Key Information Document

Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this Fund and to help you compare it with other funds.

Product

Product: Vanguard ESG Global Corporate Bond UCITS ETF (the "Fund") - EUR Hedged Distributing

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Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited ("VGIL")

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The Central Bank of Ireland (the “Central Bank”) is responsible for supervising VGIL in relation to this Key Information Document.

The Fund is authorised in Ireland and has been registered for sale in other EEA Member States.

VGIL is authorised in EEA Member States and regulated by the Central Bank.

You are about to purchase a Fund that is not simple and may be difficult to understand.

What is this product?

Type: The Fund is a sub-fund of Vanguard Funds plc ("VF"), a UCITS authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland.

Term: The Fund has no fixed maturity date, however it may be terminated in certain circumstances as described in the prospectus of VF (the “Prospectus”) including if the net asset value of the Fund falls below US$100 million or its equivalent in another currency.

Objectives: The Fund employs a passive management – or indexing – investment approach, through physical acquisition of securities, and seeks to track the performance of the Bloomberg MSCI Global Corporate Float-Adjusted Liquid Bond Screened Index (the “Index”).

The Fund invests in a multi-currency portfolio of investment grade corporate fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging market issuers that consists of a representative sample of the component securities of the Index.

The Index is constructed from the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Float Adjusted Corporate Index (the “Parent Index”) which represents a similar investment universe which is then screened for certain environmental, social, and corporate governance criteria (the “ESG criteria) by Bloomberg as the sponsor of the Index, which is independent of Vanguard.

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics by excluding securities based on the impact of the issuer's conduct or products on society and / or the environment. This is met by tracking the Index.

The Index excludes issuers that engage in activities in, and/or derive revenue (above a threshold specified by Bloomberg) from, certain business segments of the following: adult entertainment, alcohol, gambling, tobacco, nuclear weapons, controversial or conventional weapons, civilian firearms, nuclear power, thermal coal, oil, or gas.

The Index excludes the bonds of issuers that have a controversy score of less than one as defined by MSCI's ESG controversies assessment framework (or which have not been assessed by MSCI).

Where MSCI has insufficient or no data available to adequately assess a particular issuer relative to the ESG criteria of the Index, bonds of such issuer may be excluded from the Index until such time as they may be determined to be eligible by MSCI.

The Fund may also hold fixed-rate government and corporate bonds that are not component securities of the Index, but whose risk and return characteristics closely resemble the risk and return characteristics of constituents of the Index or of the Index as a whole.

The Fund follows a binding and significant ESG integration approach in accordance with the Position-recommendation AMF 2020-03 (available at https://www.amf-france.org/en/regulation/policy/doc-2020-03).

The Fund's investments will, at the time of purchase, comply with the ESG criteria, except as otherwise described below or in the Prospectus. In circumstances where the Fund holds securities which do not comply with the ESG criteria, the Fund may hold such securities until such time as they are removed from the Index and it is possible and practicable (in the Investment Manager's view) to liquidate the position.

The Fund invests in securities which are denominated in currencies other than the base currency. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments. Currency hedging techniques are used to minimise the risks associated with movements in currency exchange rates, where the Fund invests in securities denominated in currencies other than the listing currency, but these risks cannot be eliminated entirely. As this document relates to a share class where such techniques are used, the performance (see "Performance") of this share class is shown against the currency hedged version of the Index.

The Fund attempts to remain fully invested except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions where the Fund may temporarily depart from this investment policy to avoid losses.

While the Fund is expected to track the Index as closely as possible, it typically will not match the performance of the targeted Index exactly, due to various factors such as expenses to be paid by the Fund and regulatory constraints. Details of these factors and the anticipated tracking error of the Fund are set out in the Prospectus.

Information on the Fund's portfolio can be found at https://www.ie.vanguard/products. The Indicative Net Asset Value for the Fund is calculated throughout the trading day and is published on Bloomberg or Reuters.

The Fund may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth. 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. Derivatives on an index (e.g. swaps, futures) may contain some underlying constituents which may not meet the ESG criteria.

ETF 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 Prospectus). 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 buy or 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. A list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be bought or sold is available on: https://fund-docs.vanguard.com/holiday-calendar-vanguard-funds-plc-ETFs.pdf

Income from the ETF Shares will be paid out.

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.

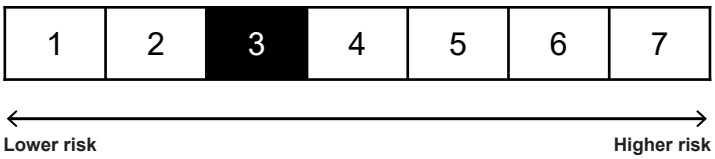
Intended retail investor: The Fund is available to a wide range of investors seeking access to a portfolio managed in accordance with a specific investment objective and policy.

The VF depositary is Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited.

You can obtain copies of the Prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts for Vanguard Funds plc (“VF”) along with the latest published prices of shares and other practical information, from VF c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, 30 Herbert Street, Dublin 2, D02 W329, Ireland or from our website at https://global.vanguard.com. Information on the Fund's portfolio disclosure policy and publication of the iNAV can be obtained at https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/portal/ucits-documentation. The documents are available in English and are free of charge.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

Risk Indicator



The risk indicator assumes you keep the Fund for 3 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this Fund compared to other Funds. It shows how likely it is that the Fund will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this Fund as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact the Fund's capacity to pay you.

Be aware of currency risk. You may receive payments in a different currency to the base currency of the Fund, so the final return you will get depends on the exchange rate between the two currencies. This risk is not considered in the indicator shown above.

Beside the market risks included in the risk indicator, other risks may affect the Fund, including counterparty, ESG, index tracking and rebalancing risks.

For further information on risks please see the “Risk Factors” section of the Prospectus on our website at https://global.vanguard.com

This Fund does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

The value of bonds and fixed income-related securities is affected by influential factors such as interest rates, inflation, credit spreads and volatility which, in turn, are driven by other factors including political events, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.

Performance Scenarios

What you will get from this Fund depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product and a suitable benchmark over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period:		**3 years**	
Example Investment:		**€10,000**	
		If you exit after 1 year	**If you exit after 3 years**
Scenarios			
Minimum	**There is no minimum guaranteed return if you exit before 3 years. You could lose some or all of your investment.**		
Stress	**What you might get back after costs**	€6,720	€7,630
	Average return each year	-32.80%	-8.62%
Unfavourable	**What you might get back after costs**	€8,190	€8,340
	Average return each year	-18.10%	-5.87%
Moderate	**What you might get back after costs**	€10,160	€10,510
	Average return each year	1.60%	1.67%
Favourable	**What you might get back after costs**	€10,990	€11,470
	Average return each year	9.90%	4.68%

The figures shown include all the costs of the Fund itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

This Fund cannot be easily cashed in.

Unfavourable scenario: This type of scenario occurred for an investment using a suitable benchmark between 2020 and 2023.

Moderate scenario: This type of scenario occurred for an investment using a suitable benchmark between 2016 and 2019.

Favourable scenario: This type of scenario occurred for an investment using a suitable benchmark between 2018 and 2021.

What happens if VGIL is unable to pay out?

The assets of the Fund are held in safekeeping by its depositary. In the event of the insolvency of VGIL, the Fund's assets in the safekeeping of the depositary will not be affected. However, in the event of the depositary's insolvency, or someone acting on its behalf, the Fund may suffer a financial loss. This risk is mitigated to a certain extent by the fact the depositary is required by law and regulation to segregate its own assets from the assets of the Fund. The depositary will also be liable to the Fund and the investors for any loss arising from, among other things, its negligence, fraud or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations (subject to certain limitations).

There is no compensation or guarantee scheme protecting you from a default of the Fund's depositary.

What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you the Fund may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

Costs over Time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you invest in the Fund and how well the Fund does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed:

- In the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0% annual return). For the other holding periods we have assumed the Fund performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- EUR 10,000 per year is invested.

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 3 years
Total costs	€25	€77
Annual cost impact (*)	0.3%	0.2% each year

(*) This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 1.9 % before costs and 1.7 % after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the Fund to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

Composition of Costs

One-off costs upon entry or exit		If you exit after 1 year
Entry costs	The Fund does not charge an entry fee.	€0
Exit costs	The Fund does not charge an exit fee, but the person selling you the Fund may do so.	€0
Ongoing costs taken each year		
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.15% of the value of your investment p.a. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year and takes account of any known future changes.	€15
Transaction costs	0.10% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the Fund. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€10
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions		
Performance fees	There is no performance fee for this Fund.	€0

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

Recommended holding period: 3 years

The Fund is appropriate for long-term investment. You should have an investment horizon of at least 3 years.

Please see the section of the Prospectus entitled “Redeeming Shares” for certain fees payable in respect of redemptions.

How can I complain?

If you are an investor in our VF range of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), it may be appropriate for you to liaise directly with the bank, broker, trading platform or financial adviser through which you purchased your shares, particularly if your complaint is service related. Please be aware that we will usually provide responses in English. If for any reason you are experiencing problems submitting your complaint with us, then please contact, Vanguard, 4th Floor, The Walbrook Building, 25 Walbrook, London, EC4N 8AF or European_client_services@vanguard.co.uk. Please also be aware that there may be collective redress mechanisms or separate ombudsman arrangements available in your country. https://global.vanguard.com/

Other relevant information

You can find information related to the past performance of the Fund for up to 10 years of data at:

- https://docs.data2report.lu/documents/KID_PP/KID_annex_PP_Vanguard_IE00BNDS1Q47_en.pdf.
- https://docs.data2report.lu/documents/KID_PS/KID_annex_PS_Vanguard_IE00BNDS1Q47_en.pdf.

Details of VGIL's Remuneration Policy are available at https://www.ie.vanguard/content/dam/intl/europe/documents/ch/en/ucits-v-remuneration-policy.pdf, 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. 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. Tax: VF is subject to the tax laws of Ireland. Depending on your country of residence, this may have an impact on your personal tax position. You are recommended to consult your professional tax adviser.