



## Vanguard FTSE Europe Shares ETF

VEQ

## Key ETF facts

Management fee	0.35% p.a.
Inception date	09 December 2015
Income distribution	Quarterly
Distribution reinvestment plan	Yes
ETF size	\$217.0 million

## Trading information

ASX code	VEQ
ISIN	AU000000VEQ7
Minimum investment	No minimum
ETF listed on ASX	11 December 2015

## Benchmark information

Benchmark (Bmk)	FTSE Developed Europe All Cap Index (with net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollars
Number of holdings	1,284

## Underlying ETF information

ETF name	Vanguard® FTSE Europe ETF (NYSE Code: VGK)
ETF class size	\$16,448.90 million
ETF commencement date	04 March 2005
Total fund size	\$23,401.40 million

## Investment objective

Vanguard FTSE Europe Shares ETF seeks to track the return of the FTSE Developed Europe All Cap Index (with net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollars, before taking into account fees, expenses and tax.

## ETF overview

The ETF provides low-cost exposure to securities listed in major European markets. 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	-12.27	-10.72	-12.30	0.44	-12.74
3 months	-14.67	-13.95	-14.75	0.43	-15.18
6 months	-10.07	-9.50	-10.22	0.89	-11.11
1 year	-3.30	-2.34	-3.64	2.78	-6.42
3 years (p.a.)	4.54	5.20	4.17	2.69	1.48
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.)	3.42	3.81	3.06	2.75	0.31

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

	Dec - Dec		June - June	
	ETF	Bmk	ETF	Bmk
YTD	-14.67	-13.95	-8.14	-7.67
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	24.47	24.77	6.09	6.53
2018	-5.87	-5.73	8.89	10.34
2017	17.36	17.41	17.88	18.29

Income distribution<sup>D</sup>

Quarter ended	Amount (CPU)	Reinvestment price
31 March 2020	25.4883	\$50.6895

## 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	1,329	1,284
Median market cap	\$50.5B	\$51.5B
Price/Earnings ratio	14.0x	14.1x
Price/Book ratio	1.4x	1.4x
Return on equity ratio	13.7%	13.8%
Earnings growth rate	8.7%	9.2%
Equity yield (dividend)	4.4%	4.3%

## Top 10 holdings

1. Nestle SA
2. Roche Holding AG
3. Novartis AG
4. Royal Dutch Shell plc
5. Unilever
6. AstraZeneca plc
7. HSBC Holdings plc
8. SAP SE
9. ASML Holding NV
10. Novo Nordisk A/S

The top 10 holdings represent 18.8% of the total ETF.

## Sector allocation (%)

	ETF	Bmk
Financials	18.6	18.7
Consumer Goods	18.4	18.5
Health Care	16.4	16.4
Industrials	14.8	14.8
Consumer Services	6.3	6.3
Technology	6.3	6.0
Basic Materials	5.9	5.9
Oil & Gas	5.7	5.8
Utilities	4.6	4.6
Telecommunications	3.0	3.0

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

## Market allocation (%)

	Fund	Bmk		Fund	Bmk
United Kingdom	24.8	25.4	Finland	2.0	2.0
Switzerland	16.3	16.4	Belgium	1.7	1.7
France	14.8	15.6	Norway	1.2	1.2
Germany	13.3	13.3	Ireland	0.6	0.4
Netherlands	6.5	6.1	Poland	0.5	0.5
Sweden	5.1	5.1	Austria	0.4	0.4
Spain	4.1	4.1	Portugal	0.3	0.3
Italy	3.9	4.0	Other	1.0	0.0
Denmark	3.5	3.5			

## 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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