

# Fund profile

## Vanguard Australian Equity Index

### Investment objective\*

Vanguard's Australian Shares Index Fund seeks to match the total return of the S&P/ASX 300 Index before taking into account fees and expenses.

### Investment strategy\*

Vanguard's Australian Shares Index Fund provides exposure to a wide range of companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. It is a low-cost, diversified share fund, which through its buy and hold investment approach offers investors the potential for tax-effective returns. The fund is managed using an optimised approach. This allows the fund to minimise the cost of transacting and effectively manage index changes while fully investing cash-flows.

### Investment manager



**Vanguard INVESTMENTS**

Since establishing its first indexed mutual fund in the US in 1976, the Vanguard Group has grown into one of the world's largest and most respected investment manager companies. Vanguard now has global presence with offices in the US, Melbourne, Sydney, Brussels, Tokyo and Singapore with funds of US\$1 trillion worldwide. In Australia, Vanguard has been helping investors meet their long-term financial goals with low cost indexing solutions for 10 years.

### Investment category

Australian equities

### Recommended minimum investment term

Five years

This profile will be updated on the 12<sup>th</sup> business day of each month.

#### Key data

Inception date	December 2008
Management fee	1.51% p.a.

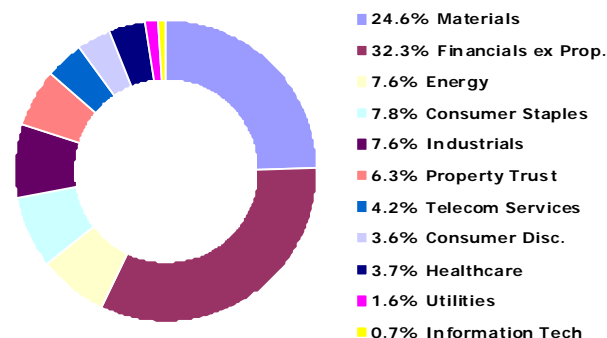
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### Performance – period ending 31 Mar 2012<sup>#</sup>

	3 months %	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	Since inception % pa (Dec 2008)
Distribution	0.0	7.7	5.1	4.6
Growth	8.0	-15.2	4.3	3.3
<b>Total return</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>

### Sector allocation as 31 Mar 2012



### Top 10 holdings as at 31 Mar 2012

BHP Billiton	11.1
CBA	7.0
Westpac	6.1
ANZ	5.2
NAB	5.0
Telstra	3.9
Wesfarmers	3.3
Woolworths	3.1
Rio Tinto	2.7
Newcrest Mining	2.6