

VPL

Vanguard FTSE Pacific ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF is a low cost option for accessing advanced Asia Pacific economies. VPL consists almost entirely of developed market exposure, with Japan accounting for most of the portfolio and Australia also making up a significant chunk. Given this profile, VPL can potentially be used in a number of different ways; this ETF is certainly useful as a short term trading vehicle for those seeking exposure to advanced Asian economies, and can potentially be used as a core holding in a longer-term portfolio as well. It should be noted, however, that VPL won't give investors exposure to emerging Asian economies (some of the other options in the Asia Pacific Equities ETFdb Category will include both developed and emerging markets).

The portfolio of VPL is concentrated in two equity markets, but overall this ETF does a nice job of spreading exposure across sectors of the economy, and limits individual security concentration by holding nearly 500 different stocks. The concentration in large and mega cap stocks is worth noting, as this feature often diminishes the correlation to local markets. VPL's biggest draw is its rock bottom expense ratio; this Vanguard fund is considerably cheaper than other ETFs offering exposure to the Asia Pacific region. Moreover, VPL is available commission free for some investors (those with Vanguard accounts), which could further increase the value proposition.

ESG Themes and Scores

7.22/10

ESG Rate

77.89%

Global Percentile

58.88%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	VPL	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	3.92%	1.35%	2.48%
3 Month	19.25%	13.16%	14.39%
YTD Return	28.65%	14.85%	20.83%
1 Year Return	49.50%	29.11%	38.51%
3 Year Return	22.97%	13.61%	20.10%
5 Year Return	10.36%	4.96%	9.09%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
005930	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	7.57%
000660	SK hynix Inc.	6.45%
Other	U.S. Dollar	1.96%
BHP	BHP Group Ltd	1.67%
8306	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.	1.58%

Vitals

Issuer	Vanguard
Brand	Vanguard
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.07%
Inception	Mar 04, 2005
Index Tracked	FTSE Developed Asia Pacific Index All Cap Net Tax (US RIC) Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Asia Pacific Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Large-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	Developed Asia Pacific
Region (Specific)	Broad

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: Developed Asia-Pacific - Total Market
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Total Market
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting	Market Cap

