# 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

**GBP Acc**
**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 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 will invest primarily in investment grade bonds with a rating of between AAA and BBB- as defined by the Index provider.
- 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 where the Fund may temporarily depart from this investment policy to avoid losses.
- The Fund may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth. 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 base currency of the Fund is GBP.
- The Fund invests in securities which are denominated in currencies other than the base currency. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.
- The Fund is appropriate for long-term investment. You should have an investment horizon of at least 3 years.
- 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.
- Subject to certain exceptions set out in the Prospectus, Shares in the Fund can be bought or sold or exchanged on a daily basis (save on certain bank / public holidays and subject to certain restrictions described in Appendix 1 of the Prospectus or in a separate Supplement) by submitting an application in writing. A list of the days on which shares in the Fund cannot be bought or sold is available on https://fund-docs.vanguard.com/holiday-calendar-vanguard-investment--series-plc-irish-funds.pdf

**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 5 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.

  - Use of derivatives. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value.

**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. This could cause the Fund to incur higher costs when buying or selling investments or could mean that the Fund is not able to buy or sell investments when it would like to do so.
- 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.

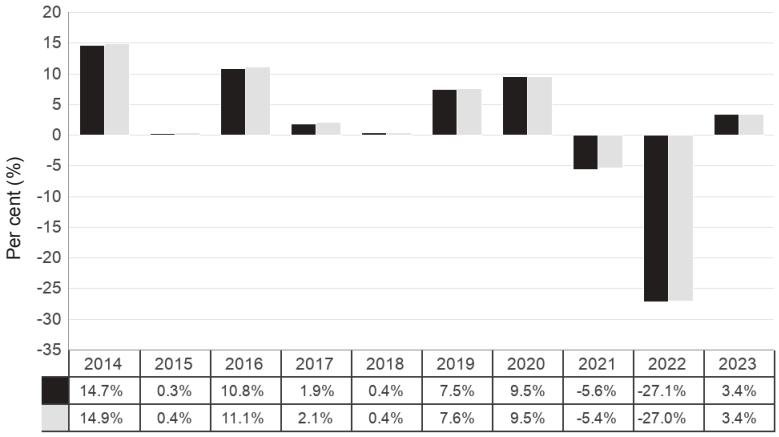
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| One-off charges taken before or after you invest | |
| Entry charge | None |
| Exit charge | None |
| This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested / before the proceeds of your investment are paid out. | |
| Charges 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 distributor and or adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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




| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
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| Fund | 14.7% | 0.3% | 10.8% | 1.9% | 0.4% | 7.5% | 9.5% | -5.6% | -27.1% | 3.4% |
| Index | 14.9% | 0.4% | 11.1% | 2.1% | 0.4% | 7.6% | 9.5% | -5.4% | -27.0% | 3.4% |

- **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:** 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 Vanguard Investment Series plc ("VIS"), along with the latest published prices of shares and other practical information on the Fund 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. The documents are available in English and are free of charge.
- **Prices:** The last published prices of shares in the Fund are also available from the FT's website www.ft.com or https://global.vanguard.com
- **Tax:** VIS is subject to the tax laws of Ireland. Depending on your country of residence, this 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 VIS.
- **Sub-funds:** VIS is an umbrella fund with a number of sub-funds. This document describes a sub-fund of VIS. The prospectus and periodic reports are prepared for the entire company.
- 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 VF and your investment in the Fund will not be affected by any claims against any other sub-fund of VIS.
- **Shares:** You may exchange your shares in the Fund for shares in any other sub-fund of VIS. Details of switching are provided in the Prospectus.
- Information about other share classes offered by VIS can be found in the prospectus or from our website at https://global.vanguard.com.
- Further information on the Index Provider please see the Fund's prospectus.
- **Remuneration policy:** Details of VGIL's Remuneration Policy are available at https://www.ie.vanguard/content/dam/intl/europe/documents/ch/en/ucits-v-remuneration-policy.pdf, 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 05/03/2024.