# Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## Vanguard U.K. Government Bond Index Fund (the "Fund")

A sub-fund of Vanguard Investment Series Plc

**"Pound Sterling" Accumulation Shares**
**ISIN: IE00B1S75374**
Manager: Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited ("VGIL")

## Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund employs a passive management – or indexing – investment approach and seeks to track the performance of the Bloomberg Barclays U.K. Government Float Adjusted Bond Index (the "Index").
- The Index includes UK government bonds denominated in UK pounds sterling with maturities greater than one year.
- The Index is a market-weighted index designed to reflect the total universe of pound sterling denominated United Kingdom treasury and government-related securities with maturities greater than one year.
- The Fund attempts to:
  1. Track the performance of the Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that, insofar as possible and practicable, consists of a representative sample of the component securities of the Index.
  2. Remain fully invested except in extraordinary market, political or similar conditions.
- The Fund 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.
- The currency of the share class is GBP.
- The Fund may engage in short term secured lending of its investments to certain eligible third parties. This is used as a means of generating additional income and to off-set the costs of the Fund.
- The Fund may not be appropriate for short-term investment.
- Income from the Fund will be reinvested and reflected in the price of shares in the Fund.
- Portfolio transaction costs will have an impact on performance.
- 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 Appendix 1 of the prospectus) by submitting an application in writing. A full list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be sold is available on https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/loadPDF?country=global&docId=11630

**For further information about the objectives and investment policy of the Fund, as well as the limited relationship with the Index provider, please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 6 of the Vanguard Investment Series plc prospectus (the "prospectus") on our website at** https://global.vanguard.com

## Risk and reward profile

Lower risk ← → Higher risk

Typically lower rewards — Typically higher rewards

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- This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean "risk free".
- The Fund is rated 4 due to the nature of its investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.

  - 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, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events.

  - Investment risk is concentrated in specific sectors, countries, currencies or companies. This means the Fund is more sensitive to any localised economic, market, political or regulatory events.

**The risk and reward indicator does not take account of the following risks of investing in the Fund:**

- 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.
- Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.
- Credit risk. The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.
- 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.
- Index sampling risk. As the Fund uses an index sampling technique whereby a representative sample of securities are selected to represent the Index, there is the risk that the securities selected for the Fund may not, in the aggregate, approximate the full Index.
- Inflation risk. The value of your investments may not be worth as much in the future due to changes in purchasing power resulting from inflation.

**For further information on risks please see the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus on our website at** https://global.vanguard.com

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

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| One-off charges taken before or after you invest | |
| Entry charge | None |
| Exit charge | None |
| This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out. | |
| Charges taken from the Fund over a year | |
| Ongoing charges | 0.12% |
| Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions | |
| Performance fee | None |

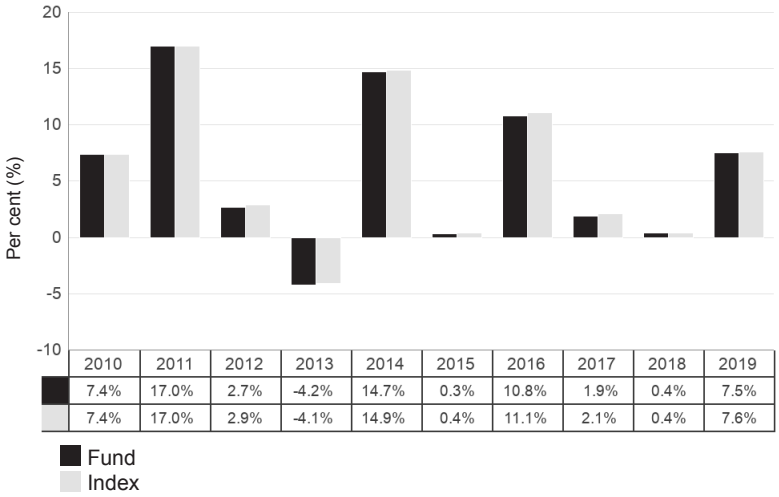
The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures and in some cases you might pay less.

Investors can find out the actual entry and exit charges from their financial adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ended 31 December 2019. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs.

**For further information about charges, please see the sections entitled "Buying Shares", "Redeeming Shares", "Fees and Expenses", Appendix 1, and the "Swing Pricing" section in Appendix 2 of the prospectus on our website at** https://global.vanguard.com

## Past performance




| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
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| Fund | 7.4% | 17.0% | 2.7% | -4.2% | 14.7% | 0.3% | 10.8% | 1.9% | 0.4% | 7.5% |
| Index | 7.4% | 17.0% | 2.9% | -4.1% | 14.9% | 0.4% | 11.1% | 2.1% | 0.4% | 7.6% |

- **Past performance:**
  1. **Is not a reliable indication of future performance.**
  2. Includes ongoing charges and the reinvestment of income. It excludes entry and exit fees.
  3. Has been calculated in GBP.
- Shares in the Fund were first issued in 2009.
  This share class was launched in 2009.

## Practical information

- **Depositary:** The Vanguard Investment Series plc ("VIS") depositary is Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited.
- **Documents, prices of shares and further information:** You can obtain copies of the prospectus and the latest annual and semi-annual report and accounts for VIS, along with the latest published prices of shares and other information on the Fund, free of charge from Vanguard Investment Series plc 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 These documents are available in English only.
- **Sub-funds:** VIS 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 VIS and your investment in the Fund will not be affected by any claims against any other sub-fund of VIS.
- **Prices:** The last published prices of units in the Fund are also available from the FT's website www.ft.com or https://global.vanguard.com
- **Shares:** You may exchange your shares in the Fund for shares in any other sub-funds of VIS. An entry charge may apply. Details of switching are provided in the prospectus.
- **Tax:** Irish tax legislation may have an impact on your personal tax position. You are recommended to consult your professional tax adviser.
- **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 for this Fund.
- **Remuneration policy:** Details of VGIL's Remuneration Policy are available at https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/portal/ucits-investment-information, 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.

The Fund is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank"). VGIL is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank.
This key investor information is accurate as at 18/02/2020.