

# Key Investor Information



This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## Vanguard Global MultiFactor UCITS ETF (the "Fund")

A sub-fund of Vanguard Funds PLC

(USD) Distributing

ISIN: IE00BJCWB476

Manager: Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited ("VGIL")

## Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund seeks to provide long term capital appreciation.
- The Fund pursues an actively-managed investment strategy whereby the investment manager has discretion over the composition of the Fund's portfolio holdings. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in equity securities.
- In seeking to achieve the Fund's investment objective, the investment manager uses a proprietary quantitative model to evaluate an investment universe comprised of large, mid and small cap equity securities from developed markets across the world, which includes a diverse representation of companies, market sectors and industry groups. This investment universe is drawn primarily from equity securities included in the FTSE Developed All Cap Index (the "Index") (the "Investment Universe"). While the investment manager may adopt constraints, depending on market conditions, as to the extent to which the Fund's holdings deviate from the constituents of the Index on a regional, country, sector, industry group and individual stock level, the extent to which the portfolio holdings may deviate from the Index may be significant. The investment manager has discretion to apply, change, and remove any such constraints, which may limit the extent to which the Fund can outperform the Index.
- The investment manager's quantitative model implements a rules-based active approach that aims to assess the factor exposures of securities, favouring equity securities which, when compared to other securities in the Investment Universe have lower prices to their fundamental measures of value; Measure known as "Value Factor" and past performance will be assessed in terms of both non-risk adjusted and risk adjusted return; Measure known as "Momentum Factor" and measures of quality which may include high profitability and high quality of balance sheet. Measure known as "Quality Factor".
- The measures together form the "Multifactors" and have been shown to be a component of long-run stock market returns.
- The Fund may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value. A derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a share, bond, or currency) or a market index.
- The base currency of the Fund is USD.
- The Fund may engage in short term secured lending of its investments to certain eligible third parties. This is used as a means of generating additional income and to off-set the costs of the Fund.
- The Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- The Directors do not intend to declare a dividend on the Fund's Shares. Any income attributable to such Shares is reflected in the Fund's net asset value per share.
- ETF Shares are listed on one or more stock exchange(s). Subject to certain exceptions set out in the prospectus, investors who are not Authorised Participants may only sell ETF Shares through a company that is a member of a relevant stock exchange at any time when that stock exchange is open for business
- Portfolio transaction costs will have an impact on performance.
- Shares in the Fund can be bought or sold on a daily basis (save on certain bank holidays or public holidays and subject to certain restrictions described in the Supplement) by submitting an application in writing or by telephone. A full list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be sold is available on <https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/loadPDF?country=global&docId=11628>

**For further information about the objectives and investment policy of the Fund, as well as the limited relationship with the Index provider, please see the supplement for the Fund ("Supplement") and Appendix 6 of the Vanguard Funds plc prospectus (the "Prospectus") on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>**

## Risk and reward profile



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- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean "risk free".
- The Fund is rated 4 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.
  - The value of equities and equity-related securities can be affected by daily stock market movements. Other influential factors include political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.
  - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political or regulatory events.

### The risk and reward indicator does not take account of the following risks of investing in the Fund:

- Counterparty risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.
- Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

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

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge*	None
Exit charge*	None
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.	
Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.25%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

Investors who are not Authorised Participants ("APs") may have to pay fees to a stockbroker when you buy or sell on stock exchange(s). The fees are available directly from your stockbroker and are not charged by, or payable to, the Fund.

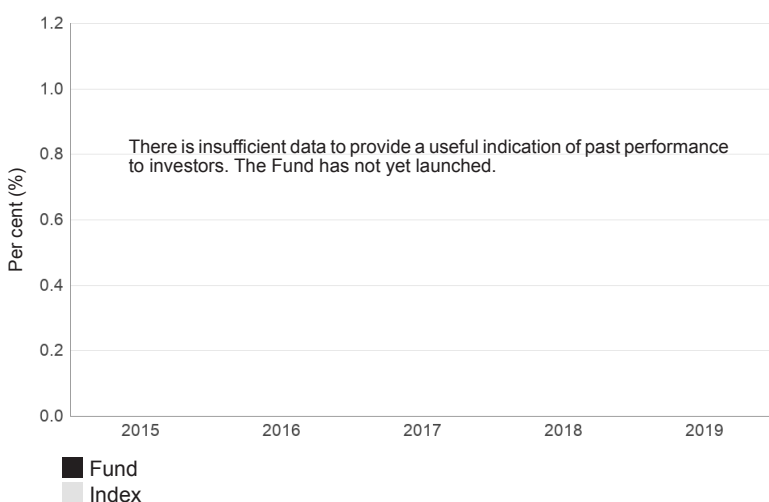
APs dealing directly with the Fund will pay related transaction costs. For cash creations or redemptions there will be a cash transaction fee of a maximum of 2% which is paid to the Fund, and all transactions will have associated transaction costs. Investors who are not APs will not pay these fees or costs.

\* In the case of a large subscription or redemption by an investor, that investor may have to pay an additional charge (e.g. anti-dilution levy) to the Fund to cover transaction costs incurred.

Ongoing charges have not been based on an ex-post calculation as the share class was launched less than one calendar year ago. Ongoing charges have accordingly been estimated based on the expected total of charges that will be taken from the assets of the Fund over the course of a year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

**For further information about charges, please see the Supplement and the sections entitled "Buying Shares", "Redeeming Shares", and "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>**

## Past performance



- This share class has not yet launched.

## Practical information

- **Depository:** The Vanguard Funds plc ("VF") depository is Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited.
- **Documents, prices of shares and further information:** You can obtain copies of the Prospectus and, when available, the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts for VF, along with the latest published prices of shares and other information on the Fund, free of charge from VF c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, 30, Herbert Street, Dublin 2, Ireland (tel. 353-1-241-7105) or from our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>; Information in respect of the Fund's portfolio holdings as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter will be made available to Shareholders upon request 30 calendar days after the end of the relevant calendar quarter. Shareholders that wish to receive this information should contact [european\\_client\\_services@vanguard.co.uk](mailto:european_client_services@vanguard.co.uk). For more information, including regarding the publication of the iNAV, please refer to <https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/portal/ucits-documentation#reports-policies>. The list of Deposit Securities is made available from the Administrator on each Dealing Day and shall be published daily on <https://global.vanguard.com/portal/instl/global/en/product.html>. These documents are available in English only.
- **Sub-funds:** VF is an umbrella Fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. This means that the holdings of the Fund are maintained separately under Irish law from holdings of other sub-funds of VF and your investment in the Fund will not be affected by any claims against any other sub-fund of VF.
- **Prices:** The last published prices of units in the Fund are also available from the FT's website [www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com) or <https://global.vanguard.com>
- **Shares:** ETF Shares in the Fund may not be exchanged for ETF Shares in any other sub-funds of VF or switched to a different share class of the same Fund, where other share classes are available.
- **Tax:** Irish tax legislation may have an impact on your personal tax position. You are recommended to consult your professional tax adviser.
- **Liability:** VGIL may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for this Fund.
- **Remuneration policy:** Details of VGIL's Remuneration Policy are available at <https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/portal/ucits-investment-information>, including: (a) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; and (b) the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits. A paper copy of these details may be obtained, free of charge, on request from VGIL at 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The Fund is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank"). VGIL is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank.

This key investor information is accurate as at 18/02/2020.