



VANGUARD LAUNCHES TWO NEW ESG ETFS

New funds are the latest part of Vanguard's targeted expansion of ESG UCITS ETF range

13 October 2022 – Vanguard today launches two new environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) focused exchange-traded funds (“ETF”). The Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap UCITS ETF and the Vanguard ESG Developed Asia Pacific All Cap UCITS ETF are designed to serve as core building blocks for ESG-aware portfolios. The ETFs have been listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE), Deutsche Börse, Borsa Italiana, Six Swiss Exchange and Euronext Amsterdam.

The Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap UCITS ETF tracks the FTSE Emerging All Cap Choice Index. The ETF has an ongoing charges figure (“OCF”) of 0.24%.

The Vanguard ESG Developed Asia Pacific All Cap UCITS ETF tracks the FTSE Developed Asia Pacific All Cap Choice Index. The ETF has an ongoing charges figure (“OCF”) of 0.17%.

Vanguard’s exclusionary ESG funds track benchmarks that are derived from commonly used and available market-capitalisation-weighted indices, provided by independent benchmark providers, which give a weighted exposure to large, medium and small companies in the relevant target markets. Vanguard’s benchmark providers then apply transparent screening criteria¹ to avoid or reduce exposure to certain industries that many investors are concerned about, such as firearms, tobacco or fossil fuels.

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

“Exclusionary ESG index products enable investors to incorporate their ESG preferences into their investments, while retaining the key advantages of index funds: diversification, transparency

¹ For more details on our screening criteria, visit [here](#)

and low costs. Interest in ESG index investing continues to rise with European industry net cash flow doubling last year.”²

The new ETFs are 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 members³.

With the addition of the new products, Vanguard’s line-up of funds for environmentally and socially conscious investors consists of the funds and ETFs below. These are available through Vanguard UK Personal Investor (www.vanguardinvestor.co.uk), retail investment platforms and via financial advisers and wholesale intermediaries.

Fund Name	Strategy	Domicile	OCF ⁴
Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap UCITS ETF	Index	Ireland	0.24%
Vanguard ESG Developed Asia Pacific All Cap UCITS ETF	Index	Ireland	0.17%
Vanguard ESG Developed Europe All Cap UCITS ETF	Index	Ireland	0.12%
Vanguard ESG North America All Cap UCITS ETF	Index	Ireland	0.12%
Vanguard ESG Global All Cap UCITS ETF	Index	Ireland	0.24%
Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund (UK)	Index	U.K.	0.20%
Vanguard ESG Developed World All Cap Equity Index Fund	Index	Ireland	0.20%

² Source: Morningstar Global Sustainable Fund Flows Report, 31 March 2022

³ Source: Vanguard, as at 31 July 2022

⁴ Source: Vanguard, as at 13 October 2022

Vanguard ESG Emerging Markets All Cap Equity Index Fund	Index	Ireland	0.25%
Vanguard SRI European Stock Fund	Index	Ireland	0.14%
Vanguard ESG Global Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	Index	Ireland	0.15%
Vanguard SustainableLife 40-50% Equity Fund	Active	U.K.	0.48%
Vanguard SustainableLife 60-70% Equity Fund	Active	U.K.	0.48%
Vanguard SustainableLife 80-90% Equity Fund	Active	U.K.	0.48%
Vanguard Global Sustainable Equity Fund	Active	U.K.	0.48%

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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 and 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 Principles⁵.

⁵ <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles>

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Which? Recommended Provider

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We have also been named a *Which?* Recommended Provider in 2022 for Self-Investment Personal Pensions, for a third straight year.



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

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