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# Vanguard Japan Stock Index Fund

An index-related fund

## Key fund facts

	Inception date	Minimum initial investment*	ISIN	SEDOL	Citi	MexID	Bloomberg
GBP							
Income	23.06.2009	100,000	IE00B51KW525	B51KW52	FPE4	VIJPS	VANJISI
Institutional Plus Income	02.09.2014	200,000,000	IE00BPT2BF38	BPT2BF3	KQ5L	VIAAHC	VAVGSIS
Accumulation	23.06.2009	100,000	IE00B50MZ948	B50MZ94	FPE3	VIJPST	VANJISA
Institutional Plus Accumulation	02.09.2014	200,000,000	IE00BPT2BG45	BPT2BG4	KQ5M	VIAAHD	VAVGSAS
Benchmark	Index ticker		Trading frequency (cut-off)		Settlement		
MSCI Japan Index	MAJP		Daily (T-1 16:00 Irish Time)		T+3		
Domicile	Investment structure		IA Sector		Valuation point		
Ireland	UCITS		Japan		Underlying Market Close		
Base currency	Total assets†		Ex-dividend date		Distribution date		
EUR	GBP (million) 3,017		31 December		14 January		
Investment manager			Taxed distribution		Tax status		
The Vanguard Group, Inc. U.S. Equity Index Team			Gross		UK Reporting		

## Objective

The Fund seeks to track the performance of the index, which emphasises stocks of companies located in Japan.

## Investment strategy

The Fund employs a passive management or indexing investment strategy designed to track the performance of the index by investing in all, or a representative sample, of the securities that make up the index, holding each stock in approximate proportion to its weighting in the index.

## Performance summary\*\*

GBP—Vanguard Japan Stock Index Fund

	Income shares	Accumulation shares
	Net of expenses	Net of expenses
December 2012 – 2013	24.49%	24.49%
December 2013 – 2014	1.70	1.70
December 2014 – 2015	15.64	15.64
December 2015 – 2016	21.94	21.93
December 2016 – 2017	13.07	13.07

## Management Charge

Income/Accumulation AMC/OCF***	0.23%
Institutional Plus AMC/OCF***	0.20%

## Fund Charges

Entry Charge††	—
††Assessed to compensate for Stamp Duty Reserve Tax related expenses.	

## Quoted historic yield

Income	1.55%
Accumulation	1.53%

## Performance\*\*

GBP—Vanguard Japan Stock Index Fund

Benchmark—MSCI Japan Index

	Income shares			Accumulation shares		
	Net of expenses	Gross of expenses	Benchmark	Net of expenses	Gross of expenses	Benchmark
1 month	0.74%	0.76%	0.76%	0.74%	0.76%	0.76%
3 months	7.57	7.63	7.60	7.57	7.63	7.60
Year to date	13.07	13.33	13.25	13.07	13.33	13.25
1 year	13.07	13.33	13.25	13.07	13.33	13.25
3 years	16.83	17.10	17.04	16.82	17.09	17.04
5 years	15.08	15.38	15.32	15.08	15.37	15.32
Since inception	10.09	10.39	10.32	10.09	10.39	10.32

**Key investment risks - Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** The value of investments, and the income from them, may fall or rise and investors may get back less than they invested. Where investments are made in assets that are denominated in multiple currencies changes in exchange rates may affect the value of the investments.

\*The minimum initial investment of (Investor) Income and Accumulation shares or for anyone approaching Vanguard directly is £100,000.

\*\*Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred in the issue and redemption of shares. Basis of fund performance NAV to NAV with gross income reinvested. Basis of index performance is total return.

\*\*\*The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers administration, audit, depository, legal, registration and regulatory expenses incurred in respect of the Funds. When you invest with any fund manager, you pay a number of charges, starting with the Annual Management Charge (AMC) which covers the fund manager's costs of managing the fund. The AMC plus ongoing running costs and other operational expenses make up the fund's total 'ongoing charges figure'.

†This figure represents the total fund assets inclusive of all share classes of the fund.

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### Characteristics

	Fund	Benchmark
Number of stocks	321	321
Median market cap	£17.9bn	£17.9bn
Price/earnings ratio	16.0x	16.0x
Price/book ratio	1.5x	1.5x
Return on equity	9.2%	9.2%
Earnings growth rate	18.1%	18.1%
Cash investments	0.4%	—
Turnover rate	-20%	—
Equity yield (dividend)	1.9%	1.9%

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 2017.

### Top 10 holdings

	Fund
Toyota Motor Corp.	4.6%
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.	2.4
SoftBank Group Corp.	1.8
Honda Motor Co. Ltd.	1.6
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc.	1.6
Sony Corp.	1.6
Keyence Corp.	1.5
FANUC Corp.	1.3
KDDI Corp.	1.2
Mizuho Financial Group Inc.	1.2
Total	18.8%

### 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- Quoted historic yield** 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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### Weighted exposure

	Fund	Benchmark
Consumer Discretionary	20.2%	20.2%
Consumer Staples	7.6	7.6
Energy	1.1	1.1
Financials	12.8	12.8
Health Care	7.0	7.0
Industrials	21.6	21.6
Information Technology	12.7	12.7
Materials	6.7	6.7
Real Estate	3.9	3.9
Telecommunication Services	4.8	4.8
Utilities	1.6	1.6
Total	100.0%	100.0%

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.