to give value to investors by acting as core equity building blocks for ESG friendly portfolios, providing broad, diversified exposure to global markets, while excluding companies that fail to meet independently established environmental, social and governance standards. The Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund (UK) is available to retail investors for an ongoing charges figure (OCF) of just 0.20%, and the Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund for just 0.25% (retail share classes).

The funds follow selected benchmarks from the FTSE Global Choice family (see table below). These indices screen out companies involved in: non-renewable energy (nuclear power, fossil fuels), weapons (civilian, controversial and military), and “vice” products including alcohol, tobacco, gambling and adult entertainment. Companies from any sector that fail to meet the United Nations Global Compact Principles on labour rights, human rights, the environment and anti-corruption are also excluded.

The funds are available to both retail and professional investors in income and accumulation share classes.

### **Matthew Piro, Head of Portfolio Review Department, Europe commented:**

“Our clients have a wide variety of humanitarian, ethical, environmental and social concerns, and many want to put their money to work in a way that aligns with their values, while still meeting their investment goals. As such we’ve designed these funds to help ESG-conscious, long-term investors put together high-quality, diversified equity index portfolios at a low cost. Vanguard will continue to seek ways to deliver long-term ESG offerings to meet the evolving needs of investors.”

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With the addition of these funds, Vanguard's line-up for socially conscious investors consists of the following:

Fund Name	Domicile	Benchmark	OCF (Retail share classes)
Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund (UK)	U.K.	FTSE Developed All Cap ex Controversies/ Non-Renewable Energy/ Vice Products/ Weapons Index	0.20%
Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund	Ireland	FTSE Emerging All Cap ex-Controversies/ Non-Renewable Energy/ Vice Products/ Weapons Index	0.25%
Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund	Ireland	FTSE Developed All Cap ex Controversies/ Non-Renewable Energy/ Vice Products/ Weapons Index	0.20%
Vanguard SRI Developed Europe Index Fund	Ireland	FTSE Developed Europe Index	0.14%

Source: Vanguard, as at 09 June 2020.

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