



# Vanguard MSCI Index International Shares ETF

VGS

Key ETF facts	
Management cost	0.18% p.a.
Inception date	18 November 2014
Income distribution	Quarterly
Distribution reinvestment plan	Yes
ETF size	\$263.8 million
Total fund size	\$13,280.9 million
Number of holdings	1,574

Trading information	
ASX code	VGS
ISIN	AU000000VGS8
Minimum investment	No minimum
ETF listed on ASX	20 November 2014

Benchmark information	
Benchmark (Bmk)	MSCI World ex-Australia (with net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollars Index
Number of holdings	1,569

## Investment objective

The Vanguard MSCI Index International Shares ETF seeks to track the return of the MSCI World ex-Australia (with net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollars Index before taking into account fees, expenses and tax.

## ETF overview

The ETF provides exposure to many of the world's largest companies listed in major developed countries. It offers low-cost access to a broadly diversified range of securities that allows investors to participate in the long-term growth potential of international economies outside Australia. The ETF is exposed to the fluctuating values of foreign currencies, as there will not be any hedging of foreign currencies to the Australian dollar.

## Performance return<sup>A,B,C</sup> (%)

	ETF gross	Bmk	ETF total	Distb'n	Growth
1 month	1.35	1.29	1.33	0.00	1.33
3 months	-0.56	-0.64	-0.60	2.64	-3.24
6 months	6.91	6.76	6.81	3.29	3.52
1 year	0.79	0.46	0.61	4.06	-3.45
3 years (p.a.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5 years (p.a.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10 years (p.a.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inception (p.a.)	11.31	10.86	11.11	4.02	7.09

## Year to year gross return<sup>A,B,C</sup> (%)

	Dec - Dec		June - June	
	ETF	Bmk	ETF	Bmk
YTD	1.79	1.56	3.37	3.32
2016	N/A	N/A	0.76	0.40
2015	12.18	11.80	16.24	15.87

## Income distribution<sup>D</sup>

Quarter ended	Amount (CPU)	Reinvestment price
30 June 2016	149.2126	\$54.6763

## Notes

- A Past performance is not an indication of future performance.
- B Returns assume reinvestment of all distributions. Returns for periods longer than 1 year are annualised. ETF gross returns are before management costs and taxes, but after transaction and operational costs. ETF total return is the ETF gross return less management costs. Index returns do not allow for taxes, management, transaction and operational costs.
- C Returns assume that an investor purchased units at Net Asset Value (NAV) and does not reflect the transaction costs imposed on the creation and redemptions of ETF units, brokerage or the bid ask spread that investors pay to buy and sell ETF securities on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- D Past distributions are not an indication of future distributions.

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## Characteristics

	ETF	Bmk
Number of holdings	1,574	1,569
Median market cap	\$64.9B	\$64.8B
Price/Earnings ratio	22.3x	22.3x
Price/Book ratio	2.2x	2.2x
Return on equity ratio	16.4%	16.2%
Earnings growth rate	7.0%	6.9%
Equity yield (dividend)	2.5%	2.5%

## Top 10 holdings

1. Apple Inc.
2. Alphabet Inc.
3. Microsoft Corp.
4. Exxon Mobil Corp.
5. Johnson & Johnson
6. Amazon.com Inc.
7. Facebook Inc.
8. General Electric Co.
9. Nestle SA
10. AT&T Inc.

The top 10 holdings represent 10.9% of the total ETF.

## Sector allocation (%)

	ETF	Bmk
Financials	18.9	18.8
Information Technology	15.2	15.2
Health Care	13.1	13.1
Consumer Discretionary	12.8	12.8
Industrials	11.1	11.2
Consumer Staples	10.8	10.8
Energy	6.7	6.6
Materials	4.6	4.6
Telecommunication Services	3.5	3.5
Utilities	3.3	3.4

## Country allocation (%)

	ETF	Bmk		ETF	Bmk
United States	61.1	61.2	Sweden	1.1	1.1
Japan	9.0	9.0	Italy	0.7	0.7
United Kingdom	7.3	7.2	Denmark	0.7	0.7
France	3.7	3.7	Belgium	0.5	0.5
Canada	3.6	3.6	Singapore	0.5	0.5
Germany	3.4	3.4	Finland	0.4	0.4
Switzerland	3.4	3.4	Israel	0.3	0.3
Hong Kong	1.3	1.3	Norway	0.2	0.2
Netherlands	1.3	1.3	Ireland	0.2	0.2
Spain	1.2	1.2	Other	0.2	0.2

## Glossary

**Median market cap** is the midpoint of market capitalisation (market price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) of the shares in the fund. Half the shares in the fund will have higher market capitalisation, half will have lower.

**Price/Earnings ratio (P/E ratio)** is a measure of the market value of a share compared to the earnings of the company. A share with a price of \$10, and earnings last year of \$1 a share, would have a P/E ratio of 10. For a fund, the ratio is the weighted average P/E ratio of the shares it holds. In general, a high P/E suggests that investors are expecting higher earnings growth in the future compared to companies with a lower P/E.

**Price/Book ratio** is calculated by dividing the current market price of the share by the book value per share of the company.

**Return on equity ratio** is a measure of how much profit a company generates relative to its shareholders' equity. For a fund, the ratio is the weighted average return on equity ratio of the shares it holds.

**Earnings growth rate** is a measure of the trailing Earnings Per Share growth for a given company and share. For a fund, the rate is the weighted average earnings growth of the shares it holds.

**Equity yield (dividend)** is the dividend income earned by shares, expressed as a percentage of the market price of those shares. For a fund, the yield is the weighted average equity yield of the shares it holds.

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