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## **Vanguard ETF Series (the “Trust”)**

*(A Hong Kong umbrella unit trust authorised under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of the laws of Hong Kong) (“SFO”)*

### **Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe Index ETF**

**(Stock code: 3101 – HKD counter)**

**(Stock code: 83101 – RMB counter)**

**(Stock code: 9101 – USD counter)**

### **Vanguard FTSE Japan Index ETF**

**(Stock code: 3126 – HKD counter)**

**(Stock code: 83126 – RMB counter)**

**(Stock code: 9126 – USD counter)**

### **Vanguard S&P 500 Index ETF**

**(Stock code: 3140 – HKD counter)**

**(Stock code: 83140 – RMB counter)**

**(Stock code: 9140 – USD counter)**

**(each a “Sub-Fund”, together the “Sub-Funds”)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTICE OF CHANGE OF PROPOSED DATES OF TERMINATION, VOLUNTARY DEAUTHORISATION AND DELISTING FOR VANGUARD FTSE DEVELOPED EUROPE INDEX ETF, VANGUARD FTSE JAPAN INDEX ETF AND VANGUARD S&P 500 INDEX ETF**

**Based on the current status of the termination process of each Sub-Fund and on the basis that the Manager has distributed all the assets of each Sub-Fund through the Cash Proceeds Distribution, it is decided that the Final Termination Date, Deauthorisation Date and the date of delisting of the Sub-Funds from the SEHK will be changed and such dates will now be on or around 30 July 2021.**

Reference is made to the Announcement and Notice dated 31 March 2021 and titled “*Announcement and Notice of the Proposed Cessation of Trading, Termination, Voluntary Deauthorisation and Delisting and Non-Applicability of Certain Provisions of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds*” (the “**First Announcement**”) and the Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement dated 7 June 2021 and titled “*Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement for Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe Index ETF, Vanguard FTSE Japan Index ETF And Vanguard S&P 500 Index ETF*” (the “**Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement**”) issued by Vanguard Investments Hong Kong Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of the Trust and the Sub-Funds. Capitalised terms not defined in this Announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the First Announcement.

For details relating to (i) Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF; (ii) Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF; and/or (iii) Vanguard Total China Index ETF, please refer to the Announcement dated 7 June 2021 and titled “Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement for Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF, Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF And Vanguard Total China Index ETF” and the Announcement dated 14 July 2021 and titled “Extension of Further Cash Proceeds Distribution for Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF, Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF and Vanguard Total China Index ETF”.

In the Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement, it is stated that if there is any change to the dates mentioned in the First Announcement, the Manager will issue an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the revised dates.

The purpose of this Announcement is to inform the Relevant Investors that with respect to the Sub-Funds, there will be an acceleration to the timetable in relation to their proposed Final Termination Date, Deauthorisation Date and the date for the delisting of the Sub-Funds from the SEHK. Relevant Investors, as defined in the First Announcement, mean those investors who remain invested in the Sub-Funds as at 14 May 2021, being the Final Record Date.

In the First Announcement, it is stated that the Final Termination Date for each of the Sub-Funds is expected to be on or around 15 October 2021 and the Deauthorisation Date and the date for the delisting of the Sub-Funds from the SEHK will be on or shortly after the Final Termination Date. Based on the current status of the termination process and on the basis that the Manager has distributed all the assets of each Sub-Fund through the Cash Proceeds Distribution, it is decided that the Final Termination Date for each of the Sub-Funds will be on or around 30 July 2021 and the Deauthorisation Date and the date for the delisting of the Sub-Funds from the SEHK will be on or shortly after the Final Termination Date.

The Trustee does not have any objection to such arrangement.

The Manager will update the Relevant Investors by further announcement as and when appropriate in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements, including to inform the Relevant Investors of the Final Termination Date and the Deauthorisation Date and delisting of the Sub-Funds from the SEHK. If there is any further change to the dates mentioned in this announcement, the Manager will also issue an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the revised dates.

**Investors are strongly advised to read and consider the First Announcement and Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement together with the Prospectus, for further details in relation to the Trust and the Sub-Funds, the termination, deauthorisation and delisting and the applicable risk factors and their implications to investors.**

Investors who are in doubt about the contents of this Announcement should contact their independent financial intermediaries or professional advisers to seek their professional advice, or direct their queries to the Manager by calling +852 3409 8333 during normal business hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays), or visiting the Manager’s website: [www.vanguard.com.hk](http://www.vanguard.com.hk)<sup>1</sup>.

The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Announcement and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, as of the date of this publication, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

**Vanguard Investments Hong Kong Limited**  
as Manager of the Trust and the Sub-Funds

**14 July 2021**

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<sup>1</sup> The website has not been reviewed by the SFC.