



Vanguard MSCI Index International Shares (Hedged) ETF

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Key ETF facts	
Management fee	0.21% p.a.
Inception date	18 November 2014
Income distribution	Half yearly
Distribution reinvestment plan	Yes
ETF size	\$443.9 million
Number of holdings	1,579

Trading information	
ASX code	VGAD
ISIN	AU00000VGAD5
Minimum investment	No minimum
ETF listed on ASX	20 November 2014

Benchmark information	
Benchmark (Bmk)	MSCI World ex-Australia (with net dividends reinvested), hedged into AUD Index
Number of holdings	1,564

Investment objective

The Vanguard MSCI Index International Shares (Hedged) ETF seeks to track the return of the MSCI World ex-Australia (with net dividends reinvested), hedged into 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 on the exchanges of major developed economies around the world. The ETF offers low-cost access to a broadly diversified range of securities that allows investors to participate in the growth potential of international companies listed outside of Australia. The ETF is hedged to Australian dollars so the return (income and capital appreciation) of the ETF is relatively unaffected by currency fluctuations.

Performance return^{A,B,C} (%)

	ETF gross	Bmk	ETF total	Distb'n	Growth
1 month	-8.28	-8.32	-8.30	0.00	-8.30
3 months	-13.53	-13.60	-13.58	0.00	-13.58
6 months	-8.63	-8.75	-8.73	0.00	-8.73
1 year	-7.35	-7.58	-7.55	0.97	-8.52
3 years (p.a.)	7.18	6.97	6.96	2.68	4.28
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.)	6.36	6.15	6.14	1.95	4.19

Year to year gross return^{A,B,C} (%)

	Dec - Dec		June - June	
	ETF	Bmk	ETF	Bmk
YTD	-7.35	-7.58	-8.63	-8.75
2018	-7.35	-7.58	11.69	11.48
2017	20.23	20.02	20.74	20.54
2016	10.54	10.34	-1.25	-1.42

Income distribution^D

Half year ended	Amount (CPU)	Reinvestment price
31 December 2018	0.0000	\$59.2247

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 fees and taxes, but after transaction and operational costs. ETF total return is the ETF gross return less management fees. 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	1,579	1,564
Median market cap	\$80.4B	\$79.8B
Price/Earnings ratio	15.0x	15.0x
Price/Book ratio	2.1x	2.1x
Return on equity ratio	14.0%	14.0%
Earnings growth rate	7.9%	7.8%
Equity yield (dividend)	2.6%	2.6%

Top 10 holdings

1. Apple Inc.
2. Microsoft Corp.
3. Alphabet Inc.
4. Amazon.com Inc.
5. Johnson & Johnson
6. JPMorgan Chase & Co.
7. Facebook Inc.
8. Exxon Mobil Corp.
9. Berkshire Hathaway Inc.
10. Pfizer Inc.

The top 10 holdings represent 13.0% of the total ETF.

Sector allocation (%)

	ETF	Bmk
Financials	15.7	15.7
Information Technology	15.3	15.3
Health Care	13.4	13.5
Industrials	11.0	11.0
Consumer Discretionary	10.6	10.6
Consumer Staples	8.7	8.7
Communication Services	8.5	8.4
Energy	5.9	5.9
Materials	4.3	4.3
Utilities	3.5	3.5
Real Estate	3.1	3.1

Sector categories are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard system ("GICS"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided a GICS classification as of the effective reporting period.

Market allocation (%)

	Fund	Bmk		Fund	Bmk
United States	63.2	63.3	Sweden	1.0	1.0
Japan	8.8	8.8	Italy	0.8	0.8
United Kingdom	6.1	6.1	Denmark	0.6	0.6
France	4.0	4.0	Singapore	0.5	0.5
Canada	3.4	3.4	Finland	0.4	0.4
Switzerland	3.1	3.1	Belgium	0.3	0.3
Germany	3.1	3.1	Norway	0.3	0.3
Hong Kong	1.4	1.4	Ireland	0.2	0.2
Netherlands	1.2	1.2	Israel	0.2	0.2
Spain	1.1	1.1	Other	0.3	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. Companies with negative earnings are excluded from the calculation.

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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