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Interim Report

for the Vanguard® Exchange Traded Funds

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Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd announces the following:

ETF	ASX CODE	ANNOUNCEMENT
Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF	VLC	Interim Report
Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF	VSO	Interim Report
Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index ETF	VAP	Interim Report
Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield ETF	VHY	Interim Report
Vanguard Australian Shares Index ETF	VAS	Interim Report
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares ETF	VETH	Interim Report

Vanguard has prepared an interim report for the half year ended 31 December 2022, for the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs. The ETFs above are classes of units in the relevant funds. Units in the ETF class are those that are traded on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

The interim report provides financial information for each fund and where indicated, provides specific information for the ETF class.

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Interim report for the period ended 31 December 2022

Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs

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Fund	ASX	ARSN	ABN
Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF	VLC	147 936 105	17 468 108 459
Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF	VSO	147 936 570	73 969 263 897
Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund	VAP	090 939 549	27 186 332 271
Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund	VHY	091 751 807	61 324 061 551
Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund	VAS	090 939 718	65 759 271 740
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund	VETH	632 655 620	30 223 971 715

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About Vanguard

Since our establishment in 1975, Vanguard has strived to be the world's highest-value provider of investment products and services. We have an unwavering focus on our clients with a commitment to champion what's best for investors by offering outstanding service, while keeping costs low.

Over the years Vanguard has built a reputation as a global leader in client advocacy and earned the trust of millions of investors along the way. Our sole purpose has been to align our interest with those of our investors to ensure they have the best chance for investment success.

With over AUD \$10.6 trillion in assets under management globally as of 31 December 2022, including AUD \$3 trillion in ETFs, Vanguard is one of the world's largest global investment management companies.

In Australia, Vanguard has been serving financial advisers, retail clients and institutional investors for 25 years.

Our unique structure — putting investors' interests first

What sets Vanguard apart — and allows Vanguard to put investors first around the world — is the ownership structure of The Vanguard Group, Inc., in the United States.

Rather than being publicly traded or owned by a small group of individuals, the Vanguard Group is owned by Vanguard's US-domiciled funds and ETFs. Those funds, in turn, are owned by their investors.

This mutual structure aligns our interests with those of our investors and drives the culture, philosophy and policies throughout the Vanguard organisation worldwide. As a result, Australian investors benefit from Vanguard's stability and experience, low costs and client focus.

Our investment expertise

When you invest with Vanguard, you have more than 40 years of investing experience behind you. So no matter which investment products suit your needs, you can feel confident that Vanguard investments are built on a rigorous investment philosophy that stands the test of time.

Low-cost investing

We know we can't control the markets, but we can control the costs of investing. To that end, providing low-cost investments isn't a pricing strategy for us. It's how we do business.

We can keep costs low because of our unique ownership structure in the United States, which allows us to return profits to investors through lower costs.

Directors' report

The Responsible Entity of the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs (the "Funds") for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 was Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd (the "Responsible Entity").

The directors of Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd present their report together with the financial statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

Principal activities

The Funds invest in accordance with the investment policy of the Funds as set out in their respective Product Disclosure Statements (PDSs) and in accordance with the Funds' Constitution. The Funds seek to track the returns of the Funds' respective indices, before taking into account fees, expenses and tax.

The ETF Class units of the Funds operate as Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

The Funds did not have any employees during the half-year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Funds during the half-year.

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of the Responsible Entity during the half-year and up to the date of this report:

D Shrimski

J Bendl

C Jacques

K Petersen

Review and results of operations

The Funds invest in listed equity securities, listed unit trusts, derivatives and cash and cash equivalents. The investment policy of the Funds continues to be in accordance with the provisions of the Funds' Constitution.

Results

The results of the operations of the Funds were as follows:

	Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF		Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF		Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund	
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Operating profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	16,241	2,100	65,516	56,910	202,810	929,278
Distributions - Wholesale Class						
Distribution paid and payable (\$'000)	-	-	-	-	66,145	59,249
Distribution (cents per unit)	-	-	-	-	1.8323	1.4616
Distributions - ETF Class						
Distribution paid and payable (\$'000)	5,157	4,169	18,420	13,162	43,192	29,178
Distribution (cents per unit)	214.9493	216.9032	154.5024	134.8655	149.9062	112.5065

	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund		Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund		Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund	
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Operating profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	387,649	16,774	2,502,604	1,014,462	61,720	24,104
Distributions - Wholesale Class						
Distribution paid and payable (\$'000)	38,217	35,546	429,404	391,250	6,258	5,077
Distribution (cents per unit)	5.2478	5.2764	6.1425	5.8333	2.2053	2.0076
Distributions - ETF Class						
Distribution paid and payable (\$'000)	79,896	61,697	291,473	214,141	8,491	4,442
Distribution (cents per unit)	207.1785	206.7782	220.0312	210.3883	110.3627	102.1162

Directors' report (continued)

Review and results of operations (continued)

Performance

The tables below detail the performance of the Funds as represented by the total return, net of fees, which is calculated as the aggregation of the percentage capital growth and percentage distribution of income. The total return is shown for six months period and assumes that all distributions were re-invested during that period. These are calculated in accordance with FSC Standard 6.0 Product Performance - calculation and presentation of returns. The directors assess the performance of the Funds by comparing each Fund's total return with the corresponding Index (the "Benchmark") gross of fees.

	2022 %	2021 %
Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF		
Capital growth	7.17	(1.29)
Distribution of income	3.45	2.90
Total return	10.62	1.61
Benchmark		
<i>MSCI Australian Shares Large Cap Index</i>	10.77	1.68
	2022 %	2021 %
Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF		
Capital growth	8.42	7.79
Distribution of income	2.74	1.97
Total return	11.16	9.76
Benchmark		
<i>MSCI Australian Shares Small Cap Index</i>	10.91	9.77
	2022 %	2021 %
Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund		
Capital growth	1.49	13.70
Distribution of income	2.30	1.52
Total return	3.79	15.22
Benchmark		
<i>S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Index</i>	3.87	15.35
	2022 %	2021 %
Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund		
Capital growth	7.95	(2.58)
Distribution of income	3.61	3.17
Total return	11.56	0.59
Benchmark		
<i>FTSE Australia High Dividend Yield Index</i>	11.78	0.75
	2022 %	2021 %
Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund		
Capital growth	6.74	1.84
Distribution of income	2.88	2.26
Total return	9.62	4.10
Benchmark		
<i>S&P/ASX 300 Index</i>	9.62	4.03

Directors' report (continued)

Review and results of operations (continued)

Performance (continued)

	2022	2021
	%	%
Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund		
Capital growth	7.34	3.68
Distribution of income	2.30	1.68
Total return	9.64	5.36
Benchmark		
<i>FTSE Australia 300 Choice Index</i>	9.59	5.51

Investors should be aware that past performance is not necessarily an indicator of future performance.

Significant changes in state of affairs

Significant market disruptions, such as those caused by pandemics (e.g., COVID-19 pandemic), natural or environmental disasters, war (e.g., Russia's invasion of Ukraine), acts of terrorism, or other events, can adversely affect local and global markets and normal market operations. Any such disruptions could have an adverse impact on the value of the Funds' investments and fund performance.

In the opinion of the directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Funds that occurred during the half-year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the half-year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Funds in future financial periods; or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial periods; or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Funds in future financial periods.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

Amounts in the directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Report) Instrument 2016/191*, unless otherwise indicated.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 5.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Daniel Shrimski
Managing Director, Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd
Melbourne
9 March 2023



Auditor's Independence Declaration

- Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF*
- Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF*
- Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund*
- Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund*
- Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund*
- Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund*

referred to collectively as the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs.

* denotes listed Funds

As lead auditor for the review of the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs for the half-year ended 31 December 2022, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Gut'.

Adrian Gut
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Melbourne
9 March 2023

Statements of comprehensive income

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF		Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF		Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund	
		31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income							
Interest income		-	-	14	-	-	-
Dividend income		4,622	3,495	10,643	6,895	-	-
Distribution income		147	81	2,103	2,292	131,923	115,584
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		11,639	(1,329)	53,029	48,408	77,342	821,679
Other operating income		6	3	909	342	32	68
Total net investment income/(loss)		16,414	2,250	66,698	57,937	209,297	937,331
Expenses							
Responsible Entity's fees		166	145	1,053	981	6,181	7,845
Custody fees		3	1	31	20	14	6
Transaction costs		2	3	25	23	46	108
Withholding tax expense		-	-	73	-	-	-
Other operating expenses		2	1	-	3	246	94
Total operating expenses		173	150	1,182	1,027	6,487	8,053
Operating profit/(loss)		16,241	2,100	65,516	56,910	202,810	929,278
Finance costs attributable to unitholders							
Distributions to unitholders	5	-	-	-	-	(109,337)	(88,427)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders	4	-	-	-	-	(93,473)	(840,851)
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		16,241	2,100	65,516	56,910	-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		16,241	2,100	65,516	56,910	-	-

The above statements of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of comprehensive income (continued)

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund		Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund		Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund	
		31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income							
Interest income		69	-	78	-	16	-
Dividend income		107,777	88,304	621,178	497,135	11,513	7,477
Distribution income		5,262	3,572	59,241	50,028	2,118	1,258
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		279,721	(70,691)	1,834,870	482,962	48,515	15,859
Other operating income		76	120	7,788	4,507	233	127
Total net investment income/(loss)		392,905	21,305	2,523,155	1,034,632	62,395	24,721
Expenses							
Responsible Entity's fees		5,166	4,388	19,198	18,978	636	468
Custody fees		31	8	87	49	24	91
Transaction costs		59	95	205	601	12	57
Withholding tax expense		-	-	1,061	509	3	-
Other operating expenses		-	40	-	33	-	1
Total operating expenses		5,256	4,531	20,551	20,170	675	617
Operating profit/(loss)		387,649	16,774	2,502,604	1,014,462	61,720	24,104
Finance costs attributable to unitholders							
Distributions to unitholders	5	(118,113)	(97,243)	(720,877)	(605,391)	(14,749)	(9,519)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders	4	(269,536)	80,469	(1,781,727)	(409,071)	(46,971)	(14,585)
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		-	-	-	-	-	-

The above statements of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Balance sheets

As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF		Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF		Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund	
		31 Dec 2022	30 Jun 2022	31 Dec 2022	30 Jun 2022	31 Dec 2022	30 Jun 2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents		1,169	299	4,055	2,441	6,061	2,071
Margin accounts		99	117	406	63	134	-
Receivables		6	6	40	38	1,770	5,888
Accrued income		147	787	1,550	1,994	85,198	76,889
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold		531	3,615	12,516	15,613	-	20,174
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	175,351	145,499	722,876	581,677	5,254,167	5,165,025
Total assets		177,303	150,323	741,443	601,826	5,347,330	5,270,047
Liabilities							
Margin accounts		-	-	-	-	-	926
Distribution payable	5	1,714	4,781	18,420	21,144	63,039	127,914
Payables		31	25	328	155	2,631	5,986
Due to brokers - payables for securities purchased		-	-	-	1,964	-	1,546
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	3	3	7	19	8	-	-
Total liabilities		1,748	4,813	18,767	23,271	65,670	136,372
Net assets attributable to unitholders (equity)	4	175,555	145,510	722,676	578,555	-	-
Net assets attributable to unitholders (liability)	4	-	-	-	-	5,281,660	5,133,675

	Notes	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund		Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund		Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund	
		31 Dec 2022	30 Jun 2022	31 Dec 2022	30 Jun 2022	31 Dec 2022	30 Jun 2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents		21,099	35,349	96,632	10,563	3,691	1,519
Margin accounts		1,650	3,173	9,018	18,169	510	310
Receivables		7,460	5,471	18,583	26,352	1,745	587
Accrued income		4,949	19,503	43,148	122,221	1,439	3,895
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold		11,100	-	38,011	167,280	-	4,806
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	3,851,918	3,249,120	28,717,994	26,030,598	737,123	630,321
Total assets		3,898,176	3,312,616	28,923,386	26,375,183	744,508	641,438
Liabilities							
Distribution payable	5	46,054	66,502	246,353	777,214	6,133	18,156
Payables		1,827	2,531	53,295	86,545	207	103
Due to brokers - payables for securities purchased		2,670	-	-	15,624	-	606
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	3	2	91	-	1,023	69	27
Total liabilities		50,553	69,124	299,648	880,406	6,409	18,892
Net assets attributable to unitholders (liability)	4	3,847,623	3,243,492	28,623,738	25,494,777	738,099	622,546

The above balance sheets should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of changes in equity

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF		Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF		Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund	
		31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the half-year		145,510	136,632	578,555	577,573	-	-
Comprehensive income for the half-year							
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		16,241	2,100	65,516	56,910	-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		16,241	2,100	65,516	56,910	-	-
Transactions with unitholders							
Applications		20,775	14,852	94,003	80,933	-	-
Redemptions		(2,795)	(6,067)	-	-	-	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions		981	398	3,022	2,358	-	-
Distributions paid and payable	5	(5,157)	(4,169)	(18,420)	(13,162)	-	-
Total transactions with unitholders		13,804	5,014	78,605	70,129	-	-
Total equity at the end of the half-year		175,555	143,746	722,676	704,612	-	-

	Notes	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund		Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund		Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund	
		31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the half-year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Comprehensive income for the half-year							
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with unitholders							
Applications		-	-	-	-	-	-
Redemptions		-	-	-	-	-	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions		-	-	-	-	-	-
Distributions paid and payable	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with unitholders		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total equity at the end of the half-year		-	-	-	-	-	-

The above statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of cash flows

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF		Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF		Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund	
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Notes						
Cash flows from operating activities						
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	10,427	10,019	78,308	64,501	188,628	613,573
Purchases of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(25,542)	(19,361)	(165,677)	(145,118)	(182,884)	(368,137)
Transaction costs on purchases of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(2)	(3)	(25)	(23)	(46)	(108)
Interest received	-	-	14	-	-	-
Dividends received	5,266	4,052	11,148	7,196	-	-
Distributions received	143	81	1,969	2,186	123,589	130,199
Other income received	6	3	1,043	342	73	68
Responsible Entity's fees paid	(160)	(165)	(1,016)	(948)	(6,149)	(7,699)
Operating expenses paid	(5)	(3)	(31)	(30)	(259)	(146)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(9,867)	(5,377)	(74,267)	(71,894)	122,952	367,750
Cash flows from financing activities						
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	20,775	14,852	94,003	85,364	456,547	615,824
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(2,795)	(6,067)	-	-	(441,208)	(799,759)
Distributions paid from operating activities	(7,243)	(3,249)	(18,122)	(14,502)	(134,325)	(180,883)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	10,737	5,536	75,881	70,862	(118,986)	(364,818)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	870	159	1,614	(1,032)	3,966	2,932
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	299	(88)	2,441	2,238	2,071	15,539
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	24	(7)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	1,169	71	4,055	1,206	6,061	18,464
Non-cash financing activities	981	398	3,022	2,358	39,887	68,816

The above statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of cash flows (continued)

For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund		Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund		Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund	
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities						
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	136,041	196,292	942,931	448,486	28,418	37,008
Purchases of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(466,114)	(471,196)	(1,673,691)	(3,235,320)	(82,663)	(362,810)
Transaction costs on purchases of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(59)	(95)	(205)	(601)	(12)	(57)
Interest received	69	-	78	-	16	-
Dividends received	122,331	100,677	702,288	561,650	14,145	8,298
Distributions received	5,262	3,572	56,138	50,965	1,939	962
Other income received	76	146	7,787	4,507	299	127
Responsible Entity's fees paid	(5,016)	(4,337)	(18,838)	(18,554)	(620)	(422)
Operating expenses paid	(38)	(49)	(728)	(166)	(24)	(35)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(207,448)	(174,990)	15,760	(2,189,033)	(38,502)	(316,929)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	367,550	308,399	2,100,606	3,268,153	63,540	324,654
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(66,521)	(70,430)	(1,355,817)	(772,837)	(7,984)	(710)
Distributions paid from operating activities	(107,831)	(66,813)	(674,487)	(290,389)	(14,882)	(3,036)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	193,198	171,156	70,302	2,204,927	40,674	320,908
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(14,250)	(3,834)	86,062	15,894	2,172	3,979
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	35,349	14,511	10,563	146,988	1,519	1,652
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	-	7	(2)	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	21,099	10,677	96,632	162,880	3,691	5,631
Non-cash financing activities	30,730	21,553	577,251	256,947	11,890	3,552

The above statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the financial statements

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1 General information

These financial statements cover the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs (the “Funds”) as registered managed investment schemes. The respective constitution dates are as follows:

- Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF 17 December 2010
- Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF 17 December 2010
- Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund 6 December 1996
- Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund 21 February 2000
- Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund 6 December 1996
- Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund 1 April 2019

The Responsible Entity of the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs is Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd (the “Responsible Entity”). The Responsible Entity’s registered office is Level 13, 130 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

The Funds invest in accordance with the investment policy of the Funds as set out in their respective Product Disclosure Statements (PDSs) and in accordance with the Funds’ Constitution. The Funds seek to track the returns of the Funds’ respective indices, before taking into account fees, expenses and tax.

The ETF Class units of the Funds operate as Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 9 March 2023. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 Basis of preparation of interim report

These interim financial statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared in accordance with accounting standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Funds are for-profit unit trusts for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and any public announcements made in respect of the Funds during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding half-year reporting period.

New accounting standards or amendments adopted by the Funds

There are no new standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the half-year beginning 1 July 2022 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Funds.

3 Fair value measurement

The Funds measure and recognise the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Financial assets / liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)
- Derivative financial instruments

The Funds have no assets or liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting period.

AASB 13 requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value hierarchy:

- (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- (b) inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2); and
- (c) inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

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3 Fair value measurement (continued)

(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

The Funds value their investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of investments, the Funds rely on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Funds is the current bid price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price. When the Funds hold derivatives with offsetting market risks, they use mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and level 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions. The carrying amounts of the Funds' assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date approximate their fair values.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the reporting period applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Funds would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the balance sheet date taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract is determined as a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date. The fair value of an option contract is determined by applying the Black-Scholes option valuation model.

Investments in other unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the investment managers of such funds.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Funds hold. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Fund for similar financial instruments.

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3 Fair value measurement (continued)

Recognised fair value measurements

The following tables present the Funds' financial assets and liabilities (by asset class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2022 and 30 June 2022.

Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF								
	31 Dec 2022				30 Jun 2022			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Equity securities	165,870	-	-	165,870	136,505	-	-	136,505
Listed unit trusts	9,481	-	-	9,481	8,994	-	-	8,994
Total	175,351	-	-	175,351	145,499	-	-	145,499
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss								
Derivatives	3	-	-	3	7	-	-	7
Total	3	-	-	3	7	-	-	7

Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF								
	31 Dec 2022				30 Jun 2022			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Equity securities	634,843	-	1,810	636,653	508,183	-	3,773	511,956
Listed unit trusts	86,223	-	-	86,223	69,721	-	-	69,721
Total	721,066	-	1,810	722,876	577,904	-	3,773	581,677
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss								
Derivatives	19	-	-	19	8	-	-	8
Total	19	-	-	19	8	-	-	8

Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund								
	31 Dec 2022				30 Jun 2022			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Derivatives	74	-	-	74	-	-	-	-
Equity securities	27,562	-	-	27,562	28,619	-	-	28,619
Listed unit trusts	5,226,531	-	-	5,226,531	5,130,606	-	-	5,130,606
Fixed Interest Securities*	-	-	-	-	-	5,800	-	5,800
Total	5,254,167	-	-	5,254,167	5,159,225	5,800	-	5,165,025

* Reverse repurchase agreements are used to manage the Funds' liquidity and collateral requirements whilst preserving capital

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3 Fair value measurement (continued)

Recognised fair value measurements (continued)

	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund							
	31 Dec 2022				30 Jun 2022			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Equity securities	3,605,669	-	-	3,605,669	3,003,093	-	-	3,003,093
Listed unit trusts	246,249	-	-	246,249	246,027	-	-	246,027
Total	3,851,918	-	-	3,851,918	3,249,120	-	-	3,249,120
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss								
Derivatives	2	-	-	2	91	-	-	91
Total	2	-	-	2	91	-	-	91

	Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund							
	31 Dec 2022				30 Jun 2022			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Derivatives	85	-	-	85	-	-	-	-
Equity securities	26,162,931	-	15,554	26,178,485	23,296,428	-	32,379	23,328,807
Listed unit trusts	2,521,292	-	-	2,521,292	2,491,996	-	-	2,491,996
Fixed Interest Securities*	-	18,132	-	18,132	-	209,795	-	209,795
Total	28,684,308	18,132	15,554	28,717,994	25,788,424	209,795	32,379	26,030,598
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss								
Derivatives	-	-	-	-	1,023	-	-	1,023
Total	-	-	-	-	1,023	-	-	1,023

* Reverse repurchase agreements are used to manage the Funds' liquidity and collateral requirements whilst preserving capital

	Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund							
	31 Dec 2022				30 Jun 2022			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Equity securities	642,990	-	784	643,774	544,322	-	1,568	545,890
Listed unit trusts	91,585	-	-	91,585	84,431	-	-	84,431
Fixed Interest Securities*	-	1,764	-	1,764	-	-	-	-
Total	734,575	1,764	784	737,123	628,753	-	1,568	630,321
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss								
Derivatives	69	-	-	69	27	-	-	27
Total	69	-	-	69	27	-	-	27

* Reverse repurchase agreements are used to manage the Funds' liquidity and collateral requirements whilst preserving capital

The Funds' policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period. There were no changes made to any of the valuation techniques applied as of 31 December 2022.

Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

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3 Fair value measurement (continued)

Valuation processes

Portfolio reviews are undertaken regularly by management to identify securities that potentially may not be actively traded or have stale security pricing. This process identifies securities which possibly could be regarded as being level 3 securities.

Further analysis, should it be required, is undertaken to determine the accounting significance of the identification. For certain security types, in selecting the most appropriate valuation model, management performs back testing and considers actual market transactions. Changes in allocation to or from level 3 are analysed at the end of each reporting period.

4 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments meet the definition of a financial liability to be classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Funds shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions. Otherwise the financial instrument should be disclosed as a liability.

Movement in number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the half-year were as follows:

	Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF				Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF			
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 July	2,183	1,805	145,510	136,632	10,277	8,478	578,555	577,573
Applications	300	195	20,775	14,852	1,505	1,140	94,003	80,933
Redemptions	(40)	(80)	(2,795)	(6,067)	-	-	-	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	15	5	981	398	54	35	3,022	2,358
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	(5,157)	(4,169)	-	-	(18,420)	(13,162)
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	16,241	2,100	-	-	65,516	56,910
Closing balance as at 31 December	2,458	1,925	175,555	143,746	11,836	9,653	722,676	704,612

	Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund							
	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance as at 1 July	3,702,155	4,147,637	3,108,186	4,189,245	27,320	24,094	2,025,489	2,101,090
Applications	323,075	374,463	279,763	397,073	2,260	2,135	172,682	194,438
Redemptions	(456,177)	(740,254)	(404,677)	(797,805)	(420)	-	(33,143)	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	40,595	60,104	33,559	61,125	86	88	6,328	7,691
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	-	59,773	543,396	-	-	33,700	297,455
Closing balance as at 31 December	3,609,648	3,841,950	3,076,604	4,393,034	29,246	26,317	2,205,056	2,600,674

	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund							
	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance as at 1 July	701,214	664,385	1,090,715	1,126,269	35,198	27,920	2,152,777	1,858,586
Applications	60,826	52,352	100,117	87,451	4,201	3,310	269,415	214,946
Redemptions	(39,349)	(42,227)	(64,314)	(70,357)	(20)	-	(1,353)	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	13,300	9,307	20,480	15,213	169	99	10,250	6,340
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	-	88,826	(30,823)	-	-	180,710	(49,646)
Closing balance as at 31 December	735,991	683,817	1,235,824	1,127,753	39,548	31,329	2,611,799	2,030,226

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4 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

	Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund								
	31 Dec 2022	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			31 Dec 2021
		31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022		
		No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	
Balance as at 1 July	6,795,791	6,278,598	15,365,520	16,419,005	124,493	93,588	10,129,257	8,744,825	
Applications	445,680	788,691	1,060,383	2,094,146	12,060	11,600	1,031,807	1,099,774	
Redemptions	(435,116)	(248,512)	(1,034,508)	(660,940)	(3,300)	-	(287,699)	-	
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	213,953	83,015	481,751	217,845	1,179	417	95,500	39,102	
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	-	1,071,515	266,642	-	-	710,212	142,429	
Closing balance as at 31 December	7,020,308	6,901,792	16,944,661	18,336,698	134,432	105,605	11,679,077	10,026,130	

	Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund								
	31 Dec 2022	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			31 Dec 2021
		31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2022		
		No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	
Balance as at 1 July	260,449	178,736	262,769	216,499	7,166	2,461	359,777	144,847	
Applications	27,620	112,149	29,937	139,787	650	3,060	34,741	184,730	
Redemptions	(7,376)	(576)	(7,986)	(714)	-	-	-	-	
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	10,778	2,743	10,876	3,367	20	3	1,014	185	
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	-	20,107	8,221	-	-	26,864	6,364	
Closing balance as at 31 December	291,471	293,052	315,703	367,160	7,836	5,524	422,396	336,126	

Each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Funds and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Funds. The Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF and Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF have no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Funds.

Capital risk management

The Funds consider their net assets attributable to unitholders as capital, notwithstanding net assets attributable to unitholders are classified either as a liability or equity. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Funds are subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Funds' underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Funds' Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

The Funds' investment strategy remains unchanged and the Funds continue to hold direct investments which provide exposure to liquid assets including equity securities, income securities, interest earnings and cash equivalent securities. As such, the Funds will meet any capital requirements from the liquidation of liquid assets, which include cash and cash equivalents.

5 Distributions to unitholders paid and payable

The distributions during the half-year were as follows:

	Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF				Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF			
	31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021		31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid								
- 30 September	3,443	146.3576	3,009	157.9116	-	-	-	-
Distributions payable								
- 31 December	1,714	68.5917	1,160	58.9916	18,420	154.5024	13,162	134.8655
	5,157	214.9493	4,169	216.9032	18,420	154.5024	13,162	134.8655

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5 Distributions to unitholders paid and payable (continued)

	Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund							
	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			
	31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021		31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid								
- 30 September	30,421	0.8426	33,134	0.7819	15,877	57.8041	14,688	59.1647
Distributions payable								
- 31 December	35,724	0.9897	26,115	0.6797	27,315	92.1021	14,490	53.3418
	66,145	1.8323	59,249	1.4616	43,192	149.9062	29,178	112.5065

	Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund							
	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			
	31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021		31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid								
- 30 September	23,660	3.2699	27,332	4.0752	48,399	128.2170	46,369	158.5725
Distributions payable								
- 31 December	14,557	1.9779	8,214	1.2012	31,497	78.9615	15,328	48.2057
	38,217	5.2478	35,546	5.2764	79,896	207.1785	61,697	206.7782

	Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund							
	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			
	31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021		31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid								
- 30 September	286,535	4.1074	258,528	3.9103	187,989	145.0578	138,152	140.7340
Distributions payable								
- 31 December	142,869	2.0351	132,722	1.9230	103,484	74.9734	75,989	69.6543
	429,404	6.1425	391,250	5.8333	291,473	220.0312	214,141	210.3883

	Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund							
	Wholesale Class				ETF Class			
	31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021		31 Dec 2022		31 Dec 2021	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid								
- 30 September	3,666	1.3159	3,005	1.3006	4,950	65.8297	2,252	63.0345
Distributions payable								
- 31 December	2,592	0.8894	2,072	0.7070	3,541	44.5330	2,190	39.0817
	6,258	2.2053	5,077	2.0076	8,491	110.3627	4,442	102.1162

6 Operating segments

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with internal reporting used by the chief operating decision maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Directors of the Responsible Entity. The Funds' investments are managed on a single portfolio basis in one operating segment, being investments in derivatives, equity securities, listed unit trusts, fixed interest securities and cash and cash equivalents, and performance is reviewed against the performance of the Funds' target.

7 Events occurring after the reporting period

There are no significant events that have occurred since balance date which would impact on the financial position of the Funds as disclosed in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2022 or on the results and cash flows of the Funds for the half-year ended on that date.

8 Contingent assets, contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2022 (30 June 2022: Nil).

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 18 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Funds' financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations for the half-year ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Funds will be able to pay their debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Daniel Shrimski

Managing Director, Vanguard Investments Australia Ltd

Melbourne

9 March 2023



Independent auditor's review report

To the unitholders of:

- Vanguard MSCI Australian Large Companies Index ETF*
- Vanguard MSCI Australian Small Companies Index ETF*
- Vanguard Australian Property Securities Index Fund*
- Vanguard Australian Shares High Yield Fund*
- Vanguard Australian Shares Index Fund*
- Vanguard Ethically Conscious Australian Shares Fund*

referred to collectively as the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs.

*denotes listed Funds

Report on the half-year financial report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs (the Funds) which comprises the balance sheets as at 31 December 2022, the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, significant accounting policies and explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of the Vanguard Wholesale Australian Equities Funds and ETFs does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Funds' financial positions as at 31 December 2022 and of their performance for the half-year ended on that date
2. complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Funds in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.



Responsibilities of the directors for the half-year financial report

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Funds' financial positions as at 31 December 2022 and of their performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adrian Gut' in a cursive script.

Adrian Gut
Partner

Melbourne
9 March 2023

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