

# Account Opening Form for Professional Clients (Institutions, Companies, Intermediaries and Eligible Counterparties)

Use this form to open an account with Vanguard Investment Series plc ("VIS") only if you are Professional Client as defined by Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments ("MiFID II").

Please refer to the Professional Client Definitions as set out at the Appendix, in advance of completing this form.

Please send the completed form and any additional required documents by fax to the Administrator at Dublin +353 1 2417146, Hong Kong +852 39717146, Boston +1-617-310-7146.

## Questions?

Phone Dublin +353 1 2417144,  
Hong Kong +852 39717144,  
Boston +1-617-310-7144 or contact your dedicated account manager.

Please tick this box to confirm that you have read the Professional Client Definitions found in the appendix of this form and that you are a Professional Client.

At any point in the future, should you no longer meet the definition of a Professional Client and/or Eligible Counterparty as per the attached document, you must contact the Administrator as soon as practicable.

## Important notes, please read:

- Individual investors and other investors that are not investment professionals can not use this form and should seek investment into Vanguard Investment Series plc funds via a third party investment platform, broker, financial advisor or similar.
- Applicants are required to provide, by mail, fax or, where applicable, by approved electronic transmission, this signed Professional Client Account Opening Form and all necessary anti-money laundering documentation (see section 4) and tax documentation (in original format where required) to Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, (the "Administrator") at the below address prior to investing in the Fund.

Vanguard Investment Series plc  
c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland ) Limited  
30 Herbert Street  
Dublin 2  
D02 W329  
Ireland

- Subscriptions will not be permitted on your account until the Administrator receives all required documentation by fax and sends you an account notification e-mail containing your Vanguard account number.
- Once you have received your account number, you may subscribe for shares.
- No payments of redemptions and/ or distribution proceeds and/or transfer of shareholdings until the Administrator receives the original Subscription Agreement and all relevant anti-money laundering documentation, in original format where required.
- The VIS sub-funds are registered for sale in Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guernsey, Iceland\*, Isle of Man, Italy, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. Institutions not registered in these countries should contact the Vanguard Client Services team (+44 203 753 4305) to discuss investment eligibility.
- Ireland based entities: only Irish tax exempt investors are eligible to invest.

\*Please note only a sub set of sub funds are registered for sale in Iceland please visit our website for the current list:  
<https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/portal/ucits-documentation>

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## 1 Account Registration

### Registration Address

A physical street address is required. We cannot accept a post office box.

\*Registered Name of Applicant *please type or print*

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Named contact person

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Type of Organisation

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Country of Incorporation or Organisation

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\*Contact Name

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\*Street Address *line 1*

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Street Address *line 2*

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\*City

\*Postal Code

\*Country

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\*E-Mail

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\*Telephone *include country code*

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\*Fax *include country code*

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\* Required information.

\* Where an e-mail address is provided above or otherwise to the Manager/Administrator, the Applicant (i) agrees to receive electronically all fund related documentation and/or communications, including but not limited to prospectuses, notices to shareholders and financial reports and (ii) undertakes to keep the Manager and the Administrator informed of any changes to such e-mail address.

### Interested Parties

Complete this section if other interested parties should receive contract notes and statements by email or fax.

\*Name

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\*Company

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Fax include country code

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\*Email Address

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\* Required information.

If additional parties are required, please attach a letter on the company's letterhead with the additional information.

## 2 Dividend Payments

Complete this section only if you are investing in a distributing share class of a fund, including all Income share classes.

You may elect to have dividends paid to your bank account or automatically reinvested in further shares of the relevant fund(s).

If you wish to invest in the Income share class you must complete the Bank Account Information section below.

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Reinvest all dividends in additional shares.

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Pay all dividends to the bank account listed in Section 3.

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If this section is not completed, all dividends will be automatically reinvested in further shares of the relevant fund(s) on your behalf.

### 3 Bank Account Information

Provide account information for the bank or other credit institution at which you have an account in your name. We will use this information to pay any redemption or dividend proceeds, if applicable. If your bank account information changes, please notify the Administrator by sending via post an original signed letter of instruction.

#### Redemptions and Dividends

Money will only be paid to the registered account holders. Redemptions will only be processed on accounts that have been cleared and verified. Please note that no third-party payments will be made.

Payee Name(s)

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Name of Bank Branch

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Address *line 1*

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Address *line 2*

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Account Number

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ABA Number/Swift Account

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Corresponding Bank

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International Bank Account Number (IBAN)

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If subscribing for share classes denominated in multiple currencies, please include bank details for all applicable currencies on a separate page.

Note: Distribution proceeds shall only be paid in the currency of the relevant share class.

If your dividend bank details are different from your redemption bank details, please provide your dividend bank details on a separate page. If you do not provide additional details, the bank details completed in Section 3 will cover both dividends and redemptions.

## 4 Required Anti-Money Laundering Documentation for New Professional Investors

Under Irish anti-money laundering legislation, the Company and/or the Administrator, acting on behalf of the Company, must obtain information to verify the identity and permanent address of any new investor in the Company in accordance with the requirements of the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 and 2021. In addition, the Company and/or the Administrator may require an intermediary that is applying for Shares on behalf of persons (including natural and/or legal persons) to make available verification of identity documents as well as information verifying the applicants source of subscription monies and/or source of wealth in relation to such persons.

Please refer to the investor type below and provide the required information.

**Please note that the documentation requirements set forth hereunder do not necessarily constitute a definitive list. In accordance with the terms of the Prospectus, additional proof of identity documentation may be required from any applicant at the sole discretion of the Company, Vanguard Group Ireland Limited and/or the Administrator.**

### **Regulated Financial Institution in an EU/ European Economic Area or Equivalent Country**

- Application form with completed declaration of non-Irish residency and bank details
- Confirmation of regulation for the investor
- Authorised signatory list
- If acting as an intermediary, further documentation will be required.

### **Institutional Investor Established as a Corporate Entity**

- Application form with completed declaration of non-Irish residency and bank details
- Authorised signatory list
- Formation documentation
- Names; residential addresses and date of birth of directors/main officials
- Identification for directors and authorised signatories
- Names; residential/registered addresses (as appropriate) and date of birth/date of incorporation (as appropriate) for beneficiaries owning in excess of 20% of the issued share capital; profit or voting rights, or otherwise exercises control over the management of the entity
- Identification for beneficiaries owning in excess of 20% of the issued share capital; profit or voting rights, or otherwise exercises control over the management of the entity
- Documented source of wealth

### **Other Entity**

Other entity types will require their own unique documentation which will be communicated to an applicant. Such other entity types may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Charities
- Government entities
- Foundations
- Funds
- Pension Schemes
- Occupational Pension Schemes
- Entities listed on a stock exchange
- Entities based in non-equivalent countries
- Partnerships or Trusts
- Universities
- Nominee Structures

### **Important Notes**

The measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering will require verification of the applicant(s)' identity, address, and as applicable source of funds and/or source of wealth. As such, the Company and/or the Administrator reserves the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant and/or the source of the subscription monies and/or the source of wealth.

- In the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Administrator may refuse to accept the application and subscription monies.
- A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official who should state his representative capacity. An Authorised Signatory List must be submitted with this. The Authorised Signatory List must be printed on headed paper and contain the names and specimen signatures of all persons authorised to trade on the account. If this Account Opening Form is signed under a power of attorney, such power thereof must accompany this form in support of the signature.
- While Shares may be issued on the next available Dealing Day, until such time as the Administrator has received and is satisfied with all the information and documentation requested to verify the applicant's identity, and/or the source of the subscription monies and/or the source of wealth no request made by the applicant to either redeem and/or transfer the Shares will be granted. The Administrator, Vanguard Group Ireland Limited, the Investment Manager and the Company shall be held harmless and indemnified against any loss arising as a result of a failure to process the application if such information has been required by the parties referred to and has not been provided.
- Where the applicant is a financial institution, broker or other person applying to acquire Shares on behalf of its Professional Client(s) the applicant represents and warrants that it has full power and authority on behalf of the Professional Client to subscribe for Shares and to execute any necessary subscription documentation, including this Account Opening Form and, in particular but without limitation to the aforesaid, to make the representations above on behalf of such individual investor as to the agreement of such Professional Client regarding the use of personal data. The Applicant also represents and warrants that it has made due diligence enquiries to make sure that the individual investor is not involved in money laundering or terrorist activities ("know your customer rules").
- Applicants should note that the Directors, the Investment Manager or the Administrator or their agents may refuse to accept a redemption request if it is not accompanied by such additional information as they may in their absolute discretion require. I/we acknowledge that the Company or the Administrator on its behalf also reserves the right to refuse to make any redemption payment or distribution to a Shareholder where the Company or the Administrator is not satisfied with the information and documentation that has been provided. This power may, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, be exercised where proper information has not been provided for money laundering verification purposes as described above. Applicants should note in particular that redemption proceeds will not be paid by the Administrator to an account which is not in the name of the applicant.

### **Politically Exposed Persons ("PEPs")**

The Applicant must notify the Administrator and the Company as soon as possible if the Applicant or any persons controlling the Applicant, controlled by the Applicant or under common control with the Applicant or any person having a beneficial interest in the Applicant (in each case as applicable) is a Politically Exposed Person ("PEP") or an Immediate Family Member or Close Associate of a PEP (all defined in the footnotes below). Details of the source of funds and wealth will be necessary.

A "Politically Exposed Person" means an individual who is or has at any time been entrusted with a prominent public function, including either of the following individuals (but not including any middle ranking or more junior official) namely:

- a specified official;
- a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of a state-owned enterprise;

A "specified official" means any of the following officials (including any such officials in an institution of the European Communities or an international body):

- a head of state, head of government, government minister or deputy or assistant government minister;
- a member of a parliament;
- a member of a supreme court, constitutional court or other high level judicial body whose decisions, other than in exceptional circumstances, are not subject to further appeal;
- a member of a court of auditors or of the board of a central bank;
- an ambassador, chargé d' affairs or high-ranking officer in the armed forces;
- a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of a state-owned enterprise.

“Immediate Family Member” includes the following persons; any spouse, child, parent, sibling, spouse of a child of a PEP or any person who is considered to be equivalent to a spouse of the PEP or spouse of a child under the national or other law of the place where the person or PEP resides.

A “close associate” of a PEP includes any individual who has joint beneficial ownership of a legal entity or legal arrangement, or any other close business relations, with the PEP, or widely and publicly known (or actually known by the Administrator or Company) to be closely associated with a PEP or any individual who has sole beneficial ownership of a legal entity or legal arrangement set up for the actual benefit of the politically exposed person.

5 Persons Authorised to Conduct Transactions

Authorisation to deal on Investor Account.

Please indicate each signatory’s specific authority and attach additional list of separate dealing mandate if required.

Persons Approved to Deal by Fax

The following persons are approved to place trades on this account:

Name <i>please type or print</i>	Title
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Signature	Date <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
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Name <i>please type or print</i>	Title
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Signature	Date <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
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Name <i>please type or print</i>	Title
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Signature	Date <i>dd/mm/yyyy</i>
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If you require further approved persons to deal by fax, please provide details on a separate page.

Please indicate the number of approved persons required to deal on the account. If you leave this field blank, two signatures will be required to deal on your account.	Number
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### Authorised Signatories for Changes to Account

Any changes to the details on this account opening form can be accepted only if made in writing by the authorised persons below:

Name please type or print

Title

Signature

Date dd/mm/yyyy

Name please type or print

Title

Signature

Date dd/mm/yyyy

Name please type or print

Title

Signature

Date dd/mm/yyyy

If you require further approved persons to deal by fax, please provide details on a separate page.

Please indicate the number of approved persons required to deal on the account. If you leave this field blank, two signatures will be required to deal on your account.

Number

I/we hereby authorise Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland ) Limited to release audit information on my/our account to my/our Auditor on request.

Insert name of Auditor(s) *please type or print*

## 6 Automated Dealing

Complete this section if the Applicant would like the ability to transact electronically with the Company, where provided.

The Applicant hereby elects to avail of the option, where it is provided, to subscribe and/or redeem and/or exchange by approved electronic transmission (e.g., automated trading platforms) in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus.

CTN

EMX

SWIFT

For more information on dealing methods or requirements please contact the Administrator

## 7 Key Investor Information Document / Key Information Document

### A Where the Institution/Company is investing in the fund:

1. We confirm that we have been provided with a copy of either the latest (1) Key Investor Information Document(s) (for investors residing in United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man) or (2) Key Information Document(s) (for investors residing in EEA Member States), in respect of the class(es) of shares in which we are investing.
2. We acknowledge that it is a pre condition to acceptance of our application that we have been provided with the latest available (1) Key Investor Information Document(s) (for investors residing in United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man) or (2) Key Information Document(s) (for investors residing in EEA Member States), in respect of the class(es) of shares in which we are investing.



## **8 Acknowledgement, Certification and Account Opening Form Signature – All Applicants Must Sign**

The persons listed below are currently officers, trustees, general partners or other authorised agents of the Applicant(s) (each, an "Authorised Signatory" and, together, "Authorised Signatories"). The Applicant:

- Confirms that the Administrator may accept and act on any instructions received by fax (whether bearing or purporting to bear the facsimile or at the Administrator's discretion equivalent of any signature of any Authorised Signatory and also regardless of by whom or by what means or process, whether photographic, teleprocess, electronic or otherwise any facsimile signature may have been affixed or caused to appear on such instruction and/or such instructions may have been communicated to the Administrator) from an Authorised Signatory which the Administrator believes in good faith to have been given by one of those Authorised Signatories listed below.
- Confirms that the Administrator may accept and act on any instructions received by fax from an Authorised Signatory of the Applicant to release shareholder information to a nominated third party.
- Confirms that it shall notify the Administrator immediately by sending via post an original letter (where applicable) providing a revised Authorised Signatories list if the Authorised Signatories as detailed in this Account Opening Form change.

### **In signing this Account Opening Form, I/we:**

- Certify, represent and warrant that I am/we are duly authorised to sign this Account Opening Form and to subscribe for, switch or redeem shares in the Fund and that by virtue of my/ our subscribing for, holding or redeeming shares I/we will not be in breach of (i) any of the certifications, representations and warranties contained in this Account Opening Form; (ii) any requirements contained in the Prospectus; and (iii) any laws or regulations of any competent jurisdiction. and have not been convicted of any criminal activities and the subscription monies are not the proceeds of criminal misconduct and the funds presented to complete this transaction are from legitimate sources in connection with our regular and permitted business activities. I/we hereby indemnify the manager, investment manager, trustee, Administrator and other shareholders for any loss suffered by them as a result of any certifications, representations or warranties contained in this Account Opening Form not being true in every respect. I/we acknowledge that capitalised terms used in the Account Opening Form shall have the same meaning as defined terms in the Prospectus unless otherwise provided for in the Account Opening Form.
- I/we acknowledge that in the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity in relation to the meaning of any word or phrase in any translation, the English text shall prevail and all disputes as to the text thereof shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland.
- I/we confirm that I/we have been provided with, read and understood a copy of the Prospectus. I/we acknowledge that this application is made on the terms of the Prospectus, as amended from time to time, and this Account Opening Form
- I/we agree that the issue and allotment of Shares is subject to the provisions of the Prospectus, the Company's Articles of Association and this Account Opening Form and that the aforementioned documents, the subscription for or redemption of Shares, the terms of holding of such Shares and of membership of the Company will be governed by and construed in accordance with Irish law.
- Declare that Shares are neither being purchased by a U.S. Person as described in the Prospectus, nor on behalf of or for the benefit of a U.S. Person, nor does the Applicant intend transferring any Shares purchased to any person who is a U.S. Person in violation of any applicable laws or regulations and will immediately notify the Company if I/we should at any time become a U.S. Person. I/we agree to substantiate the foregoing representations and warranties upon request. If you are a "US" person for US federal income tax purposes (as defined in the prospectus) you will need to complete and execute a Form W-9 in accordance with the instruction accompanying the form.
- Acknowledge and certify that I/we understand that: (i) shares in Vanguard Investment Series plc funds are not insured by any government or regulatory agency and are not of, nor guaranteed by, Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited, any of its affiliates or any commercial bank; and (ii) shares of Vanguard Investment Series plc funds may involve risk, including loss of principal.
- Declare that the Shares are not being acquired and will not be held in violation of any applicable laws.
- Understand and agree to observe the time requirements for submission of information to the Administrator relating to any transactions with the company.

- Acknowledge, confirm, warrant, declare and represent that:
  - a. in subscribing for shares, I/we am/are not involved in: (i) concealing or disguising any property which is, or which directly or indirectly represents, the proceeds of a criminal activity; or (ii) converting or transferring any property which is, or which directly or indirectly represents, the proceeds of criminal activity for the purpose of avoiding prosecution for an offence;
  - b. I/we have complied with all anti-money laundering obligations imposed on me/us pursuant to applicable anti-money laundering legislation;
  - c. I/we do not know of or suspect and have no reason to suspect that any of the subscription monies forwarded by me/us for shares is, or directly or indirectly represents, the proceeds of any criminal activity and subscription pursuant to this Account Opening Form is not designed to conceal such proceeds so as to avoid prosecution for an offence or otherwise nor is intended to be applied in such a way as may constitute an offence of financing terrorism under the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act, 2010 and 2021;
  - d. the Company, Administrator, Investment Manager and Distributor and their respective directors, officers and employees shall be held harmless and indemnified against any penalty or loss arising as a result of the foregoing representations and undertaking being shown to be untrue or incorrect in any way.
- Acknowledge that because of anti-money laundering requirements operating within their respective jurisdictions, the company, the Distributor (if any) and the Administrator may require further information, including identification of the Applicant(s) before the application can be processed. I/we further acknowledge that any delay in providing such documentation may result in delayed processing of the application of shares and/or the delayed payment of any future redemption or distribution payments or processing of share transfer requests. The Distributor, the Company and the Administrator shall be held harmless and indemnified against any loss arising from the failure to process this application if such information as is required from the Applicant(s) has not been provided by the Applicant(s).
- Acknowledge the Administrator, Investment Manager and the Company are hereby authorised and instructed to accept and execute any instructions in respect of the shares to which this Account Opening Form relates or which may in future be acquired by me/us which are given by me/us in written form or by facsimile. I/we hereby agree to indemnify each of the Administrator, Manager, Investment Manager and the Company and agree to keep each of them indemnified against any loss of any nature whatsoever arising to any of them as a result of any of them acting upon written form or facsimile instructions to the extent that such party acted properly upon receipt of such instructions. The Administrator, Manager, Investment Manager and the Company may rely conclusively upon and shall incur no liability in respect of any action taken upon any instructions believed in good faith to be genuine and to be signed by properly authorised persons.
- Acknowledge this Account Opening Form shall not be binding on the Company unless accepted by the Company and I/we acknowledge that the company or the Administrator as relevant reserves the right to reject any application in whole/part at its entire discretion without assigning any reason therefor.
- Confirm that i/we has/ have duly authorised the individuals executing and delivering this Account Opening Form to do so on its behalf and that such Authorised Signatories have full authority and legal capacity to purchase Shares in the Fund(s) and to authorise any account features elected in this Account Opening Form on its behalf.
- Accept responsibility and liability for any failure to provide subscription monies by the appropriate settlement date. I/we agree that any costs for which I/we become liable as a result of my/our failure to provide subscription monies authorises the manager to redeem such number of shares held by me/us in the company in order to satisfy any such liability to the company and the proceeds of any such redemption shall be paid into the assets of the relevant Fund.
- Agree that the Company may at their discretion send to the Applicant any notice or document (including annual and semi annual reports) about the Applicant's investment in electronic format via e-mail unless the Applicant requests otherwise.
- Agree to notify the Company or the Administrator immediately if it become aware that any of the representations or declarations are no longer accurate and complete in all respects and agrees immediately to take such action as the Company, the Distributor or the Administrator may direct, including where appropriate to sell or to tender to the Company for redemption a sufficient number of Shares which would in such circumstances allow the representations to be made.
- Agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Depositary, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Distributor (and their respective directors, officers and employees) and the other Shareholders against any loss, liability, cost or expense (including without limitation legal fees, taxes and penalties) which may result, directly or indirectly, from
  - i. any misrepresentation by me/us or breach by me/us of any warranty, condition, covenant or agreement contained herein or in any other document delivered by me/us to the Company and
  - ii. my/our holdings of shares in the Company which brings the Company into conflict with any requirement of any local regulatory authority or the Company incurring any liability to taxation or breaching any law or regulation of any local regulatory or taxation authority.

- I/We acknowledge that in the event that an account in my/our name is opened with the company and I/we fail to subscribe for shares in the company within 90 days from the date of the opening of such account by the Administrator, the company reserves the right to close such account without notice to me/us. Accounts will be deactivated after a period of 12 months with no activity where there is a zero balance.
- Declare that the information contained in the Declaration of Residence completed by it in Section 10 of this Account Opening Form is true and correct and agrees to notify the Company, the Manager or the Administrator of a subsequent change in its status that would render the declaration untrue.
- Understand that the confirmations, representations, declarations and warranties made therein are continuous and apply to all subsequent subscriptions for shares by the Applicant in the Company whether this investment is made in my/our own name or is made on behalf of or for the benefit of another person or Corporation unless the Applicant notifies the Company or the Administrator to the contrary in relation to any shares I/we may hold or obtain at any time.
- Understand that any changes to the information provided by the Applicant in this Application Form must be made in writing to the Administrator and must contain the appropriate number of signatures.
- Agree and consent that I/we may receive information about my/our investment concerning costs and charges and target market in compliance with the Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments ("MiFID II") via the website of The Vanguard Group unless I / we request otherwise.
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that this Application Form and the terms on which the Applicant(s) hold Shares in a Fund shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland. The Applicant irrevocably agrees that the Courts of Ireland are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this Account Opening Form, the Prospectus, the Company's Articles of Association, the Company or its operations or the holding of Shares in a Fund. Unless the Company otherwise agrees in writing, the Applicant irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of Irish courts.

A signature of an Authorised Signatory is required to complete this Account Opening Form.

An Authorised Signatory List must be submitted with this Account Opening Form. The Authorised Signatory List must be printed on headed paper and contain the names and specimen signatures of all persons authorised to trade on the account. If the Account Opening Form (incorporating the declaration required by the Irish Revenue Commissioners) is signed under power of attorney, a copy of the power of attorney must be furnished in support of the signature.

Name please type or print

Title

Signature

Date dd/mm/yyyy

Name please type or print

Title

Signature

Date dd/mm/yyyy

### Privacy Notice

Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited, and Vanguard Investment Series plc, and their affiliates (collectively referred to as "Vanguard", "we", "us"), are responsible for the personal data received on our behalf. We take our data protection and privacy responsibilities seriously. For full details on how we collect, use, and share personal data in the course of our business activities, what legal rights you have to help manage your privacy, and how you can contact us for support, please [click here to see our Privacy Policy](#) or visit <https://global.vanguard.com/portal/site/portal/ucits-documentation>.

## 9 Entity Self-Certification

We are obliged under section 891E, section 891F and section 891G of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended) and regulations made pursuant to that section to collect certain information about each investor's tax arrangements. Please complete the sections below as directed and provide any additional information that is requested. Please note that in certain circumstances we may be obliged to share this information and other financial information with respect to the Applicant's interest with relevant tax authorities. This form is intended to request information only where such request is not prohibited by Irish law.

If you have any questions about this form or defining your tax residency status, please refer to the OECD CRS portal or speak to a tax adviser.

If any of the information below about your tax residence or FATCA/CRS classification changes in the future, please ensure you advise us of these changes promptly.

For further information on FATCA/CRS please refer to the Irish Revenue website at: <http://www.revenue.ie/en/business/aeoi/index.html> or the following link to the OECD CRS Information Portal at: <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/> in the case of CRS only.

### Section 1: FATCA Declaration Specified U.S. Person:

Please tick either (a), (b) or (c) below and complete as appropriate.

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(a) The Entity is a Specified U.S. Person and the Entity's U.S. Federal Taxpayer Identifying number (U.S. TIN) is as follows (please also complete Sections 3 and 4):

U.S. TIN:

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Or

(b) The Entity is not a Specified U.S. Person (please also complete Sections 2, 3 and 4)

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Or

(c) The Entity is a US person but not a Specified U.S. Person (please also complete Sections 2, 3 and 4)

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### Section 2: Entity's FATCA Classification

(the information provided in this section is for FATCA, please note your classification may differ from your CRS classification in Section 4):

#### 2.1 Financial Institutions under FATCA:

If the Entity is a Financial Institution, please tick one of the below categories and provide the Entity's GIIN at 3.2

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I Irish Financial Institution or a Partner Jurisdiction Financial Institution

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II Registered Deemed Compliant Foreign Financial Institution

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III Participating Foreign Financial Institution

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## 2.2 Please provide the Entity's Global Intermediary Identification number (GIIN)

### 2.3 If the Entity is a Financial Institution but unable to provide a GIIN, please tick one of the below reasons:

- I      The Entity has not yet obtained a GIIN but is sponsored by another entity which does have a GIIN  
Please provide the sponsor's name and sponsor's GIIN:

Sponsor's Name:

Sponsor's GIIN:

- II      Exempt Beneficial Owner

- III      Certified Deemed Compliant Foreign Financial Institution (including a deemed compliant Financial Institution under Annex II of the Agreement)

- IV      Non-Participating Foreign Financial Institution

- V      Excepted Foreign Financial Institution

### 2.4 Non-Financial Institutions under FATCA:

If the Entity is not a Financial Institution, please tick one of the below categories:

- I      Active Non-Financial Foreign Entity

- II      Passive Non-Financial Foreign Entity  
(If this box is ticked, please include self-certification forms for each of your Controlling Persons)

- III      Excepted Non-Financial Foreign Entity

## Section 3: CRS Declaration of Tax Residency

(please note that you may choose more than one country)

Please indicate the Entity's country of tax residence for CRS purposes, (if resident in more than one country please detail all countries of tax residence and associated tax identification numbers ("TIN")).

**NOTE:** Provision of a Tax ID number (TIN) is required unless you are tax resident in a Jurisdiction that does not issue a (TIN).

If the Entity is not tax resident in any jurisdiction (e.g., because it is fiscally transparent), please indicate that below and provide its place of effective management or country in which its principal office is located.

Country of Tax Residency

Tax ID Number

#### Section 4: Entity's CRS Classification

(The information provided in this section is for CRS. Please note an Entity's CRS classification may differ from its FATCA classification in Section 3):

For more information please see the CRS Standard and associated commentary. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/common-reporting-standard/common-reporting-standard-and-related-commentaries/#d.en.345314>

##### 4.1 Financial Institutions under CRS:

If the Entity is a Financial Institution, please tick one of the below categories:

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|----|---|
| I  | Financial Institution under CRS (other than (II) below)   |
| II | An Investment Entity located in a Non-Participating Jurisdiction and managed by another Financial Institution (If this box is ticked, please indicate the name of any Controlling Person(s) of the Entity. Additional self-certification forms are required for each of your Controlling Person(s). Please contact the Company for the necessary self-certification forms to be completed by such Controlling Person(s).) |

##### 4.2 Non Financial Institutions under CRS:

If the Entity is a Non Financial Institution, please tick one of the below categories

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| I   | Active Non-Financial Entity – a corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on an established securities market or a corporation which is a related entity of such a corporation  |
| II  | Active Non-Financial Entity – a Government Entity or Central Bank  |
| III | Active Non-Financial Entity – an International Organisation  |
| IV  | Active Non-Financial Entity – other than (I)-(III) (for example a start-up NFE or a non-profit NFE)  |
| V   | Passive Non-Financial Entity (If this box is ticked, please indicate the name of any Controlling Person(s) of the Entity. Additional self-certification forms are required for each of your Controlling Person(s). Please contact the Company for the necessary self-certification forms to be completed by such Controlling Person(s).) |

#### Information in relation to Controlling Person(s)

**NB: Please note that each Controlling Person must complete a Separate Individual Self-Certification form.**

**If there are no natural person(s) who exercise control of the Entity then the Controlling Person will be the natural person(s) who hold the position of senior managing official of the Entity.**

For further information on Identification requirements under CRS for Controlling Persons, see the Commentary to Section VIII of the CRS Standard. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/common-reporting-standard/common-reporting-standard-and-related-commentaries/#d.en.345314>

**A Declaration**

I/We declare that the information provided on this form is, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, accurate and complete.

I/We undertake to advise the recipient promptly and provide an updated Self-Certification where any change in circumstance occurs, which causes any of the information contained in this form to be incorrect.

Name of Applicant

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*On behalf of (Company Name)*

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Signature of Authorised Signatory

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Capacity in which you are signing

Date *dd/mm/yyyy*

## 10 Declaration of Residence Inside or Outside Ireland

Terms used in this section are defined in the "Taxation" section of the Prospectus. Please tick one as appropriate:

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### A Irish Residents

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I am/We are an Irish Resident who will cause the Company to have an obligation to deduct and pay tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

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### B Exempt Irish Investors

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I am/We are an Irish Resident who will not cause the Company to have an obligation to deduct and pay tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

*(If this section applies, it will be necessary to complete an additional form, which is available from the Vanguard Transfer Agency Team on +3531 2417144.*

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### C Non-Irish Investors

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Applicants resident outside Ireland are required by the Irish Revenue Commissioners to make the following declaration, which is in a format authorised by them, in order to receive payment without deduction of tax. It is important to note that this declaration, if it is then still correct, shall apply in respect of any subsequent acquisitions of Shares.

*Declaration of Residence outside Ireland. If you tick Box C, you must tick one of the declarations in the section below.*

**Declaration of capacity of applicant** (applicable only if you have ticked Non-Irish Investors above). Please tick one as appropriate:

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#### Declaration on own behalf

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I/We declare that I am/we are applying for the Shares on my own/our own behalf/on behalf of a company and that I am/we are/the company is entitled to the Shares in respect of which this declaration is made and that:

- I am/we are/the company is not currently "resident" or "ordinarily resident" in Ireland; and
- Should I/we/the company become Irish Resident I/we/the company will so inform the Company, in writing accordingly.

The monies being invested belong to the registered shareholder and no monies are being invested on behalf of underlying beneficiaries.

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#### Declaration as Intermediary

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I/We declare that I am/we are applying for Shares on behalf of other persons (e.g. not on own behalf):

- Who will be beneficially entitled to the Shares; and
- Who, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, are neither "resident" or "ordinarily resident".

I/We also declare that:

- Unless I/we specifically notify you to the contrary at the time of application, all applications for Shares made by me/us from the date of this application will be made on behalf of such person; and
- Will inform you in writing if I/we become aware that any person on whose behalf I/we hold Shares becomes Irish Resident.
- I/We are acting as an intermediary or nominee and will hold shares on behalf of the beneficiary. Where we or the beneficiary are acting as a "Distributor" as defined by the Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments ("MiFID II"), I/We agree to inform Vanguard of such by email [European\\_client\\_services@vanguard.co.uk](mailto:European_client_services@vanguard.co.uk).



To verify your identity for tax purposes, please attach an original document containing your Tax Identification Number.

Name of Applicant

Address of Applicant

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Declarant if applicable

Name and Capacity of Authorised Signatory

Date *dd/mm/yyyy*

### Important Notes

1. Non-resident declarations are subject to inspection by the Irish Revenue Commissioners and it is a criminal offence to make a false declaration.
2. To be valid, the Account Opening Form (incorporating the declaration required by the Irish Revenue Commissioners) must be signed by the Applicant. Where there is more than one Applicant, each person must sign. If the Applicant is a company, it must be signed by the company secretary or another authorised officer.
3. If the Account Opening Form (incorporating the declaration required by the Irish Revenue Commissioners) is signed under power of attorney, a copy of the power of attorney must be furnished in support of the signature.
4. Exempt investors who are entitled to payment without deduction of tax should also request the appropriate alternative declaration form from the Administrator.

## 11 Checklist

Before submitting your request to open an account with the company, please ensure that you:

**Step 1:** Complete this Account Opening Form, ensuring that all sections are fully completed and are duly executed on behalf of the Applicant.

**Step 2:** Enclose the additional anti-money laundering documents required by Section 4 of the Account Opening Form.

**Step 3:** Complete the appropriate declaration in Section 10 and ensure that this fully executed and dated declaration is returned with the Account Opening Form to the Administrator.

**Step 4:** Fax all of the documents detailed at Steps 1, 2 and 3 above to the Administrator at Dublin +353 1 2417146, Hong Kong +852 39717146, Boston +1-617-310-7146.

**Step 5:** Once you have received a Vanguard-assigned account number from the Administrator, send originals of all of the documents detailed at Steps 1, 2 and 3 above to the Administrator by mail, fax or, where applicable, by approved electronic transmission (in original format where required).

Vanguard Investment Series plc  
c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland ) Limited  
30 Herbert Street  
Dublin 2  
D02 W329  
Ireland

Note: Please ensure that you do not save the form to a public computer and that you are using the latest version.

## Notes

### 1. Specified U.S. Person

A Specified Person is generally any U.S. Person that is NOT a publicly traded corporation or an entity that is within the same expanded affiliate group as a publicly traded corporation, the U.S. government, a U.S. bank, a regulated investment company in the U.S. or certain other specified exempt categories.

### 2. FATCA

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance provisions (commonly known as FATCA) contained in the US Hire Act 2010, the intergovernmental agreement entered into between the U.S. and Ireland pertaining to such provisions and any legislation, regulations or guidance issued for implementing such provisions or agreement.

### 3. Exempt Beneficial Owner

The term "Exempt Beneficial Owner" means

- a. a Governmental Entity;
- b. an International Organisation (The office in Ireland of any institution of the European Union, of the European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, or of any organisation to which the Diplomatic Relations and Immunities Acts 1967 – 2006 apply, please see the relevant guidance issued by the Irish Revenue Commissioners or the IRS);
- c. a Central Bank; or
- d. a Retirement benefit scheme falling within the definition of Exempt Beneficial Owner for the purpose of FATCA.

### 4. Financial Institution

The term "Financial Institution" means a Custodial Institution, a Depository Institution, an Investment Entity, or a Specified Insurance Company as defined for the purposes of FATCA.

### 5. Active Non-Financial Foreign Entity (NFFE) (FATCA definition)

A NFFE is an entity that is not a Financial Institution.

For the purpose of section 2 only, an Active NFFE is any NFFE that meets one of the following criteria:

- a. less than 50 per cent of the NFFEs gross income for the preceding calendar year or other appropriate reporting period is passive income (such as dividends, interest, royalties, annuities and rent) and less than 50 per cent of the assets held by the NFFE during the preceding calendar year or other appropriate reporting period are assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income;
- b. the stock of the NFFE is regularly traded on an established securities market or the NFFE is a Related Entity<sup>14</sup> of an entity, the stock of which is traded on an established securities market;
- c. the NFFE is a government, a political subdivision of such government, or a public body performing a function of such government or a political subdivision thereof, or an entity wholly owned by one or more of the foregoing;
- d. substantially all of the activities of the NFFE consist of holding (in whole or in part) the outstanding stock of, or providing financing and services to, one or more subsidiaries that engage in trades or businesses other than the business of a Financial Institution. However the entity will not qualify as an Active NFFE if it functions (or holds itself out to be) an investment fund, such as a Private Equity Fund, Venture Capital Fund, Leveraged Buyout Fund or any Investment Vehicle whose purpose is to acquire or fund companies and then hold interests in those companies as capital assets for investment purposes. In these circumstances the entity will be a passive NFFE;
- e. the NFFE is not yet operating a business and has no prior operating history, but is investing capital into assets with the intent to operate a business other than that of a Financial Institution; provided that the NFFE shall not qualify for this exception after the date that is 24 months after the date of the initial organisation of the NFFE;
- f. the NFFE was not a Financial Institution in the past five years, and is in the process of liquidating its assets, or is reorganising with the intent to continue or recommence operations in a business other than that of a Financial Institution;
- g. the NFFE primarily engages in financing and hedging transactions with, or for Related Entities<sup>14</sup> that are not Financial Institutions, and does not provide financing or hedging services to any entity that is not a Related Entity, provided that the group of any such Related Entities is primarily engaged in a business other than that of a Financial Institution;
- h. the NFFE is organised in a U.S Territory and all the owners of the payee are bona fide residents of that U.S. Territory; or
- i. the entity is a Non-Profit Organisation<sup>13</sup>.

### 6. Passive Non-Financial Foreign Entity (NFFE) (FATCA definition)

For the purpose of section 2 only, a Passive NFFE is any NFFE that is not an Active NFFE<sup>6</sup>.

### 7. Controlling Persons

The term "Controlling Persons" means the natural persons who exercise control over an Entity. In the case of a trust, such term means the settlor, the trustees, the protector (if any), the beneficiaries or class of beneficiaries, and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust, and in the case of a legal arrangement other than a trust, such term means persons in equivalent or similar positions. The term "Controlling Persons" must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Financial Action Task Force Recommendations.

### 8. Other Excepted Non-Financial Foreign Entity (NFFE)

The term "Other Excepted Non-Financial Foreign Entity" means any other Active Non-Financial Foreign Entity not mentioned in Note 6 above but defined as such under U.S. FATCA regulations.

# Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited Vanguard Funds plc Vanguard Investment Series plc

## Privacy policy

Vanguard Group (Ireland) Limited (the “**Manager**”), Vanguard Funds plc (“**VF**”), and Vanguard Investment Series plc (“**VIS**”) (collectively, “**we**” or “**us**”, and the terms “**we**” and “**us**” refer to one or more of these entities as applicable), value the privacy and security of information about registered shareholders/unitholders (all references to “**shareholders**” shall include unitholders) and applicants for shares/units (all references to “**shares**” shall include units). The Manager acts as management company to VIS and VF and also as management company in respect of Vanguard Common Contractual Fund, Vanguard Investments Common Contractual Fund, Vanguard Investments II Common Contractual Fund and Vanguard Investments III Common Contractual Fund (together the “**CCFs**” and each a “**CCF**”). VIS and VF are together referred to as the “**Companies**” and each as a “**Company**”.

In this privacy policy (“**Policy**”), we describe how we collect, use, and disclose information collected by us or on our behalf.

**Please read this Policy carefully. By providing information to or investing with us, you acknowledge the practices described in this Policy. Any dispute over privacy is subject to this Policy and the relevant CCF or Company subscription form and prospectus.**

The information that we collect is controlled by the Manager and where applicable also by the Company. In any case where we share Personal Data with a third party data controller (including, as appropriate, our service providers and other members of the Vanguard group of companies), the use by that third party of the Personal Data will be subject to the third party's own privacy policies.

For example, in limited circumstances, where an administrator to the CCFs or the Companies is subject to a legal obligation requiring it to act as controller of the Personal Data, including where it is required to use the Personal Data for the discharge of its own AML (as defined below) obligations, such administrator will act as data controller. Where Personal Data needs to be shared with a depositary appointed to the CCFs or the Companies (as applicable), in order to enable it to discharge its legal and regulatory obligations, such depositary will act as a data controller. The privacy policies of such administrators and depositaries can be obtained from them upon request.

Where Personal Data needs to be shared within the Vanguard group of companies, for purposes such as account administration, certain Vanguard entities may act as data controller. The privacy policies of The Vanguard Group, Inc. and its affiliates can be accessed through their websites [here](#) and [here](#).

We collect and process the Personal Data of registered shareholders, applicants for shares, beneficial owners, personal representatives, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees and/or authorised signatories of registered shareholders and applicants for shares (being natural persons) (“**Individuals**”) and other information relating to the dealings of Individuals with the Companies and/or their service providers.

**Where we need to process Personal Data in connection with a registered shareholder's contract with the Manager or a Company or in anticipation of an applicant for shares becoming a registered shareholder, or where we have a legal obligation to collect certain Personal Data relating to an Individual (for example, in order to comply with AML obligations), we will not be able to deal with the registered shareholder or applicant for shares if the Individual does not provide the necessary Personal Data and other information required by us.**

For purposes of this Policy, Personal Data is any information that alone or together with other information in our possession relates to an identified or identifiable Individual. Personal Data may be information which we have or obtain, or which an Individual provides to us or our service providers.

## Collection of Personal Data

We may collect the following Personal Data.

*Personal Data we collect directly from you:*

- Full name, date of birth, gender, and contact details, including mailing address, email address, and telephone and fax numbers;
- Tax identification number and bank account and payment method details;
- Contribution amounts and investment choices;
- Details about authorised signatories, agents, or representatives;
- Copies of any relevant trust deeds, partnership agreements, constitutions, or articles of association;
- Details about your investment needs;
- Information about employees, agents, or other representatives of a client or prospective client, if such information is needed to open or maintain a registered shareholder account; and
- Other information that you provide to us in connection with your shareholding.

We may also collect Personal Data for your account from third parties authorised to disclose your Personal Data, such as from your employer or from companies that provide identification verification services.

*Information about third parties:* We may collect information from you regarding other Individuals related to your account. Where you disclose information about authorised signatories, dependents, relatives, potential beneficiaries, employees, agents, or other representatives as outlined above, you warrant that you will only do so in accordance with applicable data protection laws; that you will ensure that before doing so, the Individuals in question are provided with a copy of this Policy and made aware of the fact that we will hold information relating to them and may use it for any of the purposes set out in this Policy. We may, where required under applicable law, notify those Individuals that we have been provided with their Personal Data and provide a copy of this Policy to them.

## Use of Personal Data and legal basis for processing

We will use the Personal Data:

- for the purposes of performing the contract with a registered shareholder, or in anticipation of an applicant for shares becoming a registered shareholder, namely:
  - for the purposes of providing services to the registered shareholder, and setting up and administering the applicant's or registered shareholder's account(s), as the case may be;
  - for the collection of subscriptions and payment of redemptions, distributions, and dividends; and
  - to deal with queries or complaints from registered shareholders;
- for compliance with our legal obligations, including:
  - anti-money laundering, anti-terrorist financing, and fraud prevention purposes, including OFAC and PEP screening for these purposes and to comply with UN, EU and other applicable sanctions regimes (collectively, "AML");
  - compliance with applicable tax and regulatory reporting obligations;
  - where we are ordered to disclose information by a court with appropriate jurisdiction; and
  - recording of telephone calls and electronic communications in order to comply with applicable law and regulatory obligations;
- where use is for our legitimate interest, including:
  - for day to day operational and business purposes;
  - to take advice from our external legal and other advisors; and
  - board reporting and management purposes, including quality assurance; and

- where use or sharing is for a legitimate interest of another company in the Vanguard group of companies, or of a service provider or third party to which we provide the Personal Data, including:
  - for day to day operational and business purposes;
  - investor relationship management; and
  - calculation and payment by the recipient of commissions and rebates.

## Disclosure of Personal Data

We will not disclose any Personal Data to any third party, except as outlined above and/or as follows. You have certain rights to object to the processing of your Personal Data as described below.

- to enable us to carry out the obligations under the contract with a registered shareholder or in anticipation of an applicant for shares becoming a registered shareholder;
- to anyone providing a service to us or acting as our agent (which may include the investment manager, distributor and companies within its group of companies, the administrator and its or their sub-contractors), as data processors or data controllers, on the understanding that they will keep the Personal Data confidential;
- where Personal Data needs to be shared with a depository, in order to enable it to discharge its legal and regulatory obligations;
- in limited circumstances, where an administrator is subject to a separate legal obligation requiring it to act as controller of the Personal Data, including where it is required to use the Personal Data for the discharge of its own AML obligations;
- where the registered shareholder or applicant for shares is a client of the investment manager or a company within the Vanguard group of companies, for the purposes of calculation and payment of rebates;
- where we need to share Personal Data with our auditors, and legal and other advisors;
- in the event of a merger or proposed merger, to any (or any proposed) transferee of, or successor in title to, the whole or any part of our business, and to its officers, employees, agents, and advisers, to the extent necessary to give effect to such merger; or
- the disclosure is required by law or regulation, or court or administrative order having force of law, or is required to be made to any of our regulators.

## Cross-border transfer of Personal Data

Personal Data may be transferred outside the European Economic Area (the "EEA") in connection with administering a registered shareholder's account(s) and/or in anticipation of an applicant for shares becoming a registered shareholder, and/or as otherwise required or permitted by law. For example, the Vanguard group of companies generally maintain centralised servers and systems in the United States and may maintain servers and systems elsewhere. These servers and systems are managed by or on behalf of The Vanguard Group, Inc., or Vanguard affiliates located in or outside the United States.

Some of the countries to which Personal Data may be transferred will be within the EEA, or will be ones which the European Commission has approved, and will have data protection laws which are the same as or broadly equivalent to those in Ireland. However, some transfers may be to countries which do not have equivalent protections, and in that case we shall use reasonable efforts to implement contractual protections for the Personal Data. While this will not always be possible where we are required to transfer the Information in order to comply with and perform the contract with an Individual or where we have a legal obligation to do so, any transfers will be done in accordance with applicable data protection laws, including through the implementation of appropriate or suitable safeguards in accordance with such applicable data protection laws. This includes entering into data transfer agreements or using the EU Commission approved Standard Contractual Clauses.

## Sensitive Personal Data

The Manager and the Company may, in limited circumstances, collect and process sensitive Personal Data (such as data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, or trade union membership) in connection with their obligations under applicable AML laws. Any sensitive Personal Data will only be used and disclosed, as necessary, for such purpose.

## Personal Data quality

We rely on the accuracy of the information provided by you and others. We take reasonable efforts to ensure that Personal Data collected by us or on our behalf is accurate, up to date, and complete, in accordance with applicable law. If any information about you changes or you have any concerns regarding the accuracy of information about you held by us, you should contact us at the address provided in the Contact us section below.

## Information security and retention

We use commercially reasonable physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect your Personal Data from loss, misuse, and unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration, and destruction in accordance with applicable law. Please be aware that despite our best efforts, no data security measures can guarantee 100% security all of the time.

We retain Personal Data for as long as necessary to provide our services to you, to fulfil the purposes described in this Policy and/or our business purposes, or as required by law, regulation, or internal policy. We are obliged to retain certain information to ensure accuracy, to help maintain quality of service, and for legal, regulatory, fraud prevention and legitimate business purposes.

In general, we (or our service providers on our behalf) will hold Personal Data for a period of five years, unless we are obliged to hold it for a longer period under law or applicable regulations.

## Your legal rights

Subject to certain exemptions, and in some cases dependent upon the processing activity we are undertaking, you have certain rights in relation to your Personal Data:

### Right to access Personal Data

You have a right to request that we provide you with a copy of your Personal Data that we hold, and you have the right to be informed of:

- the source of your Personal Data;
- the purposes, legal basis, and methods of processing;
- the data controller's identity; and
- the entities or categories of entities to whom your Personal Data may be transferred.

### Right to rectify or erase Personal Data

You have a right to request that we rectify inaccurate Personal Data. We may seek to verify the accuracy of the Personal Data before rectifying it.

You can also request that we erase your Personal Data in limited circumstances where:

- it is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was collected; or
- following a successful right to object (see Right to object below); or
- it has been processed unlawfully; or
- erasure is required to comply with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

We are not required to comply with your request to erase Personal Data if the processing of your Personal Data is necessary:

- for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject; or
- for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims.

#### **Right to restrict the processing of your Personal Data**

You can ask us to restrict your Personal Data, but only where:

- its accuracy is contested, to allow us to verify its accuracy; or
- the processing is unlawful, but you do not want it erased; or
- it is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was collected, but we still need it to establish, exercise, or defend legal claims; or
- you have exercised the right to object, and verification of overriding grounds is pending.

We can continue to use your Personal Data following a request for restriction:

- to establish, exercise, or defend legal claims; or
- to protect the rights of another natural or legal person.

#### **Right to transfer your Personal Data**

You can ask us to provide your Personal Data to you in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format, or you can ask to have it transferred directly to another data controller, but in each case only where:

- the processing is based on the performance of a contract with you; and
- the processing is carried out by automated means.

#### **Right to object to the processing of your Personal Data**

You can object to any processing of your Personal Data which has our legitimate interests as its legal basis, if you believe your fundamental rights and freedoms outweigh our legitimate interests.

If you raise an objection, we have an opportunity to demonstrate that we have compelling legitimate interests which override your rights and freedoms.

#### **Right to obtain a copy of Personal Data safeguards used for transfers outside your jurisdiction**

You can ask to obtain a copy of, or reference to, the safeguards under which your Personal Data is transferred outside of the European Union.

We may redact data transfer agreements to protect commercial terms.

#### **Right to lodge a complaint with your local supervisory authority**

You have a right to lodge a complaint with your local supervisory authority if you have concerns about how we are processing your Personal Data.

We ask that you please attempt to resolve any issues with us first, although you have a right to contact your supervisory authority at any time.

If you would like to exercise any of the rights described above, please send us a request at the address or email provided in the Contact us section below. In your message, please indicate the right you would like to exercise and the information that you would like to access, review, correct, or delete.

We may ask you for additional information to confirm your identity and for security purposes, before disclosing the Personal Data requested to you. We reserve the right to charge a fee where permitted by law, for instance if your request is manifestly unfounded or excessive.

Subject to legal and other permissible considerations, we will make every reasonable effort to honour your request promptly or inform you if we require further information in order to fulfil your request.

We may not always be able to fully address your request, for example if it would impact the duty of confidentiality we owe to others, or if we are legally entitled to deal with the request in a different way.

# Appendix

## Professional Client Definitions

Please note Vanguard will only accept direct applications for investment into Vanguard Investment Series plc ("VIS") from Professional Clients and Eligible Counterparties, as defined under Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments ("MiFID II"). Information contained within this Appendix is taken from Annex II and Article 30 of MiFID II to assist investors in determining that they meet the criteria of a Professional Client or Eligible Counterparty."

### I. Categories of client who are considered to be professionals

The following shall all be regarded as professionals in all investment services and activities and financial instruments for the purposes of the Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments ("MiFID II").

1. Entities which are required to be authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets. The list below shall be understood as including all authorised entities carrying out the characteristic activities of the entities mentioned: entities authorised by a Member State under a Directive, entities authorised or regulated by a Member State without reference to a Directive, and entities authorised or regulated by a third country:
  - (a) Credit institutions;
  - (b) Investment firms;
  - (c) Other authorised or regulated financial institutions;
  - (d) Insurance companies;
  - (e) Collective investment schemes and management companies of such schemes;
  - (f) Pension funds and management companies of such funds;
  - (g) Commodity and commodity derivatives dealers;
  - (h) Locals;
  - (i) Other institutional investors;
2. Large undertakings meeting two of the following size requirements on a company basis:
  - balance sheet total: EUR 20 000 000
  - net turnover: EUR 40 000 000
  - own funds: EUR 2 000 000
3. National and regional governments, including public bodies that manage public debt at national or regional level, Central Banks, international and supranational institutions such as the World

Bank, the IMF, the ECB, the EIB and other similar international organisations.

4. Other institutional investors whose main activity is to invest in financial instruments, including entities dedicated to the securitisation of assets or other financing transactions.

The entities referred to above are considered to be professionals. They must however be allowed to request non-professional treatment and investment firms may agree to provide a higher level of protection. Where the client of an investment firm is an undertaking referred to above, the investment firm must inform it prior to any provision of services that, on the basis of the information available to the investment firm, the client is deemed to be a professional client, and will be treated as such unless the investment firm and the client agree otherwise.

The investment firm must also inform the customer that he can request a variation of the terms of the agreement in order to secure a higher degree of protection.

It is the responsibility of the client, considered to be a professional client, to ask for a higher level of protection when it deems it is unable to properly assess or manage the risks involved.

This higher level of protection will be provided when a client who is considered to be a professional enters into a written agreement with the investment firm to the effect that it shall not be treated as a professional for the purposes of the applicable conduct of business regime. Such agreement shall specify whether it applies to one or more particular services or transactions, or to one or more types of product or transaction.

### II. Eligible Counterparties

In accordance with Article 30 of MiFID II, Vanguard shall recognise as eligible counterparties investment firms, credit institutions, insurance companies, UCITS and their management companies, pension funds and their management companies, other financial institutions authorised or regulated under Union law or under the national law of a Member State, national governments and their corresponding offices including public bodies that deal with public debt at national level, central banks and supranational organisations.



## Contact us

If you have any questions relating to this Policy, or concerns about the way in which we have handled information about you, please do not hesitate to send us an email at [privacy@vanguard.com](mailto:privacy@vanguard.com). You also may contact us by sending a message to:

Vanguard Group (Ireland), Limited  
Attn: The Board of Directors  
1 George's Quay Plaza  
Dublin 2, Ireland

If you raise any concerns about how we have handled your Personal Data, we may request additional details from you regarding your concerns, and may need to engage or consult with other parties in order to investigate and resolve your issue. We will keep records of your request and any resolution of your issue.

## Changes to this Policy

We will post changes to this Policy on each of our European Union websites along with the effective date of the changed policy. We recommend that you review this Policy periodically. If we make a material change to this Policy, you will be provided with appropriate notice.

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