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Further 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 Asia ex Japan Index ETF, Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF and Vanguard Total China Index ETF*” (the “**Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement**”), this Announcement is to inform Relevant Investors of the extension of the Further Cash Proceeds Distribution Date with respect to the Sub-Funds to a date being on or about 15 September 2021.

As disclosed in the First Announcement, if trading of any Suspended Stock has not resumed by the Cash Proceeds Distribution Date, the Manager will publish an announcement on or about such date to inform Relevant Investors of the next steps it will proceed with.

As of 9 July 2021, details of the Suspended Stocks which each Sub-Fund holds is as follows:

Sub-Fund	Number of Suspended Stocks	Total holdings of Suspended Stocks	% of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund
Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF	2	135,334	6.5939
Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF	1	203,000	6.4407
Vanguard Total China Index ETF	1	116,000	3.6001

As of 9 July 2021 the Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF and the Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF also hold other illiquid securities that are either delisted or subject to mandatory transfer restrictions, details as follows:

Sub-Fund	Number of illiquid securities	Total holdings of illiquid securities	% of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund
Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF	3	79,157	1.2478
Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF	1	36,000	0.0000

Therefore the Manager would like to extend the period for Further Cash Proceeds Distribution with respect to the Sub-Funds to a date being on or about 15 September 2021. The Trustee does not have any objection to such arrangement.

**IMPORTANT NOTES: Stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are urged to forward a copy of this Announcement to their clients holding Units in the Sub-Funds, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement as soon as possible. Relevant Investors should contact their stockbrokers and financial intermediaries in relation to the payment of the relevant Cash Proceeds Distribution from them. Investors should exercise caution and consult with their professional and financial advisers before deciding on the course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units.**

## **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 Asia ex Japan Index ETF**

**(Stock code: 2805 – HKD counter)**

**(Stock code: 82805 – RMB counter)**

**(Stock code: 9805 – USD counter)**

### **Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF**

**(Stock code: 3085 – HKD counter)**

**(Stock code: 83085 – RMB counter)**

**(Stock code: 9085 – USD counter)**

### **Vanguard Total China Index ETF**

**(Stock Code: 83169 - RMB Counter)**

**(Stock Code: 3169 - HKD Counter)**

**(Stock Code: 9169 - USD Counter)**

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

## **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**

Reference is made to the First Announcement and 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.

The purpose of this Announcement is to inform the Relevant Investors of the extension of the period of the Further Cash Proceeds Distribution with respect to the Sub-Funds.

For details relating to (i) Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe Index ETF; (ii) Vanguard FTSE Japan Index ETF; and/or (iii) Vanguard S&P 500 Index ETF, please refer to the 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*” and the Announcement dated 14 July 2021 and titled “*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*”.

As disclosed in the First Announcement, if trading of any Suspended Stock has not resumed by the Cash Proceeds Distribution Date, the Manager will publish an announcement on or about such date to inform Relevant Investors of the next steps it will proceed with.

As of 9 July 2021, details of the Suspended Stocks which each Sub-Fund holds is as follows:

<b>Sub-Fund</b>	<b>Number of Suspended Stocks</b>	<b>Total holdings of Suspended Stocks</b>	<b>% of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund</b>
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Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF	2	135,334	6.5939
Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF	1	203,000	6.4407
Vanguard Total China Index ETF	1	116,000	3.6001

As of 9 July 2021 the Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF and the Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF also hold other illiquid securities that are either delisted or subject to mandatory transfer restrictions, details as follows:

<b>Sub-Fund</b>	<b>Number of illiquid securities</b>	<b>Total holdings of illiquid securities</b>	<b>% of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund</b>
Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF	3	79,157	1.2478
Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF	1	36,000	0.0000

Therefore the Manager would like to extend the period for Further Cash Proceeds Distribution with respect to the Sub-Funds to a date being on or about 15 September 2021. The Trustee does not have any objection to such arrangement.

If trading of any Suspended Stocks has not resumed, or illiquid securities are still subject to mandatory transfer restrictions, by 13 September 2021, the Manager will further publish an announcement to inform investors of the further extension of the Further Cash Proceeds Distribution and/or next steps.

The Manager will also update investors by issuing the following:

- (in due course) an announcement to inform investors of the Further Cash Proceeds Distribution for each of the Sub-Funds; and
- (shortly before the Final Termination Date) an announcement informing investors about the Final Termination Date, Deauthorisation and date of delisting of the Sub-Funds, in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

If there is any change to the dates mentioned in the First Announcement or the Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement, the Manager will also issue an announcement to inform investors of the revised dates.

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**

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