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Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund

Equity Index Portfolio

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Equity Index Portfolio

About Your Portfolio's Expenses

As a shareholder of the portfolio, you incur ongoing costs, which include costs for portfolio management, administrative services, and shareholder reports (like this one), among others. Operating expenses, which are deducted from a portfolio's gross income, directly reduce the investment return of the portfolio.

A portfolio's expenses are expressed as a percentage of its average net assets. This figure is known as the expense ratio. The following examples are intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your portfolio and to compare these costs with those of other mutual funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period.

The accompanying table illustrates your portfolio's costs in two ways:

• Based on actual portfolio return. This section helps you to estimate the actual expenses that you paid over the period. The "Ending Account Value" shown is derived from the portfolio's actual return, and the third column shows the dollar amount that would have been paid by an investor who started with \$1,000 in the portfolio. You may use the information here, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period.

To do so, simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number given for your portfolio under the heading "Expenses Paid During Period."

• Based on hypothetical 5% yearly return. This section is intended to help you compare your portfolio's costs with those of other mutual funds. It assumes that the portfolio had a yearly return of 5% before expenses, but that the expense ratio is unchanged. In this case—because the return used is not the portfolio's actual return—the results do not apply to your investment. The example is useful in making comparisons because the Securities and Exchange Commission requires all mutual funds to calculate expenses based on a 5% return. You can assess your portfolio's costs by comparing this hypothetical example with the hypothetical examples that appear in shareholder reports of other funds.

Note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight and help you compare *ongoing* costs only and do not reflect transaction costs incurred by the portfolio for buying and selling securities. The portfolio's expense ratio does not reflect additional fees and expenses associated with the annuity or life insurance program through which you invest.

The calculations assume no shares were bought or sold during the period. Your actual costs may have been higher or lower, depending on the amount of your investment and the timing of any purchases or redemptions.

You can find more information about the portfolio's expenses in the Financial Statements section. For additional information on operating expenses and other shareholder costs, please refer to the prospectus.

	Beginning	Ending	Expenses
	Account Value	Account Value	Paid During
Equity Index Portfolio	12/31/2018	6/30/2019	Period
Based on Actual Portfolio Return	\$1,000.00	\$1,184.47	\$0.76
Based on Hypothetical 5% Yearly Return	1,000.00	1,024.10	0.70

The calculations are based on expenses incurred in the most recent six-month period. The portfolio's annualized six-month expense ratio for that period is 0.14%. The dollar amounts shown as "Expenses Paid" are equal to the annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent six-month period, then divided by the number of days in the most recent 12-month period (181/365).

Sector Diversification

As of June 30, 2019

Communication Services	10.2%
Consumer Discretionary	10.2
Consumer Staples	7.3
Energy	5.0
Financials	13.1
Health Care	14.2
Industrials	9.4
Information Technology	21.5
Materials	2.8
Real Estate	3.0
Utilities	3.3

The table reflects the portfolio's equity exposure, based on its investments in stocks and stock index futures. Any holdings in short-term reserves are excluded. Sector categories are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided a GICS classification as of the effective reporting period.

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Financial Statements (unaudited)

Statement of Net Assets

As of June 30, 2019

The portfolio files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The portfolio's Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

	Charao	Market Value•		Charae	Market Value•		Charac	Market Value•
	Shares	(\$000)		Shares	(\$000)		Shares	(\$000)
Common Stocks (99.6%) ¹			Royal Caribbean Cruises	40 705	4.000	Mondelez International Inc. Class A	220.012	10.067
Communication Services (10	.2%)		Ltd.	40,725	4,936		338,913	18,267
* Facebook Inc. Class A	565,898	109,218		60,363	4,879	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	202,201	14,492
* Alphabet Inc. Class C	72,384	78,241	* Ulta Beauty Inc.	13,044	4,525	Kimberly-Clark Corp.	80,813	10,771
* Alphabet Inc. Class A	70,326	76,149	Carnival Corp.	93,974	4,375	Walgreens Boots Alliance	100.070	10.000
AT&T Inc.	1,719,395	57,617	* Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc.	F 710	4 100	Inc.	183,276	10,020
Walt Disney Co.	411,226	57,424	Class A	5,712	4,186	Estee Lauder Cos. Inc.	F1 000	0.404
Verizon Communications			Best Buy Co. Inc.	54,615	3,808	Class A	51,683	9,464
Inc.	974,236	55,658	Expedia Group Inc.	27,906	3,712	Sysco Corp.	111,488	7,884
Comcast Corp. Class A	1,066,945	45,111	Genuine Parts Co.	34,250	3,548	Constellation Brands Inc.	00.400	7 700
* Netflix Inc.	102,998	37,833	Darden Restaurants Inc.	29,056	3,537	Class A	39,432	7,766
* Charter Communications			DR Horton Inc.	80,717	3,481	General Mills Inc.	141,551	7,434
Inc. Class A	40,531	16,017	MGM Resorts			* Monster Beverage Corp.	92,429	5,900
Activision Blizzard Inc.	180,641	8,526	International	119,440	3,412	Tyson Foods Inc. Class A	69,349	5,599
* Electronic Arts Inc.	69,579	7,046	* CarMax Inc.	39,000	3,386	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.		5,367
* Twitter Inc.	172,645	6,025	Lennar Corp. Class A	66,047	3,201	Clorox Co.	30,054	4,602
Omnicom Group Inc.	51,722	4,239	Tractor Supply Co.	28,453	3,096	Kraft Heinz Co.	147,856	4,589
CBS Corp. Class B	83,204	4,152	Hasbro Inc.	27,520	2,908	McCormick & Co. Inc.	28,750	4,457
Fox Corp. Class A	83,846	3,072	Wynn Resorts Ltd.	22,655	2,809	Hershey Co.	32,668	4,379
* Take-Two Interactive			 * Norwegian Cruise Line 			Church & Dwight Co. Inc.	57,733	4,218
Software Inc.	26,505	3,009	Holdings Ltd.	50,948	2,732	Kroger Co.	190,322	4,132
CenturyLink Inc.	223,570	2,629	Advance Auto Parts Inc.	16,765	2,584	Kellogg Co.	58,065	3,111
Viacom Inc. Class B	83,104	2,482	Tiffany & Co.	25,443	2,383	JM Smucker Co.	26,605	3,065
* Discovery Communications		_,	Garmin Ltd.	28,325	2,260	Conagra Brands Inc.	114,148	3,027
Inc.	84,242	2,397	Tapestry Inc.	68,074	2,160	 Hormel Foods Corp. 	63,620	2,579
* DISH Network Corp.	0.1,2.12	2,007	Whirlpool Corp.	15,041	2,141	Molson Coors Brewing Co.		
Class A	54,150	2,080	* Mohawk Industries Inc.	14,467	2,134	Class B	44,088	2,469
Interpublic Group of	04,100	2,000	BorgWarner Inc.	48,815	2,049	Lamb Weston Holdings Inc.	34,366	2,177
Cos. Inc.	90,316	2,040	* LKQ Corp.	73,618	1,959	Brown-Forman Corp.		
News Corp. Class A	108,193	1,460	PulteGroup Inc.	59,392	1,878	Class B	38,985	2,161
Fox Corp. Class B	38,278	1,398	Kohl's Corp.	38,451	1,828	Campbell Soup Co.	45,397	1,819
 Discovery Communications 		1,000	PVH Corp.	17,705	1,676	Coty Inc. Class A	72,248	968
Inc. Class A	, 37,518	1,152	Macy's Inc.	74,025	1,589			418,295
* TripAdvisor Inc.		1,152	Hanesbrands Inc.	84,035	1,447	Energy (5.0%)		410,200
	24,096	1,115	H&R Block Inc.	48,018	1,407	Exxon Mobil Corp.	996,844	76,388
News Corp. Class B	11,121		Ralph Lauren Corp.			Chevron Corp.	448,810	55,850
		586,245	Class A	12,374	1,406	ConocoPhillips	266,088	16,231
Consumer Discretionary (10.			L Brands Inc.	53,808	1,404	Schlumberger Ltd.	327,087	12,998
* Amazon.com Inc.	97,411	184,460	Newell Brands Inc.	90,758	1,400	EOG Resources Inc.	136,959	12,350
Home Depot Inc.	259,223	53,911	Harley-Davidson Inc.	37,602	1,347	Kinder Morgan Inc.	457,437	9,551
McDonald's Corp.	179,838	37,345	* Capri Holdings Ltd.	35,736	1,239	Phillips 66	98,618	9,225
NIKE Inc. Class B	296,124	24,860	Leggett & Platt Inc.	30,688	1,178	Occidental Petroleum Corp.		8,844
Starbucks Corp.	285,277	23,915	*,^ Under Armour Inc.		.,	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	156,367	8,738
 Booking Holdings Inc. 	10,199	19,120	Class A	45,335	1,149			
Lowe's Cos. Inc.	184,537	18,622	Foot Locker Inc.	26,622	1,116	Valero Energy Corp.	98,122	8,400
TJX Cos. Inc.	285,969	15,122	* Under Armour Inc.	20,022	1,110	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	118,401	8,354
General Motors Co.	311,340	11,996	Class C	43,526	966	Williams Cos. Inc.	286,084	8,022
Target Corp.	120,734	10,457	Gap Inc.	49,909	897	ONEOK Inc.	97,569	6,714
Ford Motor Co.	924,382	9,456	Nordstrom Inc.	25,046	798	Pioneer Natural Resources	00.400	0 077
Marriott International Inc.			Lennar Corp. Class B	1,030	40	Co.	39,499	6,077
Class A	65,168	9,142	Lennar Corp. Class B	1,030 _		Concho Resources Inc.	47,060	4,856
Ross Stores Inc.	86,263	8,550			586,354	Halliburton Co.	204,819	4,658
Dollar General Corp.	60,857	8,226	Consumer Staples (7.2%)			Diamondback Energy Inc.	36,678	3,997
	71,961	7,964	Procter & Gamble Co.	590,820	64,783	Hess Corp.	59,601	3,789
Yum! Brands Inc.		7,627	Coca-Cola Co.	904,349	46,049	Baker Hughes a GE Co.		
Yum! Brands Inc. eBay Inc.	193.083		DevesiO e Jaco	330,163	43,294	Class A	120,916	2,978
eBay Inc.	193,083 18,513	6,837	PepsiCo Inc.					2,764
eBay Inc. * O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	18,513	6,837 6,716	Walmart Inc.	329,430	36,399	Devon Energy Corp.	96,923	2,704
eBay Inc. * O'Reilly Automotive Inc. VF Corp.	18,513 76,887	6,837 6,716			36,399	Devon Energy Corp. Marathon Oil Corp.	96,923 191,097	2,715
eBay Inc. * O'Reilly Automotive Inc. VF Corp. Hilton Worldwide Holdings	18,513 76,887	6,716	Walmart Inc.		36,399 28,788			
eBay Inc. * O'Reilly Automotive Inc. VF Corp. Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.	18,513 76,887 68,650	6,716 6,710	Walmart Inc. Philip Morris International	329,430		Marathon Oil Corp.	191,097	2,715
eBay Inc. * O'Reilly Automotive Inc. VF Corp. Hilton Worldwide Holdings	18,513 76,887	6,716	Walmart Inc. Philip Morris International Inc.	329,430 366,587	28,788	Marathon Oil Corp. TechnipFMC plc	191,097 100,005	2,715 2,594

		Market Value•
	Shares	(\$000)
National Oilwell Varco Inc		2,050
HollyFrontier Corp. Cimarex Energy Co.	37,075	1,716 1,409
Helmerich & Payne Inc.	23,743 25,528	1,409
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Financials (13.1%)		200,000
* Berkshire Hathaway Inc.		
Class B	425,016	90,601
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	764,019	85,417
Bank of America Corp.	2,082,977	60,406
Wells Fargo & Co.	952,771	45,085
Citigroup Inc.	544,833	38,155
American Express Co.	161,240	19,903
US Bancorp Goldman Sachs Group Inc	352,971 2. 80,051	18,496 16,378
CME Group Inc.	. 84,290	16,362
Chubb Ltd.	107,952	15,900
PNC Financial Services	107,002	10,000
Group Inc.	106,535	14,625
S&P Global Inc.	57,977	13,207
Morgan Stanley	301,426	13,205
BlackRock Inc.	28,042	13,160
Marsh & McLennan		
Cos. Inc.	120,332	12,003
Intercontinental Exchange		11 000
Inc. Charles Saburah Corr	132,608	11,396
Charles Schwab Corp. MetLife Inc.	280,045 223,342	11,255 11,093
Progressive Corp.	137,635	11,001
Aon plc	56,611	10,925
American International	00,011	10,020
Group Inc.	205,009	10,923
Capital One Financial Corp		10,053
Aflac Inc.	175,934	9,643
Prudential Financial Inc.	95,422	9,638
Travelers Cos. Inc.	61,830	9,245
Bank of New York Mellon		0.400
Corp. BB&T Corp.	207,653 180,676	9,168 8,877
Allstate Corp.	78,453	7,978
Moody's Corp.	38,929	7,603
 * Berkshire Hathaway Inc. 	00,020	7,000
Class A	21	6,685
SunTrust Banks Inc.	104,193	6,549
T. Rowe Price Group Inc.	55,527	6,092
Discover Financial Service		5,906
Willis Towers Watson plc		5,848
M&T Bank Corp.	32,149	5,468
Synchrony Financial	149,545 87,754	5,185
State Street Corp. Fifth Third Bancorp	172,059	4,919 4,800
Hartford Financial Service		4,000
Group Inc.	85,581	4,769
MSCI Inc. Class A	19,832	4,736
Northern Trust Corp.	51,267	4,614
Ameriprise Financial Inc.	31,726	4,605
KeyCorp	236,188	4,192
Arthur J Gallagher & Co.	43,896	3,845
Citizens Financial Group Ir		3,808
First Republic Bank	38,559	3,765
Cincinnati Financial Corp.	36,003 237 721	3,732
Regions Financial Corp. Principal Financial Group	237,721	3,552
Inc.	60,635	3,512
Loews Corp.	63,093	3,449
Huntington Bancshares In		3,384
Lincoln National Corp.	47,810	3,081
* SVB Financial Group	12,405	2,786
Cboe Global Markets Inc.	26,341	2,730
Comerica Inc.	36,453	2,648

		Shares	Market Value• (\$000)
	Needer Inc		
	Nasdaq Inc. E*TRADE Financial Corp. Raymond James Financial	27,250 57,642	2,621 2,571
	Inc.	29,663	2,508
	Franklin Resources Inc.	69,124	2,406
	Everest Re Group Ltd.	9,549	2,360
	MarketAxess Holdings Inc.	7,187	2,310
	Torchmark Corp.	23,938	2,142
	Zions Bancorp NA	43,571	2,003
	Invesco Ltd.	93,101	1,905
	Unum Group	49,978	1,677
	People's United Financial Inc.	92,025	1,544
	Assurant Inc.	14,487	1,541
	Jefferies Financial Group	11,107	1,011
	Inc.	58,864	1,132
		50,004	1,152
	Affiliated Managers Group	10.000	1 105
	Inc.	12,208	1,125
			754,206
He	alth Care (14.1%)		
	Johnson & Johnson	625,346	87,098
	Pfizer Inc. 1	,307,631	56,647
	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	223,810	54,612
	Merck & Co. Inc.	606,369	50,844
	Abbott Laboratories	415,452	34,940
	Medtronic plc	315,723	30,748
	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	94,218	27,670
	Amgen Inc.	143,691	26,479
	AbbVie Inc.	348,232	25,323
	Eli Lilly & Co.	203,509	22,547
	Danaher Corp.	148,344	21,201
	Gilead Sciences Inc.	299,164	20,212
	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	385,420	17,479
	Anthem Inc.	60,562	17,091
	CVS Health Corp.	305,985	16,673
	Becton Dickinson and Co.	63,544	16,014
*			
	Celgene Corp.	166,148	15,359
	Stryker Corp.	72,932	14,993
	Intuitive Surgical Inc.	27,208	14,272
	Boston Scientific Corp.	327,597	14,080
	Cigna Corp.	89,215	14,056
	Zoetis Inc.	112,792	12,801
	Illumina Inc.	34,648	12,756
	Allergan plc	72,624	12,159
*	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	60,358	11,068
*	Biogen Inc.	45,702	10,688
	Baxter International Inc.	111,958	9,169
*	Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	49,128	9,076
	HCA Healthcare Inc.	63,049	8,522
	Humana Inc.	31,831	8,445
*	Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc.	52,989	6,941
	McKesson Corp.	44,657	6,002
*	IQVIA Holdings Inc.	37,132	5,975
*	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.	18,541	5,803
	Zimmer Biomet Holdings		
	Inc.	48,355	5,693
	Cerner Corp.	76,769	5,627
	Agilent Technologies Inc.	74,571	5,568
*	IDEXX Laboratories Inc.	20,172	5,554
*	Centene Corp.	97,814	5,129
*	Mettler-Toledo International		
	Inc.	5,824	4,892
*	Align Technology Inc.	17,082	4,675
	ResMed Inc.	33,986	4,147
*	Laboratory Corp. of America		
	Holdings	23,166	4,005
	Cooper Cos. Inc.	11,709	3,945
	Teleflex Inc.	10,958	3,629
	Incyte Corp.	41,821	3,553

			Market
		Shares	Value• (\$000)
*	Matana Cam		
*	Waters Corp. WellCare Health Plans Inc.	16,414 11,874	3,533 3,385
	Cardinal Health Inc.	70,011	3,298
	Quest Diagnostics Inc.	31,557	3,213
	Dentsply Sirona Inc.	54,704	3,193
	AmerisourceBergen Corp.	~~ ~~~	0.400
*	Class A Hologic Inc.	36,732 62,831	3,132 3,017
*	Varian Medical Systems Inc.		2,893
*	ABIOMED Inc.	10,597	2,760
	Universal Health Services		
	Inc. Class B	19,631	2,560
	PerkinElmer Inc.	25,856	2,491
*	Henry Schein Inc. Mylan NV	35,504 121,357	2,482
*	DaVita Inc.	29,756	2,311 1,674
*	Nektar Therapeutics	20,,00	1,071
	Class A	40,500	1,441
	Perrigo Co. plc	29,126	1,387
			816,930
Inc	dustrials (9.3%)		
	Boeing Co.	123,291	44,879
	Honeywell International Inc.	171,464	29,936
	Union Pacific Corp.	166,879	28,221
	United Technologies Corp.	190,966	24,864
	3M Co.	135,863	23,550
		2,054,470	21,572
	Lockheed Martin Corp.	57,850	21,031
	Caterpillar Inc. United Parcel Service Inc.	134,538	18,336
	Class B	164,504	16,988
	CSX Corp.	181,222	14,021
	Northrop Grumman Corp.	39,984	12,919
	Norfolk Southern Corp.	62,514	12,461
	Deere & Co.	74,667	12,373
	General Dynamics Corp. Raytheon Co.	63,952 65,592	11,628 11,405
	Waste Management Inc.	92,123	10,628
	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	70,422	10,620
	Emerson Electric Co.	144,477	9,640
	FedEx Corp.	56,356	9,253
	Roper Technologies Inc.	24,506	8,976
	Eaton Corp. plc Delta Air Lines Inc.	99,942 140,716	8,323 7,986
	Johnson Controls	140,710	7,000
	International plc	187,832	7,759
	Ingersoll-Rand plc	56,845	7,201
	Cummins Inc.	34,305	5,878
	Southwest Airlines Co. PACCAR Inc.	115,521 81,323	5,866 5,828
	Verisk Analytics Inc.	01,525	5,620
	Class A	38,659	5,662
	Fortive Corp.	69,091	5,632
*	TransDigm Group Inc.	11,565	5,595
*	IHS Markit Ltd.	86,008	5,480
	Harris Corp. Stanley Black & Decker	27,767	5,252
	Inc.	35,862	5,186
	Parker-Hannifin Corp.	30,364	5,162
	AMETEK Inc.	53,899	4,896
	Cintas Corp.	19,844	4,709
	L3 Technologies Inc. Rockwell Automation Inc.	18,791 27,702	4,607 4,538
*	United Continental	21,102	4,000
	Holdings Inc.	51,781	4,533
	Fastenal Co.	134,516	4,384
	Republic Services Inc.	F0 400	4 075
	Class A Equifax Inc.	50,493 28.412	4,375
	Equitax Inc.	28,412	3,842

		Shares	Market Value• (\$000)
*	Copart Inc.	47,749	3,569
	Xylem Inc.	42,179	3,528
	Dover Corp.	33,968	3,404
	Expeditors International	,	
	of Washington Inc.	40,922	3,104
	American Airlines Group	,	-,
	Inc.	92,399	3,013
	Textron Inc.	54,964	2,915
	Kansas City Southern	23,557	2,870
	WW Grainger Inc.	10,572	2,836
	Wabtec Corp.	38,290	2,030
	CH Robinson Worldwide	30,230	2,740
	Inc.	22 100	2 715
		32,189	2,715
*	Masco Corp.	68,904	2,704
	United Rentals Inc.	18,618	2,469
	Allegion plc	22,166	2,450
	Arconic Inc.	94,179	2,432
	Jacobs Engineering Group		
	Inc.	26,929	2,273
	Huntington Ingalls		
	Industries Inc.	9,729	2,187
	Snap-on Inc.	13,061	2,163
	Fortune Brands Home		
	& Security Inc.	33,033	1,887
	Nielsen Holdings plc	83,401	1,885
	JB Hunt Transport		
	Services Inc.	20,280	1,854
	Alaska Air Group Inc.	28,714	1,835
	Flowserve Corp.	30,753	1,620
	Robert Half International	,	,
	Inc.	27,751	1,582
	AO Smith Corp.	33,164	1,564
	Pentair plc	36,874	1,372
	Quanta Services Inc.	33,302	1,272
	Rollins Inc.	34,629	1,242
	Holinis Inc.	04,020 -	
Inf	ormation Technology (21.4		539,488
	Microsoft Corp.	1,804,825	241,774
	Apple Inc.	1,029,545	203,768
	Visa Inc. Class A	409,401	71,051
	Mastercard Inc. Class A	211,771	56,020
	Cisco Systems Inc.	1,008,302	55,184
	Intel Corp.	1,053,987	50,454
*	Adobe Inc.	114,925	33,863
	Oracle Corp.	571,407	32,553
*	PayPal Holdings Inc.	276,680	31,669
	International Business		
	Machines Corp.	208,821	28,796
*	salesforce.com Inc.	182,922	27,755
	Accenture plc Class A	150,148	27,743
	Broadcom Inc.	93,233	26,838
	Texas Instruments Inc.	220,950	25,356
	NVIDIA Corp.	143,479	23,564
	QUALCOMM Inc.	286,351	21,783
	Automatic Data	200,001	21,700
	Processing Inc.	102,523	16,950
	Intuit Inc.		
*		61,066	15,958
	Micron Technology Inc.	260,938	10,070
	Applied Materials Inc.	220,627	9,908
	Analog Devices Inc.	87,113	9,832
	Fidelity National	70.005	0.005
	Information Services Inc.	76,335	9,365
	Cognizant Technology		
	Solutions Corp. Class A	133,839	8,484
*	Fiserv Inc.	92,634	8,444
*	Autodesk Inc.	51,779	8,435
*	Red Hat Inc.	41,826	7,853
	TE Connectivity Ltd.	79,585	7,623
	HP Inc.	354,992	7,380
	Xilinx Inc.	60,034	7,079
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		Shares	Market Value• (\$000)
	Amphenol Corp. Class A	70,536	6,767
	Lam Research Corp.	35,334	6,637
	Motorola Solutions Inc.	38,845	6,477
*	Advanced Micro Devices		
	Inc.	208,953	6,346
	Paychex Inc.	75,536	6,216
	Corning Inc.	184,318	6,125
*	Global Payments Inc.	37,049	5,933
*	FleetCor Technologies Inc.	20,302	5,702
	VeriSign Inc. Total System Services Inc.	24,743 38,550	5,175 4,945
	Microchip Technology Inc.	56,316	4,843
	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	50,010	4,000
	Co.	315,711	4,720
*	Cadence Design Systems		.,. ==
	Inc.	65,828	4,661
*	Synopsys Inc.	35,465	4,564
	KLA-Tencor Corp.	38,108	4,504
*	ANSYS Inc.	19,883	4,072
*	Keysight Technologies Inc.	43,988	3,951
	Maxim Integrated Products		
	Inc.	64,008	3,829
	NetApp Inc.	57,903	3,573
	Broadridge Financial	07 505	0 510
	Solutions Inc. DXC Technology Co.	27,535	3,516
*	Gartner Inc.	62,839 21,332	3,466 3,433
	Western Digital Corp.	69,505	3,305
*	Arista Networks Inc.	12,481	3,240
	Symantec Corp.	145,860	3,174
	Skyworks Solutions Inc.	40,710	3,146
*	, Akamai Technologies Inc.	38,905	3,118
	Citrix Systems Inc.	29,253	2,871
	Seagate Technology plc	59,906	2,823
*	Fortinet Inc.	34,108	2,620
	Jack Henry & Associates		
	Inc.	18,187	2,436
	Juniper Networks Inc.	81,486	2,170
*	Western Union Co.	102,078	2,030
*	F5 Networks Inc. Qorvo Inc.	13,921 27,768	2,027 1,850
	FLIR Systems Inc.	32,067	1,735
	Xerox Corp.	45,207	1,601
	Alliance Data Systems Corp.		1,507
*	IPG Photonics Corp.	8,300	1,280
			1,235,980
Ma	aterials (2.8%)		.,,
	Linde plc	127,865	25,675
	DuPont de Nemours Inc.	176,290	13,234
	Ecolab Inc.	59,791	11,805
	Air Products & Chemicals		
		51,899	11,748
	Sherwin-Williams Co.	19,162	8,782
	Dow Inc. Newmont Goldcorp Corp.	176,171	8,687
	PPG Industries Inc.	193,341 55,785	7,438 6,511
	LyondellBasell Industries	55,765	0,511
	NV Class A	71,329	6,144
	Ball Corp.	78,370	5,485
*	Corteva Inc.	176,022	5,205
	Amcor plc	380,540	4,372
	Vulcan Materials Co.	30,974	4,253
	International Paper Co.	94,088	4,076
	Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	344,318	3,998
	Nucor Corp.	71,666	3,949
	International Flavors	22 201	0 450
	& Fragrances Inc. Martin Marietta Materials	23,781	3,450
	Inc.	14,650	3,371
	Celanese Corp. Class A	30,038	3,238
		22,000	5,200

	Shares	Market Value• (\$000)
FMC Corp.	30,901	2,563
Eastman Chemical Co.	32,849	2,557
CF Industries Holdings Inc.	52,226	2,440
Avery Dennison Corp.	20,143	2,330
Westrock Co.	61,181	2,231
Packaging Corp. of America	22,075	2,104
Mosaic Co.	83,074	2,079
Albemarle Corp.	24,740	1,742
Sealed Air Corp.	36,756	1,573
Real Estate (3.0%)		161,040
American Tower Corp. Crown Castle International	104,048	21,273
Corp.	98,017	12,777
Prologis Inc.	148,794	11,918
Simon Property Group Inc.	72,922	11,650
Equinix Inc.	19,807	9,988
Public Storage	35,461	8,446
Welltower Inc. AvalonBay Communities	95,344	7,773
Inc.	32,822	6,669
Equity Residential * SBA Communications Corp.	86,889	6,597
Class A	26,704	6,004
Ventas Inc.	87,083	5,952
Digital Realty Trust Inc.	49,117	5,785
Realty Income Corp.	74,182	5,116
Boston Properties Inc.	36,303	4,683
Weyerhaeuser Co. Essex Property Trust Inc.	175,226 15,547	4,615 4,539
* CBRE Group Inc. Class A Alexandria Real Estate	73,712	3,781
Equities Inc.	26,769	3,777
HCP Inc.	111,869	3,578
Extra Space Storage Inc.	29,923	3,175
Host Hotels & Resorts Inc. Mid-America Apartment	173,102	3,154
Communities Inc.	26,676	3,141
UDR Inc.	66,578	2,989
Duke Realty Corp.	84,181	2,661
Regency Centers Corp.	39,262	2,620
Vornado Realty Trust Federal Realty Investment	40,517	2,597
Trust	17,846	2,298
Iron Mountain Inc.	66,983	2,097
Kimco Realty Corp. Apartment Investment	98,912	1,828
& Management Co.	35,340	1,771
SL Green Realty Corp. Macerich Co.	20,230	1,626
	24,990 _	837 175,715
Utilities (3.3%) NextEra Energy Inc.	112,722	23,092
Duke Energy Corp.	171,396	15,124
Dominion Energy Inc.	188,975	14,612
Southern Co.	245,100	13,549
Exelon Corp. American Electric Power	228,681	10,963
Co. Inc.	116,408	10,245
Sempra Energy	64,756	8,900
Xcel Energy Inc. Public Service Enterprise	121,306	7,216
Group Inc.	119,359	7,021
Consolidated Edison Inc.	77,205	6,769
WEC Energy Group Inc.	74,058	6,174
Eversource Energy	75,653	5,731
DTE Energy Co.	43,190	5,523
PPL Corp. Edison International	170,707	5,294
Edison International FirstEnergy Corp.	76,490 119,254	5,156 5,105
i notenorgy corp.	110,204	5,105

	Shares	Market Value• (\$000)
American Water Works		
Co. Inc.	42,414	4,920
Entergy Corp.	45,008	4,633
Ameren Corp.	58,070	4,362
CMS Energy Corp.	66,614	3,858
Evergy Inc.	57,636	3,467
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	117,410	3,361
Atmos Energy Corp.	27,448	2,897
Alliant Energy Corp.	55,395	2,719
AES Corp.	155,525	2,607
NiSource Inc.	87,386	2,517
Pinnacle West Capital Corp.	26,328	2,477
NRG Energy Inc.	63,230	2,221
		190,513
Total Common Stocks (Cost \$3,543,739)		5,755,104
Temporary Cash Investments	10 10/1	-,,
	(0.470)	
Money Market Fund (0.4%)		
^{2,3} Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund, 2.499%		25.220
Fund, 2.499%	252,255	25,230
	F	
	Face	
	Amount	
_	(\$000)	
U.S. Government and Agency	Obligatio	ns (0.0%)
4 United States Treasury Bill,		
2.386%, 7/5/19	200	200
⁴ United States Treasury Bill,		
2.385%, 8/1/19	1,000	998
United States Treasury Bill,		400
2.048%, 11/21/19	200	199
		1,397
Total Temporary Cash Investn	nents	
(Cost \$26,627)		26,627
Total Investments (100.0%)		
(Cost \$3,570,366)		5,781,731

	Amount (\$000)
Other Assets and Liabilities (0.0%)	
Other Assets	
Investment in Vanguard	272
Receivables for Investment Securities Sold	76
Receivables for Accrued Income	4,784
Receivables for Capital Shares Issued	649
Variation Margin Receivable—Futures	
Contracts	116
Other Assets ⁵	58
Total Other Assets	5,955
Liabilities	
Payables for Investment Securities	
Purchased	(2,451)
Collateral for Securities on Loan	(530)
Payables for Capital Shares Redeemed	(3,279)
Payables to Vanguard	(1,917)
Total Liabilities	(8,177)
Net Assets (100%)	
Applicable to 134,310,992 outstanding	
\$.001 par value shares of beneficial	
interest (unlimited authorization)	5,779,509
Net Asset Value Per Share	\$43.03

At June 30, 2019, net assets consisted of:

Net Assets	5,779,509
Total Distributable Earnings (Loss)	2,317,248
Paid-in Capital	3,462,261
	(\$000)
	Amount

• See Note A in Notes to Financial Statements.

* Non-income-producing security.

- ^ Includes partial security positions on loan to broker-dealers. The total value of securities on loan is \$515,000.
- 1 The portfolio invests a portion of its cash reserves in equity markets through the use of index futures contracts. After giving effect to futures investments, the portfolio's effective common stock and temporary cash investment positions represent 100.0% and 0.0%, respectively, of net assets.

2 Includes \$530,000 of collateral received for securities on loan.

- 3 Affiliated money market fund available only to Vanguard funds and certain trusts and accounts managed by Vanguard. Rate shown is the 7-day yield.
- 4 Securities with a value of \$1,198,000 have been segregated as initial margin for open futures contracts.
- 5 Cash of \$49,000 has been segregated as initial margin for open futures contracts.

Derivative Financial Instruments	Outstanding as of Period E	nd		
Futures Contracts				
				(\$000)
	Expiration	Number of Long (Short) Contracts	Notional Amount	Value and Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Long Futures Contracts				
E-mini S&P 500 Index	September 2019	175	25,762	342

Statement of Operations

Six Months Ended June 30, 2019 (\$000)

Investment Income	
Income	
Dividends	54,847
Interest ¹	260
Securities Lending—Net	79
Total Income	55,186
Expenses	
The Vanguard Group—Note B	
Investment Advisory Services	672
Management and Administrative	2,880
Marketing and Distribution	225
Custodian Fees	20
Shareholders' Reports	14
Trustees' Fees and Expenses	1
Total Expenses	3,812
Net Investment Income	51,374
Realized Net Gain (Loss)	
Investment Securities Sold ¹	59,836
Futures Contracts	3,242
Realized Net Gain (Loss)	63,078
Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	
Investment Securities ¹	791,592
Futures Contracts	42
Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	791,634
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	906,086

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2019 (\$000)	Year Ended December 31,
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations		
Net Investment Income	51,374	103,632
Realized Net Gain (Loss)	63,078	138,799
Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	791,634	(473,810)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	906,086	(231,379)
Distributions		
Net Investment Income	(107,141)	(88,315)
Realized Capital Gain ¹	(140,285)	(85,966)
Total Distributions	(247,426)	(174,281)
Capital Share Transactions		
Issued	270,309	560,449
Issued in Lieu of Cash Distributions	247,426	174,281
Redeemed	(330,556)	(573,178)
Net Increase (Decrease) from Capital Share Transactions	187,179	161,552
Total Increase (Decrease)	845,839	(244,108)
Net Assets		
Beginning of Period	4,933,670	5,177,778
End of Period	5,779,509	4,933,670

1 Includes fiscal 2019 and 2018 short-term gain distributions totaling \$347,000 and \$2,110,000, respectively. Short-term gain distributions are treated as ordinary income dividends for tax purposes.

1 Interest income, realized net gain (loss), and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) from an affiliated company of the portfolio were \$241,000, (\$1,000), and (\$1,000), respectively. Purchases and sales are for temporary cash investment purposes.

Financial Highlights

	Months Ended			Year	Ended Dece	ember 31.
For a Share Outstanding . Throughout Each Period	June 30, 2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$38.03	\$41.17	\$35.63	\$33.25	\$34.44	\$31.50
Investment Operations						
Net Investment Income	.3891	.804 ¹	.6991	.704	.759 ²	.587
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	6.537	(2.556)	6.734	3.055	(.338)	3.522
Total from Investment Operations	6.926	(1.752)	7.433	3.759	.421	4.109
Distributions						
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.834)	(.703)	(.699)	(.759)	(.569)	(.555)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	(1.092)	(.685)	(1.194)	(.620)	(1.042)	(.614)
Total Distributions	(1.926)	(1.388)	(1.893)	(1.379)	(1.611)	(1.169)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$43.03	\$38.03	\$41.17	\$35.63	\$33.25	\$34.44
Total Return	18.45%	-4.51%	21.66%	11.81%	1.27%	13.51%
Ratios/Supplemental Data						
Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	\$5,780	\$4,934	\$5,178	\$4,329	\$3,985	\$3,784
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.14%	0.14%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.16%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	1.89%	1.94%	1.85%	2.08%	2.31% ²	1.88%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	4%	5%	5%	7%	4%	7%

The expense ratio, net investment income ratio, and turnover rate for the current period have been annualized.

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 Net investment income per share and the ratio of net investment income to average net assets include \$.13 and 0.35%, respectively,

resulting from a special dividend from Medtronic plc in January 2015.

Notes to Financial Statements

The Equity Index Portfolio, a portfolio of Vanguard Variable Insurance Funds, is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as an open-end investment company. The portfolio's shares are only available for purchase by separate accounts of insurance companies as investments for variable annuity plans, variable life insurance contracts, or other variable benefit insurance contracts.

A. The following significant accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for U.S. investment companies. The portfolio consistently follows such policies in preparing its financial statements.

1. Security Valuation: Securities are valued as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time) on the valuation date. Equity securities are valued at the latest quoted sales prices or official closing prices taken from the primary market in which each security trades; such securities not traded on the valuation date are valued at the mean of the latest quoted bid and asked prices. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available, or whose values have been materially affected by events occurring before the portfolio's pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued by methods deemed by the board of trustees to represent fair value. Investments in Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund are valued at that fund's net asset value. Temporary cash investments are valued using the latest bid prices or using valuations based on a matrix system (which considers such factors as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings), both as furnished by independent pricing services.

2. Futures Contracts: The portfolio uses index futures contracts to a limited extent, with the objectives of maintaining full exposure to the stock market, maintaining liquidity, and minimizing transaction costs. The portfolio may purchase futures contracts to immediately invest incoming cash in the market, or sell futures in response to cash outflows, thereby simulating a fully invested position in the underlying index while maintaining a cash balance for liquidity. The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts are imperfect correlation between changes in market values of stocks held by the portfolio and the prices of futures contracts, and the possibility of an illiquid market. Counterparty risk involving futures is mitigated because a regulated clearinghouse is the counterparty instead of the clearing broker. To further mitigate counterparty risk, the portfolio trades futures contracts on an exchange, monitors the financial strength of its clearing brokers and clearinghouse, and has entered into clearing agreements with its clearing brokers. The clearinghouse imposes initial margin requirements to secure the portfolio's performance and requires daily settlement of variation margin representing changes in the market value of each contract. Any assets pledged as initial margin for open contracts are noted in the Statement of Net Assets.

Futures contracts are valued at their quoted daily settlement prices. The notional amounts of the contracts are not recorded in the Statement of Net Assets. Fluctuations in the value of the contracts are recorded in the Statement of Net Assets as an asset (liability) and in the Statement of Operations as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) until the contracts are closed, when they are recorded as realized futures gains (losses).

During the six months ended June 30, 2019, the portfolio's average investments in long and short futures contracts represented less than 1% and 0%, respectively, of net assets, based on the average of the notional amounts at each quarter-end during the period.

3. Federal Income Taxes: The portfolio intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute all of its taxable income. Management has analyzed the portfolio's tax positions taken for all open federal income tax years (December 31, 2015–2018), and for the period ended June 30, 2019, and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the portfolio's financial statements.

4. Distributions: Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions are determined on a tax basis and may differ from net investment income and realized capital gains for financial reporting purposes.

5. Securities Lending: To earn additional income, the portfolio lends its securities to qualified institutional borrowers. Security loans are subject to termination by the portfolio at any time, and are required to be secured at all times by collateral in an amount at least equal to the market value of securities loaned. Daily market fluctuations could cause the value of loaned securities to be more or less than the value of the collateral received. When this occurs, the collateral is adjusted and settled before the opening of the market on the next business day. The portfolio further mitigates its counterparty risk by entering into securities lending transactions only with a diverse group of prequalified counterparties, monitoring their financial strength, and entering into master securities lending agreements with its counterparties. The master securities lending agreements provide that, in the event of a counterparty's default (including bankruptcy), the portfolio may terminate any loans with that borrower, determine the net amount owed, and sell or retain the collateral up to the net

amount owed to the portfolio; however, such actions may be subject to legal proceedings. While collateral mitigates counterparty risk, in the event of a default, the portfolio may experience delays and costs in recovering the securities loaned. The portfolio invests cash collateral received in Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund, and records a liability in the Statement of Net Assets for the return of the collateral, during the period the securities are on loan. Securities lending income represents fees charged to borrowers plus income earned on invested cash collateral, less expenses associated with the loan. During the term of the loan, the portfolio is entitled to all distributions made on or in respect of the loaned securities.

6. Credit Facility: The portfolio and certain other funds managed by The Vanguard Group ("Vanguard") participate in a \$4.3 billion committed credit facility provided by a syndicate of lenders pursuant to a credit agreement that may be renewed annually; each fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facility. Borrowings may be utilized for temporary and emergency purposes, and are subject to the portfolio's regulatory and contractual borrowing restrictions. The participating funds are charged administrative fees and an annual commitment fee of 0.10% of the undrawn amount of the facility; these fees are allocated to the funds based on a method approved by the portfolio's board of trustees and included in Management and Administrative expenses on the portfolio's Statement of Operations. Any borrowings under this facility bear interest at a rate based upon the higher of the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate, federal funds effective rate, or overnight bank funding rate plus an agreed-upon spread.

The portfolio had no borrowings outstanding at June 30, 2019, or at any time during the period then ended.

7. Other: Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income includes income distributions received from Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund and is accrued daily. Premiums and discounts on debt securities are amortized and accreted, respectively, to interest income over the lives of the respective securities, except for premiums on certain callable debt securities that are amortized to the earliest call date. Security transactions are accounted for on the date securities are bought or sold. Costs used to determine realized gains (losses) on the sale of investment securities are those of the specific securities sold.

B. In accordance with the terms of a Funds' Service Agreement (the "FSA") between Vanguard and the portfolio, Vanguard furnishes to the portfolio investment advisory, corporate management, administrative, marketing, and distribution services at Vanguard's cost of operations (as defined by the FSA). These costs of operations are allocated to the portfolio based on methods and guidelines approved by the board of trustees. Vanguard does not require reimbursement in the current period for certain costs of operations (such as deferred compensation/benefits and risk/insurance costs); the portfolio's liability for these costs of operations is included in Payables to Vanguard on the Statement of Net Assets. All other costs of operations payable to Vanguard are generally settled twice a month.

Upon the request of Vanguard, the portfolio may invest up to 0.40% of its net assets as capital in Vanguard. At June 30, 2019, the portfolio had contributed to Vanguard capital in the amount of \$272,000, representing 0.00% of the portfolio's net assets and 0.11% of Vanguard's capitalization. The portfolio's trustees and officers are also directors and employees, respectively, of Vanguard.

C. Various inputs may be used to determine the value of the portfolio's investments. These inputs are summarized in three broad levels for financial statement purposes. The inputs or methodologies used to value securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

Level 1—Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2—Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3—Significant unobservable inputs (including the portfolio's own assumptions used to determine the fair value of investments). Any investments valued with significant unobservable inputs are noted on the Statement of Net Assets.

The following table summarizes the market value of the portfolio's investments as of June 30, 2019, based on the inputs used to value them:

Investments	Level 1 (\$000)	Level 2 (\$000)	Level 3 (\$000)
Common Stocks	5,755,104	_	_
Temporary Cash Investments	25,230	1,397	_
Futures Contracts—Assets ¹	116	_	_
Total	5,780,450	1,397	_

1 Represents variation margin on the last day of the reporting period.

D. As of June 30, 2019, gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for investments and derivatives based on cost for U.S. federal income tax purposes were as follows:

	Amount (\$000)
Tax Cost	3,570,366
Gross Unrealized Appreciation	2,563,881
Gross Unrealized Depreciation	(352,174)
Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	2,211,707

E. During the six months ended June 30, 2019, the portfolio purchased \$116,114,000 of investment securities and sold \$118,942,000 of investment securities, other than temporary cash investments.

The portfolio purchased securities from and sold securities to other Vanguard funds or accounts managed by Vanguard or its affiliates, in accordance with procedures adopted by the board of trustees in compliance with Rule 17a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. For the six months ended June 30, 2019, such purchases and sales were \$11,978,000 and \$6,947,000, respectively; these amounts are included in the purchases and sales of investment securities noted above.

F. Capital shares issued and redeemed were:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2019	Year Ended December 31, 2018
	Shares (000)	Shares (000)
Issued	6,491	13,586
Issued in Lieu of Cash Distributions	6,019	4,242
Redeemed	(7,944)	(13,844)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding	4,566	3,984

At June 30, 2019, two shareholders (an insurance company separate account whose holdings in the portfolio represent the indirect investment of Vanguard Variable Annuity contract holders and Total Stock Market Index Portfolio), were each the record or beneficial owner of 25% or more of the portfolio's net assets, with a combined ownership of 67%. If any of these shareholders were to redeem their investment in the portfolio, the redemption might result in an increase in the portfolio's expense ratio, cause the portfolio to incur higher transaction costs, or lead to the realization of taxable capital gains.

G. Management has determined that no events or transactions occurred subsequent to June 30, 2019, that would require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

Trustees Approve Advisory Arrangement

The board of trustees of Vanguard Variable Insurance Fund Equity Index Portfolio has renewed the portfolio's investment advisory arrangement with The Vanguard Group, Inc. (Vanguard), through its Equity Index Group. The board determined that continuing the portfolio's internalized management structure was in the best interests of the portfolio and its shareholders.

The board based its decision upon an evaluation of the advisor's investment staff, portfolio management process, and performance. This evaluation included information provided to the board by Vanguard's Portfolio Review Department, which is responsible for fund and advisor oversight and product management. The Portfolio Review Department met regularly with the advisor and made monthly presentations to the board during the fiscal year that directed the board's focus to relevant information and topics.

The board, or an investment committee made up of board members, also received information throughout the year during advisor presentations. For each advisor presentation, the board was provided with letters and reports that included information about, among other things, the advisory firm and the advisor's assessment of the investment environment, portfolio performance, and portfolio characteristics.

In addition, the board received monthly reports, which included a Market and Economic Report, a Fund Dashboard Monthly Summary, and a Fund Performance Report.

Prior to their meeting, the trustees were provided with a memo and materials that summarized the information they received over the course of the year. They also considered the factors discussed below, among others. However, no single factor determined whether the board approved the arrangement. Rather, it was the totality of the circumstances that drove the board's decision.

Nature, extent, and quality of services

The board reviewed the quality of the portfolio's investment management services over both the short and long term and took into account the organizational depth and stability of the advisor. The board considered that Vanguard has been managing investments for more than four decades. The Equity Index Group adheres to a sound, disciplined investment management process; the team has considerable experience, stability, and depth.

The board concluded that Vanguard's experience, stability, depth, and performance, among other factors, warranted continuation of the advisory arrangement.

Investment performance

The board considered the short- and long-term performance of the portfolio, including any periods of outperformance or underperformance compared with its target index and peer group. The board concluded that the performance was such that the advisory arrangement should continue.

Cost

The board concluded that the portfolio's expense ratio was well below the average expense ratio charged by funds in its peer group and that the portfolio's advisory expenses were also well below the peer-group average.

The board does not conduct a profitability analysis of Vanguard because of Vanguard's unique structure. Unlike most other mutual fund management companies, Vanguard is owned by the funds it oversees.

The benefit of economies of scale

The board concluded that the portfolio's arrangement with Vanguard ensures that the portfolio will realize economies of scale as it grows, with the cost to shareholders declining as portfolio assets increase.

The board will consider whether to renew the advisory arrangement again after a one-year period.

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