



Vanguard® International Shares Index Fund

Key fund facts	
Management cost	0.18% p.a.
Buy spread	0.10%
Sell spread	0.10%
Inception date	06 June 1997
Income distribution	Quarterly
Wholesale class size	\$13,703.1 million
Total fund size	\$13,887.2 million
Number of holdings	1,579

Trading information	
APIR code	VAN0003AU
Minimum investment	\$500,000 (No minimums apply for platforms)
Platform availability	For platform availability visit vanguard.com.au/mastertrust

Benchmark information	
Benchmark (Bmk)	MSCI World ex-Australia Index (with net dividends reinvested) in AUD
Number of holdings	1,572

Investment objective

The Vanguard International Shares Index Fund seeks to track the return of the MSCI World ex-Australia Index (with net dividends reinvested) in Australian dollars before taking into account fees, expenses and tax.

Fund overview

The Fund provides exposure to many of the world's largest companies listed in major developed countries. It offers low-cost access to a broadly diversified range of securities that allows investors to participate in the long-term growth potential of international economies outside Australia. The Fund 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^{A, B} (%)

	Fund gross	Bmk	Fund total	Distb'n	Growth
1 month	6.31	6.28	6.29	0.00	6.29
3 months	0.21	0.11	0.16	0.50	-0.34
6 months	7.69	7.50	7.59	4.20	3.39
1 year	26.65	26.27	26.43	5.92	20.51
3 years (p.a.)	27.37	27.01	27.15	4.26	22.89
5 years (p.a.)	16.98	16.62	16.69	3.26	13.43
10 years (p.a.)	6.64	6.29	6.32	2.42	3.90
Inception (p.a.)	6.01	5.63	5.67	1.90	3.77

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

	Dec - Dec		June - June	
	Fund	Bmk	Fund	Bmk
YTD	17.13	16.81	6.84	6.72
2015	N/A	N/A	25.51	25.18
2014	15.33	15.01	20.72	20.41
2013	48.43	48.03	33.52	33.10
2012	14.49	14.14	-0.09	-0.50

Income distribution^C

Quarter ended	Amount (CPU)	Reinvestment price
30 September 2015	0.9470	\$1.8582

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. Fund gross returns are before management costs and taxes, but after transaction and operational costs. Fund total return is the fund gross return less management costs. Index returns do not allow for taxes, management, transaction and operational costs.
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Characteristics

	Fund	Bmk
Number of holdings	1,579	1,572
Median market cap	\$74.9B	\$74.3B
Price/Earnings ratio	19.8x	19.7x
Price/Book ratio	2.3x	2.3x
Return on equity ratio	16.7%	16.5%
Earnings growth rate	10.2%	10.1%
Equity yield (dividend)	2.4%	2.4%

Top 10 holdings

1. Apple Inc.
2. Alphabet Inc.
3. Microsoft Corp.
4. Exxon Mobil Corp.
5. General Electric Co.
6. Johnson & Johnson
7. Wells Fargo & Co.
8. Amazon.com Inc.
9. Nestle SA
10. JPMorgan Chase & Co.

The top 10 holdings represent 10.6% of the total fund.

Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Bmk
Financials	19.7	19.7
Information Technology	14.5	14.5
Consumer Discretionary	13.7	13.7
Health Care	13.2	13.3
Industrials	10.8	10.8
Consumer Staples	10.3	10.3
Energy	6.8	6.8
Materials	4.3	4.3
Telecommunication Services	3.4	3.4
Utilities	3.2	3.2
Other	0.1	0.0

Country allocation (%)

	Fund	Bmk		Fund	Bmk
United States	59.9	60.0	Netherlands	1.1	1.1
Japan	9.0	9.0	Italy	1.0	1.0
United Kingdom	7.9	7.9	Denmark	0.7	0.7
France	4.0	4.0	Belgium	0.5	0.5
Switzerland	3.7	3.7	Singapore	0.5	0.5
Germany	3.6	3.6	Finland	0.4	0.4
Canada	3.3	3.3	Israel	0.2	0.3
Spain	1.3	1.3	Norway	0.2	0.2
Hong Kong	1.2	1.2	Ireland	0.2	0.2
Sweden	1.1	1.1	Other	0.4	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.

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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