

Vanguard International Credit Securities Index (Hedged) ETF

VCF

Key ETF facts

Management fee	0.30% p.a.
Indirect costs	0.00% p.a.
Inception date	04 December 2015
Income distribution	Quarterly
Distribution reinvestment plan	Yes
ETF class size	\$187.7 million
Total fund size	\$900.8 million
Number of holdings	6,274

Trading information

ASX code	VCF
ISIN	AU000000VCF4
Minimum investment	No minimum
ETF listed on ASX	08 December 2015

Benchmark information

Benchmark (Bmk)	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate and Government-Related Scaled Index hedged into Australian dollars ^E
Number of holdings	19,579

Investment objective

Vanguard International Credit Securities Index (Hedged) ETF seeks to track the return of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate and Government-Related Scaled Index hedged into Australian dollars before taking into account fees, expenses and tax.

ETF overview

The ETF provides low-cost exposure to high-quality, income-generating securities issued by government-owned entities, government-guaranteed entities and investment-grade corporate issuers from around the world. The investments in the ETF are predominantly rated BBB- or higher by Standard & Poor's or equivalent ratings agency. The ETF is hedged to Australian dollars so the value of the ETF is relatively unaffected by currency fluctuations.

Performance return^{A,B,C,D} (%)

	ETF gross	Bmk	ETF total	Distb'n	Growth
1 month	0.09	0.10	0.06	4.48	-4.42
3 months	1.45	1.42	1.37	4.54	-3.17
6 months	7.48	7.30	7.32	5.57	1.75
1 year	4.19	4.30	3.87	6.61	-2.74
3 years (p.a.)	5.04	5.02	4.73	4.25	0.48
5 years (p.a.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10 years (p.a.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inception (p.a.)	5.34	5.30	5.03	5.48	-0.45

Year to year gross return^{A,B,C,D} (%)

	Dec - Dec		June - June	
	ETF	Bmk	ETF	Bmk
YTD	4.10	4.24	1.45	1.42
2020	N/A	N/A	5.13	5.25
2019	9.95	9.83	8.54	8.39
2018	0.03	-0.04	1.33	1.26
2017	5.56	5.48	2.81	2.83

Income distribution^D

Quarter ended	Amount (CPU)	Reinvestment price
30 September 2020	229.4867	\$48.9202

Notes

- ^A Past performance is not an indication of future performance.
- ^B Returns assume reinvestment of all distributions. Returns for periods longer than 1 year are annualised. ETF gross returns are before management fees and taxes, but after transaction and operational costs. ETF total return is the ETF gross return less management fees. Index returns do not allow for taxes, management, transaction and operational costs.
- ^C Returns assume that an investor purchased units at Net Asset Value (NAV) and does not reflect the transaction costs imposed on the creation and redemptions of ETF Units, brokerage or the bid ask spread that investors pay to buy and sell ETF securities on the Australian Securities Exchange.
- ^D Past distributions are not an indication of future distributions.
- ^E Prior to 1 April 2019, the Fund's benchmark was the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Government-Related and Corporate Index hedged into Australian dollars.

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Characteristics

	ETF	Bmk
Number of issuers	1,873	3,582
Number of holdings	6,274	19,579
Yield to maturity	1.30%	1.36%
Weighted average coupon	2.9%	2.9%
Weighted average maturity	9.9 years	10.0 years
Weighted average credit quality	A	A
Effective duration	7.1 years	7.1 years
Running yield	2.54%	2.59%

Top 10 issuers

1. European Investment Bank
2. KfW
3. Ontario (Province Of)
4. European Financial Stability Facility
5. Jpmorgan Chase & Co
6. Quebec (Province Of)
7. At&T Inc
8. Bank Of America Corp
9. Citigroup Inc
10. Wells Fargo & Company

The top 10 issuers represent 11.6% of the total ETF.

Sector allocation (%)

	ETF	Bmk
Corporate	62.6	62.2
Government-Related	37.0	37.4
Treasury	0.4	0.4

Credit allocation (%)

	ETF	Bmk
AAA	13.6	14.5
AA	16.4	16.8
A	30.8	29.6
BBB	36.6	36.4
Not rated	2.6	2.7

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Market allocation (%)

	Fund	Bmk		Fund	Bmk
United States	37.8	37.3	Spain	1.6	1.4
Canada	8.2	8.0	Switzerland	1.3	1.3
Germany	7.7	7.9	Korea	1.2	1.1
Supranational	6.6	6.6	Italy	1.0	1.1
France	6.3	6.6	Belgium	0.9	0.9
United Kingdom	5.5	5.3	Mexico	0.8	0.9
			United Arab Emirates	0.7	0.6
Japan	3.9	3.8	Indonesia	0.6	0.7
China	2.9	2.9	Saudi Arabia	0.6	0.6
Australia	2.3	2.4	Other	7.8	8.2
Netherlands	2.3	2.4			

Glossary

Yield to maturity is the rate of return an investor would receive if the fund's fixed income securities were held to their maturity dates. The figure does not include the return component from hedging.

Weighted average coupon is the average interest rate (coupon rate) of all the bonds in a fund.

Weighted average maturity is the time from today until a bond matures or is redeemed by its issuer. Within a portfolio, the statistic is calculated for each bond and weighted by each bond's market value. In general, the longer a fund's average weighted maturity, the more its unit price will fluctuate in response to changing interest rates.

Weighted average credit quality is an indicator of credit risk. This figure is the average credit ratings assigned to a fund's holdings by credit rating agencies. Agencies assign credit ratings after appraising an issuer's ability to meet its obligations. Quality is graded on a scale, with Aaa or AAA indicating the most creditworthy bond issuers.

Effective duration is an option-adjusted measure of a portfolio's sensitivity to a change in interest rates. For example, if a bond has a duration of two years, its price would fall about 2% when interest rates rose one percentage point. On the other hand, the bond's price would rise by about 2% when interest rates fell by one percentage point.

Running yield for an individual bond is the annual dollar interest payment (coupon) of the bond divided by its market price. Within a portfolio, the statistic is calculated for each bond and weighted by each bond's market value.