



## **VANGUARD EXPANDS ESG PRODUCT RANGE WITH ESG GLOBAL ALL CAP UCITS ETF**

*New product offers global equity exposure while incorporating robust screening based on ESG criteria*

**25 March 2021** – Vanguard today launches a new environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) focused Exchange Traded Fund (“ETF”). The Vanguard ESG Global All Cap UCITS ETF is designed to serve as a core building block for ESG-aware portfolios, providing broad diversification while incorporating robust screening based on ESG criteria.

The Vanguard ESG Global All Cap UCITS ETF seeks to track the FTSE Global All Cap Choice Index and provides global equity exposure. The index applies criteria to exclude companies involved in weapons, non-renewable energy, vice products and companies involved with controversies related to the UN Global Compact Principles. The fund has an ongoing charges figure (“OCF”) of 0.24%.

### **Fong Yee Chan, head of ESG strategy, UK and Europe, said:**

*“Our clients have a range of environmental and social concerns. Many want to put their money to work in a way that enables them to mitigate certain ESG-related risks, aligns with their values, and meets their investment goals. That’s why we are committed to ensuring that our expansive and nuanced approach to ESG is reflected in our product offering and throughout our investment processes, while balancing the potential for delivering long-term value to our investors.”*

The Vanguard ESG Global All Cap UCITS ETF will be managed by Vanguard’s Equity Index Group, which manages more than \$4.8 trillion in assets across the globe, and draws on the diverse perspectives and knowledge of 57 team members.<sup>1</sup>

With the addition of the new product, Vanguard’s line-up for environmentally and socially conscious investors consists of the following:

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Vanguard, as at 31 December 2020

Fund Name	Domicile	Benchmark	OCF <sup>2</sup>
Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund (UK)	U.K.	FTSE Developed All Cap Choice Index	0.20%
Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund	Ireland	FTSE Developed All Cap Choice Index	0.20%
Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund	Ireland	FTSE Emerging All Cap Choice Index	0.25%
Vanguard ESG Global All Cap UCITS ETF	Ireland	FTSE Global All Cap Choice Index	0.24%
Vanguard SRI European Stock Fund	Ireland	FTSE Developed Europe Index	0.14%

These funds promote, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics. These Funds have been classified as Article 8 funds pursuant to the requirements of the EU SFDR.

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### Notes to editors:

### Index information

**The FTSE Global Choice Index Series** is constructed from the FTSE Global All Cap Index (the “Parent Index”) which is then screened for certain environmental, social, and corporate governance criteria by FTSE Russell, the sponsor of the Index, which is independent of Vanguard. The screening criteria are:

- Non-renewable energy including nuclear power, fossil fuels;
- Vice products including adult entertainment, gambling, alcohol and tobacco products;
- Weapons including civilian, controversial, and military;
- Companies involved with controversies in relation to labour, human rights, environmental and anti-corruption standards, as defined by the United Nations Global Compact Principles<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Vanguard, as at 25 March 2021

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles>

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For further information on the fund's investment policy, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document ("KIID"). The KIID for this fund is available in local languages, alongside the prospectus via Vanguard's website <https://global.vanguard.com/>.

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