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### **Vanguard ETF Series (the “Trust”)**

*(A Hong Kong umbrella unit trust authorised under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of the laws of Hong Kong) (“SFO”)*

#### **Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF**

**(Stock code: 2805 – HKD counter)**

**(Stock code: 82805 – RMB counter)**

**(Stock code: 9805 – USD counter)**

#### **Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF**

**(Stock code: 3085 – HKD counter)**

**(Stock code: 83085 – RMB counter)**

**(Stock code: 9085 – USD counter)**

#### **Vanguard Total China Index ETF**

**(Stock Code: 83169 - RMB Counter)**

**(Stock Code: 3169 - HKD Counter)**

**(Stock Code: 9169 - USD Counter)**

**(each a “Sub-Fund”, together the “Sub-Funds”)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF THE TRUST AND SUB-FUNDS, VOLUNTARY DEAUTHORISATION OF THE TRUST AND SUB-FUNDS AND DELISTING OF THE SUB-FUNDS**

<p>The termination and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Funds will become effective on 15 October 2021. The delisting of the Sub-Funds from the SEHK will also become effective from 9:00 a.m. on 15 October 2021.</p>
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Reference is made to the Announcement and Notice dated 31 March 2021 and titled “*Announcement and Notice of the Proposed Cessation of Trading, Termination, Voluntary Deauthorisation and Delisting and Non-Applicability of Certain Provisions of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds*” (the “**First Announcement**”), the Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement dated 7 June 2021 and titled “*Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement for Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF, Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield*”

*Index ETF and Vanguard Total China Index ETF*", the Announcement and Notice dated 14 July 2021 and titled "Extension of Further Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement for Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF, Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF and Vanguard Total China Index ETF" and the Announcement and Notice dated 13 September 2021 and titled "Further Cash Proceeds Distribution Announcement for Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan Index ETF, Vanguard FTSE Asia ex Japan High Dividend Yield Index ETF and Vanguard Total China Index ETF" issued by Vanguard Investments Hong Kong Limited (the "**Manager**"), the manager of the Trust and the Sub-Funds.

Capitalised terms not defined in this Announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the First Announcement.

The purpose of this Announcement is to inform the Relevant Investors that the Manager has distributed all the assets of each Sub-Fund through the Further Cash Proceeds Distribution, and the Trustee and the Manager have formed an opinion on 12 October 2021 that the Sub-Funds have no outstanding contingent or actual liabilities or assets. The termination process of the Trust and each Sub-Fund has been completed. The Trust and the Sub-Funds are therefore terminated from the date of this Announcement (the "**Final Termination Date**").

Furthermore, the SFC has approved the deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Funds and the SEHK has approved the delisting of the Sub-Funds. The deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Funds will become effective on the Final Termination Date and the delisting will also become effective from 9:00 a.m. on the Final Termination Date. Following the deauthorisation, the Trust and the Sub-Funds will no longer be regulated by the SFC and will not be available for public distribution in Hong Kong. The documentation regarding the Trust and the Sub-Funds previously issued to investors, including the product key facts statement of each Sub-Fund, should be retained for personal use only and not for public circulation.

Investors who are in doubt about the contents of this Announcement should contact their independent financial intermediaries or professional advisers to seek their professional advice, or direct their queries to the Manager by calling +852 3409 8333 during normal business hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays), or visiting the Manager's website: [www.vanguard.com.hk](http://www.vanguard.com.hk)<sup>1</sup>.

The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Announcement and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, as of the date of this publication, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

**Vanguard Investments Hong Kong Limited**  
as Manager of the Trust and the Sub-Funds

**15 October 2021**

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<sup>1</sup> The website has not been reviewed by the SFC.