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# Vanguard Global Small-Cap Index Fund

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Inception date: 10 December 2009

Total assets (million) \$3,099 | Share class assets (million) \$240 as at 31 December 2020

Minimum initial investment	ISIN	SEDOL	Bloomberg	Investment structure	SRRI†	Index ticker	Domicile	Settlement	Trading frequency (cut-off)
1,000,000	IE00B42LF923	B42LF92	VANGMCI	UCITS	6	NCUDWI	Ireland	T+2	Daily (T-1 16:00 Irish Time)

Ongoing Charges Figure† 0.29 %

†The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers administration, audit, depository, legal, registration and regulatory expenses incurred in respect of the Funds.

## Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund employs a passive management – or indexing – investment approach and seeks to provide long-term capital growth by tracking the performance of the MSCI World Small Cap Index (the “Index”).
- The Index is comprised of small-sized company stocks in developed markets.
- The Fund attempts to: 1. Track the performance of the Index by investing in all constituent securities of the Index in the same proportion as the Index. Where not practicable to fully replicate, the Fund will use a sampling process. 2. Remain fully invested except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions.

## Investment manager

Vanguard Global Advisers, LLC  
Europe Equity Index Team

## Key investment risks

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. Movements in currency exchange rates can adversely affect the return of your investment.

Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

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.

Index tracking risk. The Fund is not expected to track the performance of the Index at all times with perfect accuracy. The Fund is, however, expected to provide investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the Index.

**Please also read the risk factors section in the prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document, both of which are available on the Vanguard website.**

‡ Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator

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## Performance summary\*\*

USD—Vanguard Global Small-Cap Index Fund  
Benchmark — MSCI World Small Cap Index



	01 Jan 2016 31 Dec 2016	01 Jan 2017 31 Dec 2017	01 Jan 2018 31 Dec 2018	01 Jan 2019 31 Dec 2019	01 Jan 2020 31 Dec 2020
Fund (Net of expenses)	12.51%	22.43%	-14.06%	25.89%	15.79%
Benchmark	12.71%	22.66%	-13.86%	26.19%	15.96%

Performance**	1 month	Quarter	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Fund (Net of expenses)	7.33%	23.78%	15.79%	15.79%	7.80%	11.53%	9.37%	10.99%
Benchmark	7.36%	23.85%	15.96%	15.96%	8.02%	11.75%	9.62%	11.26%

\*\*In this document the performance displayed for the Fund(s) and therefore relative performance to the benchmark index may be impacted by swing pricing. The NAV of a Fund may swing according to subscription/redemption activity so that transaction costs caused by these cashflows are not borne by the existing holders in a Fund. The benchmark index is not affected by swing pricing and therefore you may see tracking difference between the performance of the Fund and the benchmark. Performance and Data is calculated on closing NAV as at 31 December 2020.

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.**

Source: Vanguard; MSCI World Small Cap Index

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Data as at 31 December 2020 unless otherwise stated.

### Characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of stocks	4,344	4,307
Median market cap	\$3.7B	\$3.5B
Price/earnings ratio	21.0x	20.4x
Price/book ratio	1.9x	1.9x
Return on equity	9.5%	9.4%
Earnings growth rate	11.4%	10.8%
Turnover rate	-39%	—
Equity yield (dividend)	1.6%	1.7%

The PTR (Portfolio Turnover Rate) approach considers the total security purchases and sales, the total subscriptions and redemptions and the average net assets of the fund to calculate the turnover figure. Data as at 31 December 2020.

### Top 10 holdings

Plug Power Inc.	0.2%
Penn National Gaming Inc.	0.2
Caesars Entertainment Inc.	0.2
Entegris Inc.	0.2
Nuance Communications Inc.	0.2
Charles River Laboratories International Inc.	0.2
Bio-Techne Corp.	0.2
Graco Inc.	0.2
Cree Inc.	0.2
Five9 Inc.	0.2

**Top 10 approximately equals 2.0% of net assets**

Data as at 31 December 2020

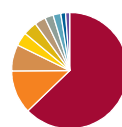
### Weighted exposure



Industrials	18.3%	Materials	7.2%
Information Technology	13.9	Consumer Staples	4.4
Consumer Discretionary	13.2	Communication Services	3.1
Financials	12.7	Utilities	2.6
Health Care	12.2	Energy	2.6
Real Estate	9.8		

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



United States	57.8%	Sweden	2.9%
Japan	11.1	Germany	2.1
United Kingdom	6.8	Switzerland	2.0
Australia	3.5	France	1.2
Canada	3.5	Italy	1.1

Source: Vanguard

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## Investment risk information

The value of investments, and the income from them, may fall or rise and investors may get back less than they invested.

Some funds invest in emerging markets which can be more volatile than more established markets. As a result the value of your investment may rise or fall.

Investments in smaller companies may be more volatile than investments in well-established blue chip companies.

The Funds 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.

Some funds invest in securities which are denominated in different currencies. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.

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

## Glossary for fund characteristics

The fund characteristics section above contains a number of metrics that professional investors use to value individual stocks against a market or index average. These metrics can also be used to value and compare funds to the market by taking the average of all the stocks held in the fund and comparing them to those of the fund's benchmark index. We've provided a definition of the terms used for your convenience.

**Median market cap (capitalisation)** looks at all companies in a mutual fund portfolio and calculates the mid point market capitalisation. Market capitalisation represents the aggregate value of a company's stock.

**Price earnings ratio (P/E ratio)** of a stock is the price paid for a share divided by the annual profit earned by the firm per share. A stock with a price of £10 a share, and earnings last year of £1 a share, would have a P/E ratio of 10.

**Price book ratio** compares a stock's market value to its book value (the accounting value of a stock). It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share.

**Return on equity** is a measure of a company's profitability that reveals how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.

**Earnings growth rate** is a measure of growth in a company's net income (what remains after subtracting all the costs from a company's revenues) over a specific period (often one year). Earnings growth can apply to previous periods or estimated data for future periods.

**Turnover rate** is the total value of sales and purchases of stocks by a fund, less any subscriptions and redemptions monies into or out of a fund, expressed as a percentage of the fund's average value, over a specified period (usually one year).

**Equity yield characteristics** reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market unit price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions.

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