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Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund

Key fund facts

Management fee[F]	0.16% p.a.
Buy spread	0.04%
Sell spread	0.04%
Inception date	30 June 1997
Income distribution	Quarterly
Wholesale class size	$27,994.1 million
Total fund size	$54,997.6 million
Number of holdings	308

Trading information

APIR code	VAN0002AU

Benchmark information

Benchmark (Bmk)	S&P/ASX 300 Index[D]
Number of holdings	300

Investment objective

Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund seeks to track the return of the S&P/ASX 300 Index before taking into account fees, expenses and tax.

Fund overview

The Fund provides low cost, broadly diversified exposure to Australian companies and property trusts listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. It also offers potential long-term capital growth along with dividend income and franking credits.

Performance return[A, B] (%)

	Fund gross	Bmk	Fund total	Distb'n	Growth
1 month	1.12	1.11	1.10	0.00	1.10
3 months	0.28	0.25	0.24	1.17	-0.93
6 months	4.26	4.28	4.18	1.66	2.52
1 year	3.13	3.09	2.97	3.15	-0.18
3 years (p.a.)	13.23	13.20	13.05	3.58	9.47
5 years (p.a.)	7.74	7.69	7.56	4.51	3.05
10 years (p.a.)	9.42	9.34	9.24	4.58	4.66
Inception (p.a.)	8.47	8.36	8.19	4.35	3.84

Year to year franking levels and gross return[A, B,D,E](%)

	Dec - Dec		June - June		
	Fund	Bmk	Fund	Bmk	Franking
YTD	4.44	4.46	2.39	2.39	85.0
2026	N/A	N/A	6.21	6.16	79.6
2025	10.75	10.66	13.74	13.74	75.3
2024	11.43	11.39	11.97	11.92	78.5
2023	12.14	12.13	14.48	14.40	87.1

Income distribution[C]

Quarter ended	Amount (CPU)	Reinvestment price
30 September 2026	3.5745	$3.0214

As at 30 September 2026, the gross distribution of 4.8840 cents per unit comprised 3.5745 of net (cash) distribution plus 1.3095 by way of franking credits and foreign tax credits.

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

C Past distributions are not an indication of future distributions.

D Prior to 1 April 2000, the fund's benchmark was the ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

E The franking level is an indication of the amount of imputation tax credits at the fund level which may be claimable by Australian investors. A higher percentage indicates a larger amount of imputation tax credits attributed relative to the net tax attributed by the fund.

F For a full breakdown of the management fees and costs, please refer to the "Fees and costs summary" section of the PDS.

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Characteristics

	Fund	Bmk
Number of holdings	308	300
Weighted Median market cap	$55.2B	$55.2B
Price/Earnings ratio	19.7x	19.7x
Price/Book ratio	2.5x	2.5x
Return on equity ratio	13.3%	13.3%
Earnings growth rate	2.3%	2.3%
Equity yield (dividend)	3.3%	3.3%

Top 10 holdings

1. BHP Group Ltd.
2. Commonwealth Bank of Australia
3. National Australia Bank Ltd.
4. Westpac Banking Corp.
5. ANZ Group Holdings Ltd.
6. CSL Ltd.
7. Wesfarmers Ltd.
8. Macquarie Group Ltd.
9. Woodside Energy Group Ltd.
10. Goodman Group

The top 10 holdings represent 48.2% of the total fund. Holdings include only the physical securities held in the fund. They exclude cash and derivatives such as total return swaps which may be used to manage exposure levels to certain securities by Vanguard Group globally, or where Vanguard considered it to be in the fund's best interest.

Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Bmk
Financials	33.9	33.9
Materials	24.1	24.1
Health Care	7.3	7.3
Industrials	7.1	7.1
Consumer Discretionary	6.7	6.7
Real Estate	5.6	5.6
Energy	4.6	4.6
Consumer Staples	3.8	3.8
Communication Services	3.3	3.3
Information Technology	2.1	2.1
Utilities	1.5	1.5

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.

Glossary

Weighted Median market cap is calculated by first ranking all companies in the specified universe in ascending order based on their market capitalisation. The weights of all companies are then summed, and the function steps through the sorted list while keeping a running total of the weights. The value returned by the function as the weighted median value is that belonging to the company straddling the 50% barrier.

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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