



Annual Report | January 31, 2024

Vanguard Dividend Appreciation Index Fund

See the inside front cover for important information about your fund's annual and semiannual shareholder reports.

Important information about shareholder reports

Beginning in July 2024, amendments adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission will substantially impact the design, content, and transmission of shareholder reports. Shareholder reports will provide key fund information in a clear and concise format and must be mailed to each shareholder that has not elected to receive the reports electronically. Financial statements will no longer be included in the shareholder report but will be available at vanguard.com, can be mailed upon request, or can be accessed on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from the fund electronically by contacting your financial intermediary (such as a broker-dealer or bank) or, if you invest directly with the fund, by calling Vanguard at one of the phone numbers on the back cover of this report or by logging on to vanguard.com.

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Your Fund’s Performance at a Glance

- For the 12 months ended January 31, 2024, Vanguard Dividend Appreciation Index Fund returned 12.66% for ETF Shares (based on net asset value) and 12.64% for Admiral Shares. Those results were in line with the 12.72% return of the fund's benchmark index after taking into account the cost of running the fund.
- With inflation continuing to ease, the Federal Reserve slowed and eventually stopped hiking interest rates. Economic growth, the labor market, and consumer spending proved resilient, but the prospect of rates remaining high for an extended period spurred volatility at times. U.S. stocks rallied toward the end of 2023, however, as sentiment improved amid market expectations for rate cuts in 2024.
- From a sector perspective, the largest contributor to the fund’s performance was information technology. Other contributors included financials, industrials, and consumer staples. Utilities, consumer discretionary, and energy detracted.

Market Barometer

	Average Annual Total Returns Periods Ended January 31, 2024		
	One Year	Three Years	Five Years
Stocks			
Russell 1000 Index (Large-caps)	20.23%	9.78%	13.99%
Russell 2000 Index (Small-caps)	2.40	-0.76	6.80
Russell 3000 Index (Broad U.S. market)	19.15	9.10	13.53
FTSE All-World ex US Index (International)	6.29	1.57	5.77
Bonds			
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index (Broad taxable market)	2.23%	-3.15%	0.90%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index (Broad tax-exempt market)	2.90	-0.78	2.00
FTSE Three-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index	5.36	2.40	1.96
CPI			
Consumer Price Index	3.09%	5.64%	4.15%

About Your Fund's Expenses

As a shareholder of the fund, 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 fund's gross income, directly reduce the investment return of the fund.

A fund'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 fund 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 fund's costs in two ways:

- **Based on actual fund 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 fund'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 fund. 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 fund under the heading "Expenses Paid During Period."

- **Based on hypothetical 5% yearly return.** This section is intended to help you compare your fund's costs with those of other mutual funds. It assumes that the fund 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 fund'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 fund'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 fund for buying and selling securities. Further, the expenses do not include any purchase, redemption, or account service fees described in the fund prospectus. If such fees were applied to your account, your costs would be higher. Your fund does not carry a "sales load."

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 fund's expenses, including annual expense ratios, in the Financial Statements section of this report. For additional information on operating expenses and other shareholder costs, please refer to your fund's current prospectus.

Six Months Ended January 31, 2024

	Beginning Account Value 7/31/2023	Ending Account Value 1/31/2024	Expenses Paid During Period
Based on Actual Fund Return			
Dividend Appreciation Index Fund			
ETF Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,048.70	\$0.31
Admiral™ Shares	1,000.00	1,048.60	0.41
Based on Hypothetical 5% Yearly Return			
Dividend Appreciation Index Fund			
ETF Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.90	\$0.31
Admiral Shares	1,000.00	1,024.80	0.41

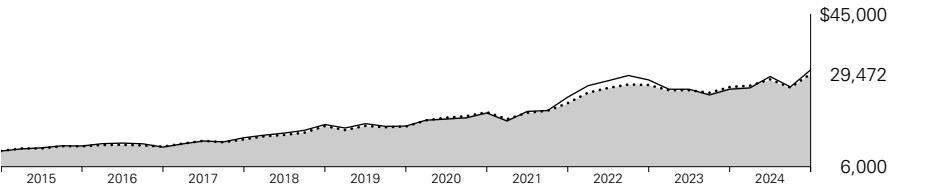
The calculations are based on expenses incurred in the most recent six-month period. The fund's annualized six-month expense ratios for that period are 0.06% for ETF Shares and 0.08% for Admiral Shares. The dollar amounts shown as "Expenses Paid" are equal to the annualized expense ratio multiplied by 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 (184/365).

Dividend Appreciation Index Fund

Performance Summary

All of the returns in this report represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results that may be achieved by the fund. (Current performance data may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at vanguard.com/performance.) Note, too, that both investment returns and principal value can fluctuate widely, so an investor's shares, when sold, could be worth more or less than their original cost. The returns shown do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the sale of fund shares.

Cumulative Performance: January 31, 2014, Through January 31, 2024
Initial Investment of \$10,000



Average Annual Total Returns Periods Ended January 31, 2024				
	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Final Value of a \$10,000 Investment
Dividend Appreciation Index Fund ETF Shares Net Asset Value	12.66%	12.74%	11.41%	\$29,472
Dividend Appreciation Index Fund ETF Shares Market Price	12.65	12.72	11.41	29,468
Spliced S&P U.S. Dividend Growers Index	12.72	12.83	11.49	29,676
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index	19.14	13.41	11.87	30,709

Spliced S&P U.S. Dividend Growers Index: NASDAQ US Dividend Achievers Select Index through September 19, 2021; S&P U.S. Dividend Growers Index thereafter.

	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years	Final Value of a \$10,000 Investment
Dividend Appreciation Index Fund Admiral Shares	12.64%	12.73%	11.40%	\$29,444
Spliced S&P U.S. Dividend Growers Index	12.72	12.83	11.49	29,676
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index	19.14	13.41	11.87	30,709

See Financial Highlights for dividend and capital gains information.

Cumulative Returns of ETF Shares: January 31, 2014, Through January 31, 2024

	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years
Dividend Appreciation Index Fund ETF Shares Market Price	12.65%	81.97%	194.68%
Dividend Appreciation Index Fund ETF Shares Net Asset Value	12.66	82.14	194.72
Spliced S&P U.S. Dividend Growers Index	12.72	82.84	196.76

For the ETF Shares, the market price is determined by the midpoint of the bid-offer spread as of the closing time of the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time). The net asset value is also determined as of the NYSE closing time. For more information about how the ETF Shares' market prices have compared with their net asset value, visit vanguard.com, select your ETF, click on Price, and then scroll down to the Premium/Discount chart. The ETF premium/discount chart there shows the percentage and days on which the ETF Shares' market price was above or below the NAV.

Fund Allocation

As of January 31, 2024

Communication Services	1.3%
Consumer Discretionary	6.8
Consumer Staples	11.8
Energy	2.8
Financials	19.1
Health Care	14.8
Industrials	13.0
Information Technology	23.6
Materials	4.3
Utilities	2.5

The table reflects the fund's investments, except for short-term investments and derivatives. 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.

The fund may invest in derivatives (such as futures and swap contracts) for various reasons, including, but not limited to, attempting to remain fully invested and tracking its target index as closely as possible.

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Financial Statements

Schedule of Investments

As of January 31, 2024

The fund 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 fund's Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

	Shares	Market Value* (\$000)		Shares	Market Value* (\$000)
Common Stocks (99.6%)			Clorox Co.	709,978	103,124
Communication Services (1.3%)			McCormick & Co. Inc.	1,440,109	98,158
Comcast Corp. Class A	23,611,512	1,098,880	Tyson Foods Inc. Class A	1,657,919	90,788
John Wiley & Sons Inc. Class A	244,068	8,259	J M Smucker Co.	607,013	79,853
		1,107,139	Casey's General Stores Inc.	213,259	57,870
Consumer Discretionary (6.8%)			Brown-Forman Corp. Class B	1,047,320	57,498
Home Depot Inc.	5,758,909	2,032,664	Hormel Foods Corp.	1,656,640	50,312
McDonald's Corp.	4,158,438	1,217,258	Ingredion Inc.	373,379	40,164
Lowe's Cos. Inc.	3,396,640	722,941	Flowers Foods Inc.	1,100,276	25,086
NIKE Inc. Class B	7,095,490	720,405	Lancaster Colony Corp.	116,675	21,443
Starbucks Corp.	6,542,957	608,691	WD-40 Co.	77,529	20,078
Tractor Supply Co.	619,567	139,155	J & J Snack Foods Corp.	88,141	14,035
Genuine Parts Co.	804,355	112,795	Andersons Inc.	180,007	9,488
Pool Corp.	221,615	82,275	SpartanNash Co.	202,453	4,541
Williams-Sonoma Inc. Service Corp.	368,550	71,274	Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.	98,968	3,225
International Churchill Downs Inc.	848,359	56,942			10,355,363
Lithia Motors Inc.	390,134	47,194	Energy (2.7%)		
Thor Industries Inc.	157,798	46,527	Exxon Mobil Corp.	22,967,142	2,361,252
Brunswick Corp.	306,154	34,602	Texas Pacific Land Corp.	35,575	51,987
Polaris Inc.	394,510	31,829			2,413,239
Worthington Industries Inc.	305,006	27,438	Financials (19.1%)		
Dillard's Inc. Class A	176,041	10,041	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	16,575,006	2,890,018
Monro Inc.	20,151	7804	Visa Inc. Class A	8,749,833	2,390,979
Shoe Carnival Inc.	179,518	5,719	Mastercard Inc. Class A	4,776,512	2,145,752
Haverty Furniture Cos. Inc.	110,047	2,806	S&P Global Inc.	1,878,849	842,382
Aaron's Co. Inc.	76,123	2,581	Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	1,869,619	717,952
	180,584	1,858	BlackRock Inc.	804,386	622,844
		5,982,799	Chubb Ltd.	2,339,360	573,143
Consumer Staples (11.8%)			Marsh & McLennan Cos. Inc.	2,832,973	549,144
Procter & Gamble Co.	13,572,315	2,132,754	CME Group Inc.	2,064,417	424,940
Costco Wholesale Corp.	2,531,927	1,759,385	Moody's Corp.	902,019	353,628
Walmart Inc.	8,231,411	1,360,241	PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	2,296,432	347,243
PepsiCo Inc.	7,885,268	1,328,904	Aon plc Class A (XNYS)	1,156,387	345,101
Coca-Cola Co.	22,307,830	1,327,093	Arthur J Gallagher & Co.	1,230,292	285,625
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	4,718,984	397,338	Travelers Cos. Inc.	1,327,581	280,598
Target Corp.	2,645,149	367,887	Aflac Inc.	3,080,453	259,805
Sysco Corp.	2,883,982	233,401	MetLife Inc.	3,563,466	247,019
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.	3,069,974	170,629	Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	4,407,652	244,448
Hershey Co.	859,440	166,336	Allstate Corp.	1,512,515	234,818
Kenvue Inc.	7,987,817	165,827	Ameriprise Financial Inc.	586,055	226,704
Church & Dwight Co. Inc.	1,412,379	141,026	Discover Financial Services	1,466,569	154,752
Kroger Co.	2,793,206	128,879			

Dividend Appreciation Index Fund

	Shares	Market Value* (\$000)		Shares	Market Value* (\$000)
Hartford Financial Services Group Inc.	1,740,800	151,380	Simmons First National Corp. Class A	719,030	13,669
State Street Corp.	1,859,451	137,358	BOK Financial Corp.	158,456	13,285
Fifth Third Bancorp	3,921,685	134,279	First Merchants Corp.	343,493	11,614
Raymond James Financial Inc.	1,075,007	118,444	Towne Bank	384,638	10,812
Nasdaq Inc.	1,951,004	112,710	Cohen & Steers Inc.	146,054	10,285
Cboe Global Markets Inc.	605,615	111,342	Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corp. Class C	53,153	9,902
Brown & Brown Inc.	1,354,432	105,050	Lakeland Financial Corp.	144,804	9,696
FactSet Research Systems Inc.	216,788	103,174	NBT Bancorp Inc.	269,391	9,582
Cincinnati Financial Corp.	899,860	99,705	City Holding Co.	85,322	8,721
Principal Financial Group Inc.	1,256,429	99,384	Horace Mann Educators Corp.	234,109	8,622
W R Berkley Corp.	1,172,401	95,996	Stock Yards Bancorp Inc.	155,937	7,753
Jack Henry & Associates Inc.	417,042	69,158	BancFirst Corp.	83,861	7,423
RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.	300,373	68,734	Westamerica BanCorp	152,126	7,259
Reinsurance Group of America Inc.	378,375	65,796	TriCo Bancshares	191,264	6,952
Globe Life Inc.	491,037	60,309	German American Bancorp Inc.	169,300	5,609
Unum Group	1,052,863	50,895	Southside Bancshares Inc.	166,977	5,226
Assurant Inc.	301,625	50,658	1st Source Corp.	95,213	4,977
Erie Indemnity Co. Class A	142,817	49,390	Lakeland Bancorp Inc.	366,851	4,875
MarketAxess Holdings Inc.	217,184	48,977	Heritage Financial Corp.	202,392	4,078
Primerica Inc.	200,776	47,014	Tompkins Financial Corp.	73,870	3,648
American Financial Group Inc.	374,829	45,129	Cass Information Systems Inc.	68,876	2,973
Morningstar Inc.	148,998	41,615	First Financial Corp. Southern Missouri Bancorp Inc.	60,815	2,397
Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc.	366,565	38,900	Hingham Institution for Savings	43,905	1,915
SEI Investments Co.	578,693	36,597	Bank of Marin Bancorp	10,259	1,896
SouthState Corp.	434,393	36,098		80,190	1,570
Commerce Bancshares Inc.	682,839	35,590			16,756,604
Zions Bancorp NA	848,184	35,539	Health Care (14.7%)		
Evercore Inc. Class A	199,564	34,271	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	5,302,420	2,713,460
Prosperity Bancshares Inc.	535,935	34,252	Johnson & Johnson	13,800,295	2,192,867
RLI Corp.	229,222	31,259	Merck & Co. Inc.	14,527,008	1,754,572
Bank OZK	607,102	27,386	Abbott Laboratories	9,947,396	1,125,548
Hanover Insurance Group Inc.	204,505	26,997	Medtronic plc	7622,376	667,263
Axis Capital Holdings Ltd.	444,794	26,474	Elevance Health Inc.	1,347,240	664,782
Home BancShares Inc.	1,081,994	25,362	Stryker Corp.	1,936,457	649,643
Assured Guaranty Ltd.	312,085	25,319	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	11,666,982	570,165
Glacier Bancorp Inc.	633,926	24,508	Zoetis Inc.	2,632,566	494,422
First Financial Bankshares Inc.	740,127	23,114	Becton Dickinson & Co.	1,671,244	399,110
UMB Financial Corp.	249,448	20,579	McKesson Corp.	789,558	394,692
* American Equity Investment Life Holding Co.	358,678	19,803	Humana Inc.	714,747	270,217
CNO Financial Group Inc.	649,809	17,662	Cencora Inc.	956,368	222,528
International Bancshares Corp.	303,722	16,055	ResMed Inc.	840,622	159,886
Atlantic Union Bankshares Corp.	427,858	14,616	West Pharmaceutical Services Inc.	424,024	158,174
Independent Bank Corp. (XNGS)	250,617	14,057	Cardinal Health Inc.	1,437,141	156,922
Community Bank System Inc.	306,642	14,035	STERIS plc	569,309	124,650
			Quest Diagnostics Inc.	661,489	84,955
			Chemed Corp.	86,352	51,189
			Ensign Group Inc.	322,797	36,547
			Perrigo Co. plc	774,913	24,859
			LeMaitre Vascular Inc.	114,855	6,666
			Embecka Corp.	331,381	5,680
			Atrion Corp.	7,676	2,610
					12,931,407
			Industrials (12.9%)		
			Caterpillar Inc.	2,924,604	878,288
			Union Pacific Corp.	3,511,908	856,660

Dividend Appreciation Index Fund

	Shares	Market Value* (\$000)		Shares	Market Value* (\$000)
Honeywell International Inc.	3,805,171	769,634	Watts Water Technologies Inc. Class A	156,895	31,067
United Parcel Service Inc. Class B (XNYS)	4,147,587	588,543	Ryder System Inc.	253,078	28,742
Automatic Data Processing Inc.	2,361,392	580,383	GATX Corp.	202,717	24,863
Eaton Corp. plc	2,288,706	563,205	Insperty Inc.	203,848	23,379
Lockheed Martin Corp.	1,299,912	558,195	Franklin Electric Co. Inc.	227,494	21,444
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	1,580,005	412,223	ManpowerGroup Inc.	280,027	20,761
CSX Corp.	11,325,804	404,331	Hillenbrand Inc.	400,906	18,670
Waste Management Inc.	2,112,468	392,137	McGrath RentCorp.	139,949	17,585
Northrop Grumman Corp.	816,903	364,960	Brady Corp. Class A	258,242	15,554
General Dynamics Corp.	1,298,541	344,100	ABM Industries Inc.	375,934	15,334
Emerson Electric Co.	3,381,608	310,195	Griffon Corp.	233,667	13,613
Cintas Corp.	495,873	299,790	Trinity Industries Inc.	468,583	11,780
VWV Grainger Inc.	253,336	226,898	Standex International Corp.	68,064	10,050
L3Harris Technologies Inc.	1,086,364	226,420	Tennant Co.	106,152	10,034
Paychex Inc.	1,842,165	224,247	Lindsay Corp.	63,778	8,298
Fastenal Co.	3,286,535	224,240	Apogee Enterprises Inc.	127,456	6,731
Republic Services Inc.	1,172,131	200,575	Matthews International Corp. Class A	177,105	5,827
Cummins Inc.	810,765	194,016	Gorman-Rupp Co.	141,130	4,712
Rockwell Automation Inc.	659,028	166,919	Douglas Dynamics Inc.	130,864	3,291
Xylem Inc.	1,381,470	155,333			11,379,353
Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc.	674,196	137,671	Information Technology (23.5%)		
Dover Corp.	805,509	120,649	Microsoft Corp.	12,243,601	4,867,811
Expeditors International of Washington Inc.	833,448	105,290	Apple Inc.	20,004,595	3,688,847
Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp.	747,101	105,169	Broadcom Inc.	2,438,917	2,877,922
Hubbell Inc.	307,741	103,269	Accenture plc Class A	3,600,127	1,310,014
JB Hunt Transport Services Inc.	466,524	93,762	Cisco Systems Inc.	23,210,794	1,164,718
IDEX Corp.	433,708	91,729	Intuit Inc.	1,611,963	1,017,681
Snap-on Inc.	303,198	87,906	Oracle Corp.	9,107,408	1,017,297
Carlisle Cos. Inc.	279,065	87,699	QUALCOMM Inc.	6,414,455	952,611
Graco Inc.	967,458	82,524	Texas Instruments Inc.	5,214,028	834,870
Stanley Black & Decker Inc.	881,626	82,256	Analog Devices Inc.	2,899,857	557,816
Lennox International Inc.	182,857	78,292	KLA Corp.	797,800	473,925
Nordson Corp.	310,881	78,255	Amphenol Corp. Class A	3,431,658	346,941
Lincoln Electric Holdings Inc.	327,526	72,783	Roper Technologies Inc.	612,171	328,736
Pentair plc	949,864	69,502	Motorola Solutions Inc.	951,124	303,884
Allegion plc	502,556	62,262	Microchip Technology Inc.	3,113,218	265,184
HEICO Corp. Class A	436,102	61,695	TE Connectivity Ltd.	1,790,273	254,559
Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc.	228,620	59,194	HP Inc.	5,104,497	146,550
ITT Inc.	470,355	56,810	Corning Inc.	4,400,909	142,986
CH Robinson Worldwide Inc.	670,036	56,343	Amdocs Ltd.	688,847	63,153
Toro Co.	592,230	54,769	Littelfuse Inc.	142,622	34,500
A O Smith Corp.	702,343	54,509	Power Integrations Inc.	326,650	24,486
Regal Rexnord Corp.	379,561	50,656	Badger Meter Inc.	167,965	24,185
Robert Half Inc.	611,766	48,660			20,698,676
Donaldson Co. Inc.	698,350	45,106	Materials (4.3%)		
Comfort Systems USA Inc.	204,814	44,541	Linde plc	2,790,756	1,129,782
HEICO Corp.	227,237	40,810	Sherwin-Williams Co.	1,349,682	410,816
UFP Industries Inc.	354,714	40,242	Air Products and Chemicals Inc.	1,271,604	325,162
Applied Industrial Technologies Inc.	221,383	39,065	Ecolab Inc.	1,454,577	288,326
MSA Safety Inc.	211,527	34,908	Nucor Corp.	1,428,614	267,051
			PPG Industries Inc.	1,351,669	190,639
			International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.	1,463,147	118,047
			Steel Dynamics Inc.	871,689	105,204
			Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	329,468	94,037
			Avery Dennison Corp.	461,434	92,033
			Packaging Corp. of America	513,360	85,156
			Celanese Corp.	574,377	84,026
			RPM International Inc.	739,044	78,826

	Shares	Market Value* (\$'000)		Shares	Market Value* (\$'000)
Albemarle Corp.	671,976	77,103	ONE Gas Inc.	317,006	19,455
Eastman Chemical Co.	685,497	57,273	American States Water Co.	211,053	15,745
AptarGroup Inc.	377,701	49,056	California Water Service Group	333,470	15,096
Royal Gold Inc.	375,922	43,002	MGE Energy Inc.	206,670	13,328
Sonoco Products Co.	560,695	31,904	Chesapeake Utilities Corp.	123,912	12,550
Ashland Inc.	292,633	27,396	SJW Group	164,889	9,817
Balchem Corp.	184,948	25,922	Middlesex Water Co.	101,083	5,658
Westlake Corp.	182,716	25,279	York Water Co.	80,736	2,897
HB Fuller Co.	305,899	23,178	Artesian Resources Corp. Class A	56,165	2,050
Cabot Corp.	316,512	22,820			2,202,933
Silgan Holdings Inc.	465,726	21,395	Total Common Stocks (Cost \$62,043,059)		87,600,541
Avient Corp.	520,740	18,856	Temporary Cash Investments (0.3%)		
Sensient Technologies Corp.	243,643	15,113	Money Market Fund (0.3%)		
Quaker Chemical Corp.	79,461	15,093	¹ Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund, 5.410% (Cost \$270,081)	2,701,389	270,112
Materion Corp.	118,753	13,891	Total Investments (99.9%) (Cost \$62,313,140)		87,870,653
Scotts Miracle-Gro Co.	235,463	13,247	Other Assets and Liabilities—Net (0.1%)		83,061
Stapan Co.	121,359	10,834	Net Assets (100%)		87,953,714
Hawkins Inc.	109,499	7,289	Cost is in \$'000.		
* Worthington Steel Inc.	176,014	5,272	• See Note A in Notes to Financial Statements.		
		3,773,028	• Non-income-producing security.		
Utilities (2.5%)			¹ Affiliated money market fund available only to Vanguard funds and certain trusts and accounts managed by Vanguard. Rate shown is the 7-day yield.		
NextEra Energy Inc.	11,761,982	689,605			
Sempra	3,611,530	258,441			
Xcel Energy Inc.	3,162,659	189,348			
WEC Energy Group Inc.	1,808,143	146,026			
American Water Works Co. Inc.	1,116,971	138,527			
DTE Energy Co.	1,181,896	124,595			
Eversource Energy	2,002,270	108,563			
CMS Energy Corp.	1,665,016	95,172			
Atmos Energy Corp.	831,829	94,779			
Alliant Energy Corp.	1,463,787	71,228			
AES Corp.	3,834,429	63,958			
Essential Utilities Inc.	1,444,724	51,808			
IDACORP Inc.	290,074	26,855			
National Fuel Gas Co.	524,045	24,714			
New Jersey Resources Corp.	556,410	22,718			

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	March 2024	717	174,607	2,795

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Over-the-Counter Total Return Swaps

Reference Entity	Termination Date	Counterparty	Notional Amount (\$000)	Floating Interest Rate Received (Paid) ¹ (%)	Value and Unrealized Appreciation (\$000)	Value and Unrealized (Depreciation) (\$000)
Kroger Co.	1/31/25	GSI	46,140	(5.320)	—	—
Visa Inc. Class A	8/30/24	BANA	121,601	(5.226)	—	(505)
					—	(505)

¹ Based on Overnight Bank Funding Rate as of the most recent reset date. Floating interest payment received/paid monthly.

BANA—Bank of America, N.A.

GSI—Goldman Sachs International.

At January 31, 2024, the counterparties had deposited in segregated accounts securities with a value of \$7,306,000 in connection with open over-the-counter swap contracts.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As of January 31, 2024

((\$000s, except shares, footnotes, and per-share amounts))	Amount
Assets	
Investments in Securities, at Value	
Unaffiliated Issuers (Cost \$62,043,059)	87,600,541
Affiliated Issuers (Cost \$270,081)	270,112
Total Investments in Securities	87,870,653
Investment in Vanguard	2,786
Cash	39
Cash Collateral Pledged—Futures Contracts	8,470
Cash Collateral Pledged—Over-the-Counter Swap Contracts	40
Receivables for Investment Securities Sold	5,745
Receivables for Accrued Income	70,929
Receivables for Capital Shares Issued	8,800
Total Assets	87,967,462
Liabilities	
Payables for Investment Securities Purchased	1,392
Payables for Capital Shares Redeemed	6,530
Payables to Vanguard	2,435
Variation Margin Payable—Futures Contracts	2,886
Unrealized Depreciation—Over-the-Counter Swap Contracts	505
Total Liabilities	13,748
Net Assets	87,953,714

At January 31, 2024, net assets consisted of:

Paid-in Capital	65,999,057
Total Distributable Earnings (Loss)	21,954,657
Net Assets	87,953,714

ETF Shares—Net Assets

Applicable to 428,854,419 outstanding \$.001 par value shares of beneficial interest (unlimited authorization)	73,991,447
Net Asset Value Per Share—ETF Shares	\$172.53

Admiral Shares—Net Assets

Applicable to 298,198,066 outstanding \$.001 par value shares of beneficial interest (unlimited authorization)	13,962,267
Net Asset Value Per Share—Admiral Shares	\$46.82

See accompanying Notes, which are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

Statement of Operations

Year Ended
January 31, 2024

(\$'000)

Investment Income	
Income	
Dividends	1,652,011
Interest ¹	12,082
Securities Lending—Net	6
Total Income	1,664,099
Expenses	
The Vanguard Group—Note B	
Investment Advisory Services	1,799
Management and Administrative—ETF Shares	35,112
Management and Administrative—Admiral Shares	9,255
Marketing and Distribution—ETF Shares	2,627
Marketing and Distribution—Admiral Shares	538
Custodian Fees	326
Auditing Fees	34
Shareholders' Reports—ETF Shares	1,254
Shareholders' Reports—Admiral Shares	146
Trustees' Fees and Expenses	56
Other Expenses	38
Total Expenses	51,185
Expenses Paid Indirectly	(25)
Net Expenses	51,160
Net Investment Income	1,612,939
Realized Net Gain (Loss)	
Investment Securities Sold ^{1,2}	1,171,629
Futures Contracts	11,188
Swap Contracts	15,075
Realized Net Gain (Loss)	1,197,892
Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	
Investment Securities ¹	7,179,384
Futures Contracts	(655)
Swap Contracts	(190)
Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	7,178,539
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	9,989,370

1 Interest income, realized net gain (loss), capital gain distributions received, and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) from an affiliated company of the fund were \$11,704,000, \$59,000, \$1,000, and \$8,000, respectively. Purchases and sales are for temporary cash investment purposes.

2 Includes \$2,383,553,000 of net gain (loss) resulting from in-kind redemptions.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended January 31,	
	2024 (\$000)	2023 (\$000)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations		
Net Investment Income	1,612,939	1,480,125
Realized Net Gain (Loss)	1,197,892	2,757,929
Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	7,178,539	(5,746,536)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	9,989,370	(1,508,482)
Distributions		
ETF Shares	(1,372,849)	(1,250,613)
Admiral Shares	(255,095)	(233,770)
Total Distributions	(1,627,944)	(1,484,383)
Capital Share Transactions		
ETF Shares	879,631	2,946,879
Admiral Shares	179,423	87,399
Net Increase (Decrease) from Capital Share Transactions	1,059,054	3,034,278
Total Increase (Decrease)	9,420,480	41,413
Net Assets		
Beginning of Period	78,533,234	78,491,821
End of Period	87,953,714	78,533,234

See accompanying Notes, which are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

Financial Highlights

ETF Shares

For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	Year Ended January 31,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$156.26	\$162.69	\$137.11	\$125.38	\$104.09
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income ¹	3.185	2.982	2.736	2.299	2.214
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	16.293	(6.439)	25.504	11.728	21.210
Total from Investment Operations	19.478	(3.457)	28.240	14.027	23.424
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(3.208)	(2.973)	(2.660)	(2.297)	(2.134)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—
Total Distributions	(3.208)	(2.973)	(2.660)	(2.297)	(2.134)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$172.53	\$156.26	\$162.69	\$137.11	\$125.38
Total Return	12.66%	-2.02%	20.71%	11.44%	22.68%

Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	\$73,991	\$66,062	\$65,589	\$51,842	\$42,217
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.06% ²	0.06% ²	0.06%	0.06%	0.06%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	1.99%	1.96%	1.74%	1.84%	1.90%
Portfolio Turnover Rate ³	13%	12%	26%	25%	14%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.06%.

3 Excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind purchases or redemptions of the fund's capital shares, including ETF Creation Units.

Financial Highlights

Admiral Shares

For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period	Year Ended January 31,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$42.41	\$44.15	\$37.21	\$34.03	\$28.25
Investment Operations					
Net Investment Income ¹	.856	.801	.734	.617	.594
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	4.416	(1.743)	6.920	3.179	5.757
Total from Investment Operations	5.272	(.942)	7.654	3.796	6.351
Distributions					
Dividends from Net Investment Income	(.862)	(.798)	(.714)	(.616)	(.571)
Distributions from Realized Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—
Total Distributions	(.862)	(.798)	(.714)	(.616)	(.571)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$46.82	\$42.41	\$44.15	\$37.21	\$34.03
Total Return²	12.64%	-2.02%	20.67%	11.44%	22.65%

Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)	\$13,962	\$12,471	\$12,903	\$10,685	\$9,955
Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets	0.08% ³	0.08% ³	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets	1.97%	1.94%	1.72%	1.82%	1.87%
Portfolio Turnover Rate ⁴	13%	12%	26%	25%	14%

1 Calculated based on average shares outstanding.

2 Total returns do not include account service fees that may have applied in the periods shown. Fund prospectuses provide information about any applicable account service fees.

3 The ratio of expenses to average net assets for the period net of reduction from custody fee offset arrangements was 0.08%.

4 Excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind purchases or redemptions of the fund's capital shares, including ETF Creation Units.

Notes to Financial Statements

Vanguard Dividend Appreciation Index Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as an open-end investment company, or mutual fund. The fund offers two classes of shares: ETF Shares and Admiral Shares. Each of the share classes has different eligibility and minimum purchase requirements, and is designed for different types of investors. ETF Shares are listed for trading on NYSE Arca; they can be purchased and sold through a broker.

A. The following significant accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for U.S. investment companies. The fund 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 affected by events occurring before the fund's pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued by methods deemed by the valuation designee to represent fair value and subject to oversight by the board of trustees. Investments in Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund are valued at that fund's net asset value.

2. **Futures Contracts:** The fund 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 fund 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 fund 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 fund 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 fund's performance and requires daily settlement of variation margin representing changes in the market value of each contract. Any securities pledged as initial margin for open contracts are noted in the Schedule of Investments.

Futures contracts are valued at their quoted daily settlement prices. The notional amounts of the contracts are not recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Fluctuations in the value of the contracts are recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities 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 gains (losses) on futures contracts.

During the year ended January 31, 2024, the fund's average investments in long and short futures contracts represented less than 1% and 0% of net assets, respectively, based on the average of the notional amounts at each quarter-end during the period.

3. **Swap Contracts:** The fund has entered into equity swap contracts to earn the total return on selected reference stocks or indexes in the fund's target index. Under the terms of the swaps, the fund receives the total return on the referenced stock (i.e., receiving the increase or paying the decrease in value of the selected reference stock and receiving the equivalent of any dividends in respect of the selected referenced stock) over a specified period of time, applied to a notional

amount that represents the value of a designated number of shares of the selected reference stock at the beginning of the equity swap contract. The fund also pays a floating rate that is based on short-term interest rates, applied to the notional amount. At the same time, the fund generally invests an amount approximating the notional amount of the swap in high-quality temporary cash investments.

A risk associated with all types of swaps is the possibility that a counterparty may default on its obligation to pay net amounts due to the fund. The fund's maximum amount subject to counterparty risk is the unrealized appreciation on the swap contract. The fund mitigates its counterparty risk by entering into swaps only with a diverse group of prequalified counterparties, monitoring their financial strength, entering into master netting arrangements with its counterparties, and requiring its counterparties to transfer collateral as security for their performance. In the absence of a default, the collateral pledged or received by the fund cannot be repledged, resold, or rehypothecated. In the event of a counterparty's default (including bankruptcy), the fund may terminate any swap contracts with that counterparty, determine the net amount owed by either party in accordance with its master netting arrangements, and sell or retain any collateral held up to the net amount owed to the fund under the master netting arrangements. The swap contracts contain provisions whereby a counterparty may terminate open contracts if the fund's net assets decline below a certain level, triggering a payment by the fund if the fund is in a net liability position at the time of the termination. The payment amount would be reduced by any collateral the fund has pledged. Any securities pledged as collateral for open contracts are noted in the Schedule of Investments. The value of collateral received or pledged is compared daily to the value of the swap contracts exposure with each counterparty, and any difference, if in excess of a specified minimum transfer amount, is adjusted and settled within two business days.

The notional amounts of swap contracts are not recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Swaps are valued daily based on market quotations received from independent pricing services or recognized dealers and the change in value is recorded in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as an asset (liability) and in the Statement of Operations as unrealized appreciation (depreciation) until periodic payments are made or the termination of the swap, at which time realized gain (loss) is recorded.

During the year ended January 31, 2024, the fund's average amounts of investments in total return swaps represented less than 1% of net assets, based on the average of notional amounts at each quarter-end during the period.

4. **Federal Income Taxes:** The fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute virtually all of its taxable income. The fund's tax returns are open to examination by the relevant tax authorities until expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, which is generally three years after the filing of the tax return. Management has analyzed the fund's tax positions taken for all open federal and state income tax years, and has concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the fund's financial statements.

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

6. **Securities Lending:** To earn additional income, the fund lends its securities to qualified institutional borrowers. Security loans are subject to termination by the fund 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 fund 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 fund 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 fund; however, such actions may be subject to legal proceedings. While collateral mitigates counterparty risk, in the event of a default, the fund may experience delays and costs in recovering the securities loaned. The fund invests cash collateral received in Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund, and records a liability in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the return of the collateral, during the period the securities are on loan. Collateral investments in Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund are subject to market appreciation or depreciation. 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 fund is entitled to all distributions made on or in respect of the loaned securities.

7. **Credit Facilities and Interfund Lending Program:** The fund 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 and an uncommitted credit facility provided by Vanguard. Both facilities may be renewed annually. Each fund is individually liable for its borrowings, if any, under the credit facilities. Borrowings may be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes and are subject to the fund's regulatory and contractual borrowing restrictions. With respect to the committed credit facility, the participating funds are charged administrative fees and an annual commitment fee of 0.10% of the undrawn committed amount of the facility, which are allocated to the funds based on a method approved by the fund's board of trustees and included in Management and Administrative expenses on the fund's Statement of Operations. Any borrowings under either facility bear interest at an agreed-upon spread plus the higher of the federal funds effective rate, the overnight bank funding rate, or the Daily Simple Secured Overnight Financing Rate inclusive of an additional agreed-upon spread. However, borrowings under the uncommitted credit facility may bear interest based upon an alternate rate agreed to by the fund and Vanguard.

In accordance with an exemptive order (the "Order") from the SEC, the fund may participate in a joint lending and borrowing program that allows registered open-end Vanguard funds to borrow money from and lend money to each other for temporary or emergency purposes (the "Interfund Lending Program"), subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of the Order, and to the extent permitted by the fund's investment objective and investment policies. Interfund loans and borrowings normally extend overnight but can have a maximum duration of seven days. Loans may be called on one business day's notice. The interest rate to be charged is governed by the conditions of the Order and internal procedures adopted by the board of trustees. The board of trustees is responsible for overseeing the Interfund Lending Program.

For the year ended January 31, 2024, the fund did not utilize the credit facilities or the Interfund Lending Program.

8. Other: Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Non-cash dividends included in income, if any, are recorded at the fair value of the securities received. Interest income includes income distributions received from Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund is accrued daily. 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.

Each class of shares has equal rights as to assets and earnings, except that each class separately bears certain class-specific expenses related to maintenance of shareholder accounts (included in Management and Administrative expenses) and shareholder reporting. Marketing and distribution expenses are allocated to each class of shares based on a method approved by the board of trustees. Income, other non-class-specific expenses, and gains and losses on investments are allocated to each class of shares based on its relative net assets.

B. In accordance with the terms of a Funds' Service Agreement (the "FSA") between Vanguard and the fund, Vanguard furnishes to the fund 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 fund based on methods and guidelines approved by the board of trustees and are generally settled twice a month.

Upon the request of Vanguard, the fund may invest up to 0.40% of its net assets as capital in Vanguard. At January 31, 2024, the fund had contributed to Vanguard capital in the amount of \$2,786,000, representing less than 0.01% of the fund's net assets and 1.11% of Vanguard's capital received pursuant to the FSA. The fund's trustees and officers are also directors and employees, respectively, of Vanguard.

C. The fund's custodian bank has agreed to reduce its fees when the fund maintains cash on deposit in the non-interest-bearing custody account. For the year ended January 31, 2024, custodian fee offset arrangements reduced the fund's expenses by \$25,000 (an annual rate of less than 0.01% of average net assets).

D. Various inputs may be used to determine the value of the fund's investments and derivatives. 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 fund's own assumptions used to determine the fair value of investments). Any investments and derivatives valued with significant unobservable inputs are noted on the Schedule of Investments.

The following table summarizes the market value of the fund's investments and derivatives as of January 31, 2024, based on the inputs used to value them:

	Level 1 (\$000)	Level 2 (\$000)	Level 3 (\$000)	Total (\$000)
Investments				
Assets				
Common Stocks	87,600,541	—	—	87,600,541
Temporary Cash Investments	270,112	—	—	270,112
Total	87,870,653	—	—	87,870,653
Derivative Financial Instruments				
Assets				
Futures Contracts ¹	2,795	—	—	2,795
Swap Contracts	—	—	—	—
Total	2,795	—	—	2,795
Liabilities				
Swap Contracts	—	505	—	505

¹ Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) on futures contracts and centrally cleared swaps, if any, as reported in the Schedule of Investments. Only current day's variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

E. Permanent differences between book-basis and tax-basis components of net assets are reclassified among capital accounts in the financial statements to reflect their tax character. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. As of period end, permanent differences primarily attributable to the accounting for applicable in-kind redemptions and swap agreements were reclassified between the following accounts:

	Amount (\$000)
Paid-in Capital	2,383,347
Total Distributable Earnings (Loss)	(2,383,347)

Temporary differences between book-basis and tax-basis components of total distributable earnings (loss) arise when certain items of income, gain, or loss are recognized in different periods for financial statement and tax purposes; these differences will reverse at some time in the future. The differences are primarily related to capital loss carryforwards; the deferral of losses from wash sales; and the recognition of unrealized gains or losses from certain derivative contracts. As of

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period end, the tax-basis components of total distributable earnings (loss) are detailed in the table as follows:

	Amount (\$000)
Undistributed Ordinary Income	125,166
Undistributed Long-Term Gains	—
Net Unrealized Gains (Losses)	25,530,773
Capital Loss Carryforwards	(3,701,282)
Qualified Late-Year Losses	—
Other Temporary Differences	—
Total	21,954,657

The tax character of distributions paid was as follows:

	Year Ended January 31,	
	2024 Amount (\$000)	2023 Amount (\$000)
Ordinary Income*	1,627,944	1,484,383
Long-Term Capital Gains	—	—
Total	1,627,944	1,484,383

* Includes short-term capital gains, if any.

As of January 31, 2024, 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	62,339,881
Gross Unrealized Appreciation	26,896,786
Gross Unrealized Depreciation	(1,366,013)
Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	25,530,773

F. During the year ended January 31, 2024, the fund purchased \$17,940,809,000 of investment securities and sold \$16,976,051,000 of investment securities, other than temporary cash investments. Purchases and sales include \$6,674,424,000 and \$6,116,591,000, respectively, in connection with in-kind purchases and redemptions of the fund's capital shares.

The fund 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 year ended January 31, 2024, such purchases were \$1,209,563,000 and sales were \$800,337,000, resulting in net realized loss of \$143,903,000; these amounts, other than temporary cash investments, are included in the purchases and sales of investment securities noted above.

G. Capital share transactions for each class of shares were:

	Year Ended January 31,			
	2024		2023	
	Amount (\$000)	Shares (000)	Amount (\$000)	Shares (000)
ETF Shares				
Issued	7,008,963	44,964	9,908,220	64,894
Issued in Lieu of Cash Distributions	—	—	—	—
Redeemed	(6,129,332)	(38,875)	(6,961,341)	(45,275)
Net Increase (Decrease)—ETF Shares	879,631	6,089	2,946,879	19,619
Admiral Shares				
Issued	1,767,035	40,614	1,662,170	40,062
Issued in Lieu of Cash Distributions	216,949	5,065	199,774	4,966
Redeemed	(1,804,561)	(41,568)	(1,774,545)	(43,189)
Net Increase (Decrease)—Admiral Shares	179,423	4,111	87,399	1,839

H. 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 fund's investments and fund performance.

To the extent the fund's investment portfolio reflects concentration in a particular market, industry, sector, country or asset class, the fund may be adversely affected by the performance of these concentrations and may be subject to increased price volatility and other risks.

The use of derivatives may expose the fund to various risks. Derivatives can be highly volatile, and any initial investment is generally small relative to the notional amount so that transactions may be leveraged in terms of market exposure. A relatively small market movement may have a potentially larger impact on derivatives than on standard securities. Leveraged derivatives positions can, therefore, increase volatility. Additional information regarding the fund's use of derivative(s) and the specific risks associated is described under significant accounting policies.

I. Management has determined that no events or transactions occurred subsequent to January 31, 2024, that would require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees of Vanguard Specialized Funds and Shareholders of Vanguard Dividend Appreciation Index Fund

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Vanguard Dividend Appreciation Index Fund (one of the funds constituting Vanguard Specialized Funds, referred to hereafter as the "Fund") as of January 31, 2024, the related statement of operations for the year ended January 31, 2024, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended January 31, 2024, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended January 31, 2024 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of January 31, 2024, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended January 31, 2024 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended January 31, 2024 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of January 31, 2024 by correspondence with the custodian, transfer agent and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 20, 2024

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in The Vanguard Group of Funds since 1975.

Tax information (unaudited)

For corporate shareholders, 96.3%, or if subsequently determined to be different, the maximum percentage allowable by law, of ordinary income (dividend income plus short-term gains, if any) for the fiscal year qualified for the dividends-received deduction.

The fund hereby designates \$1,627,944,000, or if subsequently determined to be different, the maximum amount allowable by law, as qualified dividend income for individual shareholders for the fiscal year.

The fund hereby designates \$4,620,000, or if subsequently determined to be different, the maximum amount allowable by law, of interest earned from obligations of the U.S. government which is generally exempt from state income tax.

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