



# Vanguard Wellington™ Fund Prospectus

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## Investor Shares & Admiral™ Shares

Vanguard Wellington Fund Investor Shares (VWELX)

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# Fund Summary

## Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation and reasonable current income.

## Fees and Expenses

The following table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy and hold Investor Shares or Admiral Shares of the Fund.

### Shareholder Fees

(Fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Investor Shares | Admiral Shares |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases                       | None            | None           |
| Purchase Fee   | None            | None           |
| Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends            | None            | None           |
| Redemption Fee   | None            | None           |
| Account Service Fee (for fund account balances below \$10,000) | \$20/year       | \$20/year      |

### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(Expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|                                      | Investor Shares | Admiral Shares |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Management Expenses                  | 0.28%           | 0.20%          |
| 12b-1 Distribution Fee               | None            | None           |
| Other Expenses                       | 0.02%           | 0.02%          |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | 0.30%           | 0.22%          |

## Examples

The following examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund's Investor Shares or Admiral Shares with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. They illustrate the hypothetical expenses that you would incur over various periods if you invest \$10,000 in the Fund's shares. These examples assume that the Shares provide a return of 5% a year and that operating expenses remain as stated in the preceding table. The results apply whether or not you redeem your investment at the end of the given period. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

|                 | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Investor Shares | \$31   | \$97    | \$169   | \$381    |
| Admiral Shares  | \$23   | \$71    | \$124   | \$280    |

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the previous expense example, reduce the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 35%.

## Primary Investment Strategies

The Fund invests 60% to 70% of its assets in dividend-paying and, to a lesser extent, non-dividend-paying common stocks of established, medium-size and large companies. In choosing these companies, the advisor seeks those that appear to be undervalued but have prospects for improvement. These stocks are commonly referred to as value stocks. The remaining 30% to 40% of the Fund’s assets are invested mainly in fixed income securities that the advisor believes will generate a reasonable level of current income. These securities include investment-grade corporate bonds, with some exposure to U.S. Treasury and government agency bonds, and mortgage-backed securities.

## Primary Risks

The Fund is subject to the risks associated with the stock and bond markets, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. However, because stock and bond prices can move in different directions or to different degrees, the Fund’s bond holdings may counteract some of the volatility experienced by the Fund’s stock holdings.

- With approximately 60% to 70% of its assets allocated to stocks, the Fund is proportionately subject to stock risks: *stock market risk*, which is the chance that stock prices overall will decline; and *investment style risk*, which is the chance that returns from mid- and large-capitalization value stocks will trail returns from the overall stock market. Historically, mid-cap stocks have been more volatile in price than the large-cap stocks that dominate the overall market, and they often perform quite differently.
- With approximately 30% to 40% of its assets allocated to bonds, the Fund is proportionately subject to bond risks: *interest rate risk*, which is the chance that bond prices overall will decline because of rising interest rates; *income risk*, which is the chance that the Fund’s income will decline because of falling interest rates; *credit risk*, which is the chance that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest and principal in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer’s ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline; and *call risk*, which is the chance that during periods of falling interest rates, issuers of callable bonds may call (redeem) securities with higher coupons or interest rates before their maturity dates. The Fund would then lose any price appreciation above the bond’s call price and would be

forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income. For mortgage-backed securities, this risk is known as *prepayment risk*.

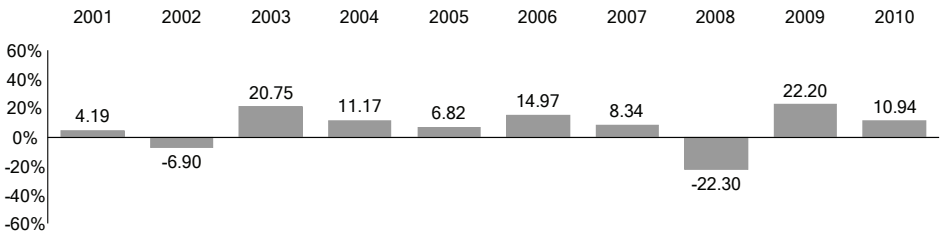
- The Fund is also subject to *manager risk*, which is the chance that poor security selection or focus on securities in a particular sector, category, or group of companies will cause the Fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.

**An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.**

### Annual Total Returns

The following bar chart and table are intended to help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows how the performance of the Fund's Investor Shares has varied from one calendar year to another over the periods shown. The table shows how the average annual total returns of the share classes presented compare with those of a relevant market index and a composite stock/bond index, which have investment characteristics similar to those of the Fund. Keep in mind that the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on our website at [vanguard.com/performance](http://vanguard.com/performance) or by calling Vanguard toll-free at 800-662-7447.

**Annual Total Returns — Vanguard Wellington Fund Investor Shares**



During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a calendar quarter was 13.12% (quarter ended June 30, 2009), and the lowest return for a quarter was -11.04% (quarter ended September 30, 2002).

## Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2010

|   | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years                       |
|---|--------|---------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Vanguard Wellington Fund Investor Shares</b>                                   |        |         |                                |
| Return Before Taxes   | 10.94% | 5.58%   | 6.20%                          |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions   | 10.16  | 4.42    | 4.93                           |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares                       | 7.39   | 4.35    | 4.81                           |
| <b>Comparative Indexes</b><br>(reflect no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |        |         |                                |
| Standard & Poor's 500 Index   | 15.06% | 2.29%   | 1.41%                          |
| Wellington Composite Index  | 12.97  | 3.74    | 3.39                           |
|   | 1 Year | 5 Years | Since Inception (May 14, 2001) |
| <b>Vanguard Wellington Fund Admiral Shares</b>                                    |        |         |                                |
| Return Before Taxes   | 11.04% | 5.69%   | 6.18%                          |
| <b>Comparative Indexes</b><br>(reflect no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |        |         |                                |
| Standard & Poor's 500 Index   | 15.06% | 2.29%   | 2.01%                          |
| Wellington Composite Index  | 12.97  | 3.74    | 3.80                           |

Actual after-tax returns depend on your tax situation and may differ from those shown in the preceding table. When after-tax returns are calculated, it is assumed that the shareholder was in the highest individual federal marginal income tax bracket at the time of each distribution of income or capital gains or upon redemption. State and local income taxes are not reflected in the calculations. Please note that after-tax returns are shown only for the Investor Shares and may differ for each share class. After-tax returns are not relevant for a shareholder who holds fund shares in a tax-deferred account, such as an individual retirement account or a 401(k) plan. Also, figures captioned *Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares* will be higher than other figures for the same period if a capital loss occurs upon redemption and results in an assumed tax deduction for the shareholder.

## Investment Advisor

Wellington Management Company, LLP

### Portfolio Managers

Edward P. Bousa, CFA, Senior Vice President and Equity Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. He has managed the stock portion of the Fund since 2002.

John C. Keogh, Senior Vice President and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. He has managed the bond portion of the Fund since 2006.

## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You may purchase or redeem shares online through our website (*vanguard.com*), by mail (The Vanguard Group, P.O. Box 1110, Valley Forge, PA 19482-1110), or by telephone (800-662-2739). The following table provides the Fund's minimum initial and subsequent investment requirements.

| Account Minimums                | Investor Shares   | Admiral Shares  |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| To open and maintain an account | \$10,000  | \$50,000  |
| To add to an existing account   | \$100 (other than by Automatic Investment Plan, which has no established minimum) | \$100 (other than by Automatic Investment Plan, which has no established minimum) |


## Tax Information

The Fund's distributions may be taxable as ordinary income or capital gain. Distributions are taxable to you for federal income tax purposes, whether or not you reinvest these amounts in additional Fund shares. A sale or exchange of Fund shares is a taxable event, which means that you may have a capital gain to report as income, or a capital loss to report as a deduction, when you complete your federal income tax return. Dividend and capital gains distributions that you receive, as well as your gains or losses from any sale or exchange of Fund shares, may also be subject to state and local income taxes.

## Payments to Financial Intermediaries

The Fund and its investment advisor do not pay financial intermediaries for sales of Fund shares.

## More on the Fund

This prospectus describes the primary risks you would face as a Fund shareholder. It is important to keep in mind one of the main axioms of investing: The higher the risk of losing money, the higher the potential reward. The reverse, also, is generally true: The lower the risk, the lower the potential reward. As you consider an investment in any mutual fund, you should take into account your personal tolerance for fluctuations in the securities markets. Look for this  symbol throughout the prospectus. It is used to mark detailed information about the more significant risks that you would confront as a Fund shareholder. To highlight terms and concepts important to mutual fund investors, we have provided Plain Talk® explanations along the way. Reading the prospectus will help you decide whether the Fund is the right investment for you. We suggest that you keep this prospectus for future reference.

### Share Class Overview

The Fund offers two separate classes of shares: Investor Shares and Admiral Shares.

Both share classes offered by the Fund have the same investment objective, strategies, and policies. However, different share classes have different expenses; as a result, their investment performances will differ.

#### Plain Talk About Fund Expenses

All mutual funds have operating expenses. These expenses, which are deducted from a fund's gross income, are expressed as a percentage of the net assets of the fund. Assuming that operating expenses remain as stated under Annual Fund Operating Expenses, Vanguard Wellington Fund's expense ratios would be as follows: for Investor Shares, 0.30%, or \$3.00 per \$1,000 of average net assets; for Admiral Shares, 0.22%, or \$2.20 per \$1,000 of average net assets. The average expense ratio for mixed-asset target allocation growth funds in 2010 was 1.04%, or \$10.40 per \$1,000 of average net assets (derived from data provided by Lipper Inc., which reports on the mutual fund industry). Management expenses, which are one part of operating expenses, include investment advisory fees as well as other costs of managing a fund—such as account maintenance, reporting, accounting, legal, and other administrative expenses.

## Plain Talk About Costs of Investing

Costs are an important consideration in choosing a mutual fund. That's because you, as a shareholder, pay a proportionate share of the costs of operating a fund, plus any transaction costs incurred when the fund buys or sells securities. These costs can erode a substantial portion of the gross income or the capital appreciation a fund achieves. Even seemingly small differences in expenses can, over time, have a dramatic effect on a fund's performance.

The following sections explain the primary investment strategies and policies that the Fund uses in pursuit of its objective. The Fund's board of trustees, which oversees the Fund's management, may change investment strategies or policies in the interest of shareholders without a shareholder vote, unless those strategies or policies are designated as fundamental. Note that the Fund's investment objective is not fundamental and may be changed without a shareholder vote.

## Plain Talk About Balanced Funds

Balanced funds are generally "middle-of-the-road" investments that seek to provide some combination of income and capital appreciation by investing in a mix of stocks and bonds. Because prices of stocks and bonds can respond differently to economic events and influences, a balanced fund should experience less volatility than a fund investing exclusively in stocks.

## Market Exposure

### Stocks

Roughly 60% to 70% of the Fund's assets are invested in stocks.



***The Fund is subject to stock market risk, which is the chance that stock prices overall will decline. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising prices and periods of falling prices.***

To illustrate the volatility of stock prices, the following table shows the best, worst, and average annual total returns for the U.S. stock market over various periods as measured by the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, a widely used barometer of market activity. (Total returns consist of dividend income plus change in market price.) Note that the returns shown do not include the costs of buying and selling stocks or other expenses that a real-world investment portfolio would incur.

## U.S. Stock Market Returns (1926–2010)

|         | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years | 20 Years |
|---------|--------|---------|----------|----------|
| Best    | 54.2%  | 28.6%   | 19.9%    | 17.8%    |
| Worst   | -43.1  | -12.4   | -1.4     | 3.1      |
| Average | 11.8   | 10.0    | 10.6     | 11.3     |

The table covers all of the 1-, 5-, 10-, and 20-year periods from 1926 through 2010. You can see, for example, that although the average return on common stocks for *all* of the 5-year periods was 10%, average returns for *individual* 5-year periods ranged from -12.4% (from 1928 through 1932) to 28.6% (from 1995 through 1999). These average returns reflect *past* performance of common stocks; you should not regard them as an indication of *future* performance of either the stock market as a whole or the Fund in particular.

Stocks of publicly traded companies and funds that invest in stocks are often classified according to market value, or market capitalization. These classifications typically include small-cap, mid-cap, and large-cap. It's important to understand that, for both companies and stock funds, market-capitalization ranges change over time. Also, interpretations of size vary, and there are no "official" definitions of small-, mid-, and large-cap, even among Vanguard fund advisors. The asset-weighted median market capitalization of the Fund's stock portfolio as of November 30, 2010, was \$57.2 billion.

## Bonds

The Fund invests the remaining 30% to 40% of its assets in bonds.



*The Fund is subject to interest rate risk, which is the chance that bond prices overall will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk should be moderate because the average term of the Fund's bond portfolio is generally intermediate-term, and because the Fund's bond holdings represent less than 40% of the Fund's assets.*

Although bonds are often thought to be less risky than stocks, there have been periods when bond prices have fallen significantly because of rising interest rates. For instance, prices of long-term bonds fell by almost 48% between December 1976 and September 1981.

To illustrate the relationship between bond prices and interest rates, the following table shows the effect of a 1% and a 2% change (both up and down) in interest rates on the values of three noncallable bonds of different maturities, each with a face value of \$1,000.

**How Interest Rate Changes Affect the Value of a \$1,000 Bond<sup>1</sup>**

| Type of Bond (Maturity)      | After a 1%<br><i>Increase</i> | After a 1%<br><i>Decrease</i> | After a 2%<br><i>Increase</i> | After a 2%<br><i>Decrease</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Short-Term (2.5 years)       | \$977                         | \$1,024                       | \$954                         | \$1,049                       |
| Intermediate-Term (10 years) | 922                           | 1,086                         | 851                           | 1,180                         |
| Long-Term (20 years)         | 874                           | 1,150                         | 769                           | 1,328                         |

<sup>1</sup> Assuming a 4% coupon.

These figures are for illustration only; you should not regard them as an indication of future performance of the bond market as a whole or the Fund in particular.

**Plain Talk About Bonds and Interest Rates**

As a rule, when interest rates rise, bond prices fall. The opposite is also true: Bond prices go up when interest rates fall. Why do bond prices and interest rates move in opposite directions? Let’s assume that you hold a bond offering a 4% yield. A year later, interest rates are on the rise and bonds of comparable quality and maturity are offered with a 5% yield. With higher-yielding bonds available, you would have trouble selling your 4% bond for the price you paid—you would probably have to lower your asking price. On the other hand, if interest rates were falling and 3% bonds were being offered, you should be able to sell your 4% bond for more than you paid.

Changes in interest rates can affect bond *income* as well as bond *prices*.



***The Fund is subject to income risk, which is the chance that the Fund’s income will decline because of falling interest rates. A fund holding bonds will experience a decline in income when interest rates fall because the fund then must invest in lower-yielding bonds.***

## Plain Talk About Bond Maturities

A bond is issued with a specific maturity date—the date when the issuer must pay back the bond’s principal (face value). Bond maturities range from less than 1 year to more than 30 years. Typically, the longer a bond’s maturity, the more price risk you, as a bond investor, face as interest rates rise—but also the higher yield you could receive. Longer-term bonds are more suitable for investors willing to take a greater risk of price fluctuations to get higher and more stable interest income. Shorter-term bond investors should be willing to accept lower yields and greater income variability in return for less fluctuation in the value of their investment.



*The Fund is subject to call risk, which is the chance that during periods of falling interest rates, issuers of callable bonds may call (redeem) securities with higher coupons or interest rates before their maturity dates. The Fund would then lose any price appreciation above the bond’s call price and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the Fund’s income. For mortgage-backed securities, this risk is known as prepayment risk.*

The Fund’s bond holdings help to reduce—but not eliminate—some of the stock market volatility experienced by the Fund. Likewise, changes in interest rates may not have as dramatic an effect on the Fund as they would on a fund made up entirely of bonds. The Fund’s balanced portfolio, in the long run, should result in less investment risk—and a lower investment return—than a fund investing exclusively in common stocks.

## Security Selection

Wellington Management Company, LLP (Wellington Management), advisor to the Fund, invests approximately 60% to 70% of the Fund’s assets in dividend-paying and, to a lesser extent, non-dividend-paying common stocks. The remaining 30% to 40% of Fund assets are invested mainly in fixed income securities that the advisor believes will generate a reasonable level of current income. Although the mix of stocks and bonds varies from time to time, depending on the advisor’s view of economic and market conditions, the stock portion can be expected to represent at least 60% of the Fund’s holdings under normal circumstances.

The Fund is run according to traditional methods of active investment management. Securities are bought and sold based on the advisor’s judgments about companies and their financial prospects, and about bond issuers and the general level of interest rates.



*The Fund is subject to manager risk, which is the chance that poor security selection or focus on securities in a particular sector, category, or group of companies will cause the Fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.*

The Fund is generally managed without regard to tax ramifications.

## **Stocks**

Wellington Management uses extensive research to find what it considers to be undervalued stocks of established medium-size and large companies. The advisor considers a stock to be undervalued if company earnings, or potential earnings, are not fully reflected in the stock's share price. In other words, the current market prices of these mid- and large-cap stocks may be less than what the advisor thinks they should be.

The advisor's goal is to identify and purchase these securities before their value is recognized by other investors. The advisor emphasizes stocks that, on average, provide a higher level of dividend income than generally provided by stocks in the overall market. By adhering to this stock selection strategy and by investing in a wide variety of companies and industries, the advisor expects to moderate overall risk.



*The Fund is subject to investment style risk, which is the chance that returns from mid- and large-capitalization value stocks will trail returns from the overall stock market. Historically, mid-cap stocks have been more volatile in price than the large-cap stocks that dominate the overall market, and they often perform quite differently.*

## **Bonds**

Wellington Management selects investment-grade bonds that it believes will generate a reasonable level of current income. These may include short-, intermediate-, and long-term corporate, U.S. Treasury, government agency, and asset-backed bonds, as well as mortgage-backed securities. The advisor does not generally make large adjustments in the average maturity of the Fund's bond holdings in anticipation of changes in interest rates. Although the Fund does not have specific maturity guidelines, the average duration of the Fund's bond portfolio as of November 30, 2010, was 5.9 years.

## Plain Talk About Types of Bonds

Bonds are issued (sold) by many sources: Corporations issue corporate bonds; the federal government issues U.S. Treasury bonds; agencies of the federal government issue agency bonds; financial institutions issue asset-backed bonds; and mortgage holders issue “mortgage-backed” pass-through certificates. Each issuer is responsible for paying back the bond’s initial value as well as for making periodic interest payments. Many bonds issued by government agencies and entities are neither guaranteed nor insured by the U.S. government.

A breakdown of the Fund’s bond holdings (which amounted to 31.1% of the Fund’s net assets) as of November 30, 2010, follows:

| Type of Bond                        | Percentage of Fund’s Bond Holdings |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Corporate                           | 73.9%                              |
| U.S. Treasury and Government Agency | 10.3                               |
| Asset-Backed and Mortgage-Backed    | 5.5                                |
| Other                               | 10.3                               |



*The Fund is subject to credit risk, which is the chance that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest and principal in a timely manner, or that negative perceptions of the issuer’s ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline. Credit risk should be low for the Fund because it invests only a portion of its assets in bonds, most of which are considered to be of high quality.*

## Plain Talk About Credit Quality

A bond’s credit-quality rating is an assessment of the issuer’s ability to pay interest on the bond and, ultimately, to repay the principal. Credit quality is evaluated by one of the nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (for example, Moody’s or Standard & Poor’s) or through independent analysis conducted by a fund’s advisor. The lower the rating, the greater the chance—in the rating agency’s or advisor’s opinion—that the bond issuer will default, or fail to meet its payment obligations. All things being equal, the lower a bond’s credit rating, the higher its yield should be to compensate investors for assuming additional risk. Investment-grade bonds are those rated in one of the four highest ratings categories. A fund may treat an unrated bond as investment-grade if warranted by the advisor’s analysis.

The advisor purchases bonds that are of investment-grade quality—that is, bonds rated at least Baa3 by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., or BBB– by Standard & Poor’s—and, to a lesser extent, unrated bonds that are of comparable credit quality in the advisor’s opinion.

The U.S. government guarantees the timely payment of interest and principal for its Treasury bonds; many (but not all) agency bonds have the same guarantee. The government does not, however, guarantee its bonds’ prices. In other words, although Treasury and agency bonds enjoy the highest credit ratings, their prices—like the prices of other bonds in the Fund—will fluctuate with changes in interest rates.

### **Other Investment Policies and Risks**

In addition to investing in value stocks and investment-grade bonds, the Fund may make other kinds of investments to achieve its objective.

The Fund typically invests a limited portion, up to 25%, of its assets in foreign securities, which may include depository receipts. Foreign securities may be traded on U.S. or foreign markets. To the extent that it owns foreign securities, the Fund is subject to country risk and currency risk. *Country risk* is the chance that world events—such as political upheaval, financial troubles, or natural disasters—will adversely affect the value of securities issued by companies in foreign countries. In addition, the prices of foreign stocks and the prices of U.S. stocks have, at times, moved in opposite directions. *Currency risk* is the chance that the value of a foreign investment, measured in U.S. dollars, will decrease because of unfavorable changes in currency exchange rates. The Fund will also invest, to a limited extent, in U.S. dollar-denominated foreign bonds, which are subject to country risk.

The Fund may invest in securities that are convertible into common stocks, as well as invest modestly in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs).

The Fund may also invest, to a limited extent, in derivatives. Generally speaking, a derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a stock, bond, or currency), a physical asset (such as gold, oil, or wheat), or a market index (such as the S&P 500® Index). Investments in derivatives may subject the Fund to risks different from, and possibly greater than, those of the underlying securities, assets, or market indexes. The Fund will not use derivatives for speculation or for the purpose of leveraging (magnifying) investment returns.

The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts, which are a type of derivative. A forward foreign currency exchange contract is an agreement to buy or sell a country’s currency at a specific price on a specific date, usually 30, 60, or 90 days in the future. In other words, the contract guarantees an exchange rate on a given date. Managers of funds that invest in foreign securities can use these contracts to guard against unfavorable changes in currency exchange rates. These contracts,

however, would not prevent the Fund's securities from falling in value during foreign market downswings.

### Plain Talk About Derivatives

Derivatives can take many forms. Some forms of derivatives, such as exchange-traded futures and options on securities, commodities, or indexes, have been trading on regulated exchanges for decades. These types of derivatives are standardized contracts that can easily be bought and sold, and whose market values are determined and published daily. Nonstandardized derivatives (such as swap agreements), on the other hand, tend to be more specialized or complex, and may be harder to value.

### Cash Management

The Fund's daily cash balance may be invested in one or more Vanguard CMT Funds, which are very low-cost money market funds. When investing in a Vanguard CMT Fund, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the at-cost expenses of the CMT Fund in which it invests.

### Temporary Investment Measures

The Fund may temporarily depart from its normal investment policies and strategies when doing so is believed to be in the Fund's best interest, so long as the alternative is consistent with the Fund's investment objective. For instance, the Fund may invest beyond the normal limits in derivatives or ETFs that are consistent with the Fund's objective when those instruments are more favorably priced or provide needed liquidity, as might be the case when the Fund is transitioning assets from one advisor to another or receives large cash flows that it cannot prudently invest immediately.

In addition, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with its normal investment policies and strategies—for instance, by allocating substantial assets to cash, commercial paper, or other less volatile instruments—in response to adverse or unusual market, economic, political, or other conditions. In doing so, the Fund may succeed in avoiding losses but may otherwise fail to achieve its investment objective.

### Frequent Trading or Market-Timing

**Background.** Some investors try to profit from strategies involving frequent trading of mutual fund shares, such as market-timing. For funds holding foreign securities, investors may try to take advantage of an anticipated difference between the price of the fund's shares and price movements in overseas markets, a practice also known as time-zone arbitrage. Investors also may try to engage in frequent trading of funds

holding investments such as small-cap stocks and high-yield bonds. As money is shifted into and out of a fund by a shareholder engaging in frequent trading, a fund incurs costs for buying and selling securities, resulting in increased brokerage and administrative costs. These costs are borne by *all* fund shareholders, including the long-term investors who do not generate the costs. In addition, frequent trading may interfere with an advisor's ability to efficiently manage the fund.

**Policies to Address Frequent Trading.** The Vanguard funds (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds) do not knowingly accommodate frequent trading. Vanguard ETF® Shares are not subject to these frequent-trading policies, although the brokerage firm through which ETF Shares are held may place certain limits on the ability to purchase and/or sell ETF Shares over any given period. The board of trustees of each Vanguard fund has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and discourage frequent trading and, in some cases, to compensate the fund for the costs associated with it. Although there is no assurance that Vanguard will be able to detect or prevent frequent trading or market-timing in all circumstances, the following policies have been adopted to address these issues:

- Each Vanguard fund reserves the right to reject any purchase request—including exchanges from other Vanguard funds—without notice and regardless of size. For example, a purchase request could be rejected because of a history of frequent trading by the investor or if Vanguard determines that such purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance.
- Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds) generally prohibits, except as otherwise noted in the **Investing With Vanguard** section, an investor's purchases or exchanges into a fund account for 60 calendar days after the investor has redeemed or exchanged out of that fund account.
- Certain Vanguard funds charge shareholders purchase and/or redemption fees on transactions.

See the **Investing With Vanguard** section of this prospectus for further details on Vanguard's transaction policies.

Each fund (other than money market funds), in determining its net asset value, will, when appropriate, use fair-value pricing, as described in the **Share Price** section. Fair-value pricing may reduce or eliminate the profitability of certain frequent-trading strategies.

**Do not invest with Vanguard if you are a market-timer.**

### **Turnover Rate**

Although the Fund normally seeks to invest for the long term, it may sell securities regardless of how long they have been held. The **Financial Highlights** section of this prospectus shows historical turnover rates for the Fund. A turnover rate of 100%, for example, would mean that the Fund had sold and replaced securities valued at 100%

of its net assets within a one-year period. The average turnover rate for balanced funds was approximately 59%, as reported by Morningstar, Inc., on November 30, 2010.

### Plain Talk About Turnover Rate

Before investing in a mutual fund, you should review its turnover rate. This gives an indication of how transaction costs, which are not included in the fund's expense ratio, could affect the fund's future returns. In general, the greater the volume of buying and selling by the fund, the greater the impact that brokerage commission, dealer markups, and other transaction costs will have on its return. Also, funds with high turnover rates may be more likely to generate capital gains that must be distributed to shareholders as taxable income.

## The Fund and Vanguard

The Fund is a member of The Vanguard Group, a family of 37 investment companies with more than 170 funds holding assets of approximately \$1.5 trillion. All of the funds that are members of The Vanguard Group (other than funds of funds) share in the expenses associated with administrative services and business operations, such as personnel, office space, equipment, and advertising.

Vanguard also provides marketing services to the funds. Although shareholders do not pay sales commissions or 12b-1 distribution fees, each fund (other than a fund of funds) or each share class of a fund (in the case of a fund with multiple share classes) pays its allocated share of The Vanguard Group's marketing costs.

### Plain Talk About Vanguard's Unique Corporate Structure

The Vanguard Group is truly a *mutual* mutual fund company. It is owned jointly by the funds it oversees and thus indirectly by the shareholders in those funds. Most other mutual funds are operated by management companies that may be owned by one person, by a private group of individuals, or by public investors who own the management company's stock. The management fees charged by these companies include a profit component over and above the companies' cost of providing services. By contrast, Vanguard provides services to its member funds on an at-cost basis, with no profit component, which helps to keep the funds' expenses low.

## Investment Advisor

Wellington Management Company, LLP, 280 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210, is a Massachusetts limited liability partnership and an investment counseling firm that provides investment services to investment companies, employee benefit plans, endowments, foundations, and other institutions. Wellington Management and its predecessor organizations have provided investment advisory services for over 70 years. As of November 30, 2010, Wellington Management had investment management authority with respect to approximately \$598 billion in assets. The firm manages the Fund subject to the supervision and oversight of the trustees and officers of the Fund.

The Fund pays the advisor a base fee plus or minus a performance adjustment. The base fee, which is paid quarterly, is a percentage of average daily net assets under management during the most recent fiscal quarter. The base fee has breakpoints, which means that the percentage declines as assets go up. The performance adjustment, also paid quarterly, is based on the cumulative total return of the Fund relative to that of the Wellington Composite Index over the preceding 36-month period. The Index is a composite benchmark, weighted 65% in the S&P 500 Index and 35% in the Barclays Capital U.S. Credit A or Better Bond Index. When the performance adjustment is positive, the Fund's expenses increase; when it is negative, expenses decrease.

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2010, the advisory fee represented an effective annual rate of 0.07% of the Fund's average net assets before a performance-based increase of 0.01%.

Under the terms of an SEC exemption, the Fund's board of trustees may, without prior approval from shareholders, change the terms of an advisory agreement or hire a new investment advisor—either as a replacement for an existing advisor or as an additional advisor. Any significant change in the Fund's advisory arrangements will be communicated to shareholders in writing. In addition, as the Fund's sponsor and overall manager, The Vanguard Group may provide investment advisory services to the Fund, on an at-cost basis, at any time. Vanguard may also recommend to the board of trustees that an advisor be hired, terminated, or replaced, or that the terms of an existing advisory agreement be revised.

For a discussion of why the board of trustees approved the Fund's investment advisory agreement, see the most recent annual report to shareholders covering the fiscal year ended November 30.

The managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund are:

**Edward P. Bousa**, CFA, Senior Vice President and Equity Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. He has worked in investment management since 1984; has been with Wellington Management and has assisted with management of the Fund since 2000; and has managed the stock portion of the Fund since 2002. Education: B.A., Williams College; M.B.A., Harvard Business School.

**John C. Keogh**, Senior Vice President and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager of Wellington Management. He has worked in investment management since 1979; has been with Wellington Management since 1983; has assisted with management of the Fund since 2003; and has managed the bond portion of the Fund since 2006. Education: B.A., Tufts University.

The *Statement of Additional Information* provides information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts under management, and ownership of shares of the Fund.

## Dividends, Capital Gains, and Taxes

### Fund Distributions

The Fund distributes to shareholders virtually all of its net income (interest and dividends, less expenses) as well as any net capital gains realized from the sale of its holdings. Income dividends generally are distributed quarterly in March, June, September, and December; capital gains distributions generally occur annually in December. You can receive distributions of income or capital gains in cash, or you can have them automatically reinvested in more shares of the Fund.

#### Plain Talk About Distributions

As a shareholder, you are entitled to your portion of a fund's income from interest and dividends as well as capital gains from the fund's sale of investments. Income consists of both the dividends that the fund earns from any stock holdings and the interest it receives from any money market and bond investments. Capital gains are realized whenever the fund sells securities for higher prices than it paid for them. These capital gains are either short-term or long-term, depending on whether the fund held the securities for one year or less or for more than one year.

## Basic Tax Points

Vanguard will send you a statement each year showing the tax status of all your distributions. In addition, investors in taxable accounts should be aware of the following basic federal income tax points:

- Distributions are taxable to you whether or not you reinvest these amounts in additional Fund shares.
- Distributions declared in December—if paid to you by the end of January—are taxable as if received in December.
- Any dividend and short-term capital gains distributions that you receive are taxable to you as ordinary income. If you are an individual and meet certain holding-period requirements with respect to your Fund shares, you may be eligible for reduced tax rates on “qualified dividend income,” if any, distributed by the Fund.
- Any distributions of net long-term capital gains are taxable to you as long-term capital gains, no matter how long you’ve owned shares in the Fund.
- Capital gains distributions may vary considerably from year to year as a result of the Fund’s normal investment activities and cash flows.
- A sale or exchange of Fund shares is a taxable event. This means that you may have a capital gain to report as income, or a capital loss to report as a deduction, when you complete your tax return.
- Any conversion between classes of shares of the *same* fund is a *nontaxable* event. By contrast, an exchange between classes of shares of *different* funds is a *taxable* event.

Dividend and capital gains distributions that you receive, as well as your gains or losses from any sale or exchange of Fund shares, may be subject to state and local income taxes.

This prospectus provides general tax information only. If you are investing through a tax-deferred retirement account, such as an IRA, special tax rules apply. Please consult your tax advisor for detailed information about any tax consequences for you.

## Plain Talk About 'Buying a Dividend'

Unless you are investing through a tax-deferred retirement account (such as an IRA), you should consider avoiding a purchase of fund shares shortly before the fund makes a distribution, because doing so can cost you money in taxes. This is known as "buying a dividend." For example: On December 15, you invest \$5,000, buying 250 shares for \$20 each. If the fund pays a distribution of \$1 per share on December 16, its share price will drop to \$19 (not counting market change). You still have only \$5,000 (250 shares x \$19 = \$4,750 in share value, plus 250 shares x \$1 = \$250 in distributions), but you owe tax on the \$250 distribution you received—even if you reinvest it in more shares. To avoid "buying a dividend," check a fund's distribution schedule before you invest.

### General Information

**Backup withholding.** By law, Vanguard must withhold 28% of any taxable distributions or redemptions from your account if you do not:

- Provide us with your correct taxpayer identification number;
- Certify that the taxpayer identification number is correct; and
- Confirm that you are not subject to backup withholding.

Similarly, Vanguard must withhold taxes from your account if the IRS instructs us to do so.

**Foreign investors.** Vanguard funds generally are not sold outside the United States, except to certain qualified investors. If you reside outside the United States, please consult our website at [vanguard.com](http://vanguard.com) and review "Non-U.S. investors." Foreign investors should be aware that U.S. withholding and estate taxes may apply to any investments in Vanguard funds.

**Invalid addresses.** If a dividend or capital gains distribution check mailed to your address of record is returned as undeliverable, Vanguard will automatically reinvest the distribution and all future distributions until you provide us with a valid mailing address. Reinvestments will receive the net asset value calculated on the date of the reinvestment.

### Share Price

Share price, also known as *net asset value* (NAV), is calculated each business day as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange, generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. Each share class has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to each share class by the number of Fund shares outstanding for that class. On holidays or other days when the Exchange is

closed, the NAV is not calculated, and the Fund does not transact purchase or redemption requests. However, on those days the value of the Fund's assets may be affected to the extent that the Fund holds foreign securities that trade on foreign markets that are open.

Stocks held by a Vanguard fund are valued at their *market value* when reliable market quotations are readily available. Debt securities held by a fund are valued based on information furnished by an independent pricing service or market quotations. Certain short-term debt instruments used to manage a fund's cash are valued on the basis of amortized cost. The values of any foreign securities held by a fund are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from an independent third party. The values of any mutual fund shares held by a fund are based on the NAVs of the shares. The values of any ETF or closed-end fund shares held by a fund are based on the market value of the shares.

When a fund determines that pricing-service information or market quotations either are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the value of a security, the security is priced at its *fair value* (the amount that the owner might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of the security). A fund also will use fair-value pricing if the value of a security it holds has been materially affected by events occurring before the fund's pricing time but after the close of the primary markets or exchanges on which the security is traded. This most commonly occurs with foreign securities, which may trade on foreign exchanges that close many hours before the fund's pricing time. Intervening events might be: company-specific (e.g., earnings report, merger announcement), or country-specific or regional/global (e.g., natural disaster, economic or political news, act of terrorism, interest rate change). Intervening events include price movements in U.S. markets that are deemed to affect the value of foreign securities. Fair-value pricing may be used for domestic securities—for example, if (1) trading in a security is halted and does not resume before the fund's pricing time or if a security does not trade in the course of a day, and (2) the fund holds enough of the security that its price could affect the NAV. A fund may use fair-value pricing with respect to its fixed income securities on bond market holidays when the fund is open for business (such as Columbus Day and Veterans Day).

Fair-value prices are determined by Vanguard according to procedures adopted by the board of trustees. When fair-value pricing is employed, the prices of securities used by a fund to calculate the NAV may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities.

Vanguard fund share prices are published daily on our website at [vanguard.com/prices](http://vanguard.com/prices).

## Financial Highlights

The following financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods shown, and certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in each table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost each period on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been obtained from the financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report—along with the Fund's financial statements—is included in the Fund's most recent annual report to shareholders. You may obtain a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual report online at [vanguard.com](http://vanguard.com) or by contacting Vanguard by telephone or mail.

### Plain Talk About How to Read the Financial Highlights Tables

This explanation uses the Fund's Investor Shares as an example. The Investor Shares began fiscal year 2010 with a net asset value (price) of \$28.99 per share. During the year, each Investor Share earned \$0.868 from investment income (interest and dividends) and \$0.96 from investments that had appreciated in value or that were sold for higher prices than the Fund paid for them.

Shareholders received \$0.878 per share in the form of dividend distributions. A portion of each year's distributions may come from the prior year's income or capital gains.

The share price at the end of the year was \$29.94, reflecting earnings of \$1.828 per share and distributions of \$0.878 per share. This was an increase of \$0.95 per share (from \$28.99 at the beginning of the year to \$29.94 at the end of the year). For a shareholder who reinvested the distributions in the purchase of more shares, the total return was 6.43% for the year.

As of November 30, 2010, the Investor Shares had approximately \$26.7 billion in net assets. For the year, the expense ratio was 0.30% (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of net assets), and the net investment income amounted to 2.97% of average net assets. The Fund sold and replaced securities valued at 35% of its net assets.

## Wellington Fund Investor Shares

|  | Year Ended November 30, |                |                |                |                |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 2010                    | 2009           | 2008           | 2007           | 2006           |
| <b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>                | <b>\$28.99</b>          | <b>\$23.79</b> | <b>\$34.56</b> | <b>\$33.76</b> | <b>\$31.34</b> |
| <b>Investment Operations</b>                               |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Net Investment Income                                      | .868                    | .909           | 1.037          | 1.059          | .982           |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments     | .960                    | 5.217          | (9.289)        | 2.172          | 3.392          |
| Total from Investment Operations                           | 1.828                   | 6.126          | (8.252)        | 3.231          | 4.374          |
| <b>Distributions</b>                                       |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Dividends from Net Investment Income                       | (.878)                  | (.926)         | (1.094)        | (1.030)        | (.980)         |
| Distributions from Realized Capital Gains                  | —                       | —              | (1.424)        | (1.401)        | (.974)         |
| Total Distributions  | (.878)                  | (.926)         | (2.518)        | (2.431)        | (1.954)        |
| <b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>                      | <b>\$29.94</b>          | <b>\$28.99</b> | <b>\$23.79</b> | <b>\$34.56</b> | <b>\$33.76</b> |
| <b>Total Return<sup>1</sup></b>                            | <b>6.43%</b>            | <b>26.46%</b>  | <b>-25.59%</b> | <b>10.09%</b>  | <b>14.69%</b>  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                            |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)                       | \$26,717                | \$28,114       | \$22,486       | \$31,451       | \$29,318       |
| Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets <sup>2</sup> | 0.30%                   | 0.34%          | 0.29%          | 0.27%          | 0.30%          |
| Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets       | 2.97%                   | 3.59%          | 3.44%          | 3.14%          | 3.10%          |
| Turnover Rate  | 35%                     | 28%            | 30%            | 23%            | 25%            |

1 Total returns do not include account service fees that may have applied in the periods shown.

2 Includes performance-based investment advisory fee increases (decreases) of 0.01%, 0.02%, 0.01%, 0.01%, and 0.01%.

## Wellington Fund Admiral Shares

|  | Year Ended November 30, |                |                |                |                |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 2010                    | 2009           | 2008           | 2007           | 2006           |
| <b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>                | <b>\$50.07</b>          | <b>\$41.10</b> | <b>\$59.71</b> | <b>\$58.32</b> | <b>\$54.15</b> |
| <b>Investment Operations</b>                               |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Net Investment Income                                      | 1.542                   | 1.619          | 1.848          | 1.894          | 1.768          |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments     | 1.658                   | 8.999          | (16.048)       | 3.762          | 5.849          |
| Total from Investment Operations                           | 3.200                   | 10.618         | (14.200)       | 5.656          | 7.617          |
| <b>Distributions</b>                                       |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Dividends from Net Investment Income                       | (1.560)                 | (1.648)        | (1.950)        | (1.847)        | (1.765)        |
| Distributions from Realized Capital Gains                  | —                       | —              | (2.460)        | (2.419)        | (1.682)        |
| Total Distributions  | (1.560)                 | (1.648)        | (4.410)        | (4.266)        | (3.447)        |
| <b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>                      | <b>\$51.71</b>          | <b>\$50.07</b> | <b>\$41.10</b> | <b>\$59.71</b> | <b>\$58.32</b> |
| <b>Total Return</b>  | <b>6.52%</b>            | <b>26.57%</b>  | <b>-25.52%</b> | <b>10.23%</b>  | <b>14.82%</b>  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                            |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Net Assets, End of Period (Millions)                       | \$24,623                | \$19,211       | \$14,696       | \$19,323       | \$15,851       |
| Ratio of Total Expenses to Average Net Assets <sup>1</sup> | 0.22%                   | 0.23%          | 0.18%          | 0.16%          | 0.17%          |
| Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets       | 3.05%                   | 3.70%          | 3.55%          | 3.25%          | 3.23%          |
| Turnover Rate  | 35%                     | 28%            | 30%            | 23%            | 25%            |

<sup>1</sup> Includes performance-based investment advisory fee increases (decreases) of 0.01%, 0.02%, 0.01%, 0.01%, and 0.01%.

## Investing With Vanguard

This section of the prospectus explains the basics of doing business with Vanguard. Be sure to carefully read each topic that pertains to your relationship with Vanguard. Vanguard reserves the right to change the following policies, without notice to shareholders. Please call or check online for current information.

Each fund you hold in an account is a separate “fund account.” For example, if you hold three funds in a nonretirement account titled in your own name, two funds in a nonretirement account titled jointly with your spouse, and one fund in an individual retirement account, you have six fund accounts—and this is true even if you hold the same fund in multiple accounts. Note that each reference to “you” in this prospectus applies to any one or more registered account owners.

### Purchasing Shares

Vanguard reserves the right, without notice, to increase or decrease the minimum amount required to open, convert shares to, or maintain a fund account, or to add to an existing fund account.

Investment minimums may differ for certain categories of investors.

#### **Account Minimums for Investor Shares**

**To open and maintain an account.** \$10,000.

**Add to an existing account.** \$100 (other than by Automatic Investment Plan, which has no established minimum).

#### **Account Minimums for Admiral Shares**

**To open and maintain an account.** \$50,000. If you request Admiral Shares when you open a new account, but the investment amount does not meet the account minimum for Admiral Shares, your investment will be placed in Investor Shares of the Fund. Institutional clients should contact Vanguard for information on special eligibility rules that may apply to them.

**Add to an existing account.** \$100 (other than by Automatic Investment Plan, which has no established minimum).

#### **How to Initiate a Purchase Request**

Be sure to check *Exchanging Shares*, *Frequent-Trading Policy*, and *Other Rules You Should Know* before placing your purchase request.

**Online.** You may open certain types of accounts, request a purchase of shares, and request an exchange (the purchase of shares of one Vanguard fund using the

proceeds of a simultaneous redemption of shares of another Vanguard fund) through our website at *vanguard.com* if you are a registered user.

**By telephone.** You may call Vanguard to begin the account registration process or request that the account-opening forms be sent to you. You may also call Vanguard to request a purchase of shares in your account. See *Contacting Vanguard*.

**By mail.** You may send Vanguard your account registration form and check to open a new fund account. To add to an existing fund account, you may send your check with an Invest-by-Mail form (from your account statement), with a deposit slip (available online), or with a written request. You may also send a written request to Vanguard to make an exchange. For a list of Vanguard addresses, see *Contacting Vanguard*.

### **How to Pay for a Purchase**

**By electronic bank transfer.** You may purchase shares of a Vanguard fund through an electronic transfer of money from a bank account. To establish the electronic bank transfer option on an account, you must designate the bank account online, complete a special form, or fill out the appropriate section of your account registration form. After the option is set up on your account, you can purchase shares by electronic bank transfer on a regular schedule (Automatic Investment Plan) or from time to time. Your purchase request can be initiated online (if you are a registered user of *vanguard.com*), by telephone, or by mail.

**By wire.** Wiring instructions vary for different types of purchases. Please call Vanguard for instructions and policies on purchasing shares by wire. See *Contacting Vanguard*.

**By check.** You may send a check to make initial or additional purchases to your fund account. Also see *How to Initiate a Purchase Request: By mail*. Make your check payable to Vanguard and include the appropriate fund number (e.g., Vanguard—xx). For a list of Fund numbers (for share classes in this prospectus), see *Additional Information*.

**By exchange.** You may purchase shares of a Vanguard fund using the proceeds from the simultaneous redemption of shares of another Vanguard fund. You may initiate an exchange online (if you are a registered user of *vanguard.com*), by telephone, or by mail. See *Exchanging Shares*.

### **Trade Date**

The trade date for any purchase request received in good order will depend on the day and time Vanguard receives your request, the manner in which you are paying, and the type of fund you are purchasing. Your purchase will be executed using the NAV as calculated on the trade date. NAVs are calculated only on days that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open for trading (a business day).

For purchases by **check** into all funds other than money market funds, and for purchases by **exchange** or **wire** into all funds: If the purchase request is received by Vanguard on a business day before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time), the trade date will be the same day. If the purchase request is received on a business day after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on a nonbusiness day, the trade date will be the next business day.

For purchases by **check** into money market funds: If the purchase request is received by Vanguard on a business day before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time), the trade date will be the next business day. If the purchase request is received on a business day after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on a nonbusiness day, the trade date will be the second business day following the day Vanguard receives the purchase request. Because money market instruments must be purchased with federal funds and it takes a money market mutual fund one business day to convert check proceeds into federal funds, the trade date will be one business day later than for other funds.

For purchases by electronic bank transfer using an **Automatic Investment Plan**: Your trade date generally will be one business day before the date you designated for withdrawal from your bank account.

For purchases by **electronic bank transfer** not using an Automatic Investment Plan: If the purchase request is received by Vanguard on a business day before 10 p.m., Eastern time, the trade date generally will be the next business day. If the purchase request is received on a business day after 10 p.m., Eastern time, or on a nonbusiness day, the trade date will be the second business day following the day Vanguard receives the request.

If your purchase request is not accurate and complete, it may be rejected. See *Other Rules You Should Know—Good Order*.

For further information about purchase transactions, consult our website at [vanguard.com](http://vanguard.com) or see *Contacting Vanguard*.

## **Other Purchase Rules You Should Know**

**Admiral Shares.** Please note that Admiral Shares are *not* available for:

- SIMPLE IRAs and Section 403(b)(7) custodial accounts or
- Other retirement plan accounts receiving special administrative services from Vanguard.

**Check purchases.** All purchase checks must be written in U.S. dollars and must be drawn on a U.S. bank. Vanguard does not accept cash, traveler's checks, or money orders. In addition, Vanguard may refuse "starter checks" and checks that are not made payable to Vanguard.

**New accounts.** We are required by law to obtain from you certain personal information that we will use to verify your identity. If you do not provide the information, we may not be able to open your account. If we are unable to verify your identity, Vanguard reserves the right, without notice, to close your account or take such other steps as we deem reasonable.

**Refused or rejected purchase requests.** Vanguard reserves the right to stop selling fund shares or to reject any purchase request at any time and without notice, including, but not limited to, purchases requested by exchange from another Vanguard fund. This also includes the right to reject any purchase request because of a history of frequent trading by the investor or because the purchase may negatively affect a fund's operation or performance.

**Large purchases.** Please call Vanguard before attempting to invest a large dollar amount.

**No cancellations.** Vanguard will not accept your request to cancel any purchase request once processing has begun. Please be careful when placing a purchase request.

## Converting Shares

When a conversion occurs, you receive shares of one class in place of shares of another class of the same fund. At the time of conversion, the dollar value of the "new" shares you receive equals the dollar value of the "old" shares that were converted. In other words, the conversion has no effect on the value of your investment in the fund at the time of the conversion. However, the number of shares you own after the conversion may be greater than or less than the number of shares you owned before the conversion, depending on the net asset values of the two share classes.

A conversion between share classes of the same fund is a *nontaxable* event.

### Trade Date

The trade date for any conversion request received in good order will depend on the day and time Vanguard receives your request. Your conversion will be executed using the NAVs of the different share classes on the trade date. NAVs are calculated only on days that the NYSE is open for trading (a business day).

For a conversion request received by Vanguard on a business day before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time), the trade date will be the same day. For a conversion request received on a business day after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on a nonbusiness day, the trade date will be the next business day. See *Other Rules You Should Know*.

## Conversions From Investor Shares to Admiral Shares

**Self-directed conversions.** If your account balance in the Fund is at least \$50,000, you may ask Vanguard to convert your Investor Shares to Admiral Shares. You can request a conversion online (if you are a registered user of *vanguard.com*), by telephone, or by mail. Institutional clients should contact Vanguard for information on special eligibility rules that may apply to them. See *Contacting Vanguard*.

**Automatic conversions.** Vanguard conducts periodic reviews of account balances and may, if your account balance in the Fund exceeds \$50,000, automatically convert your Investor Shares to Admiral Shares. You will be notified before an automatic conversion occurs and will have an opportunity to instruct Vanguard not to effect the conversion. Institutional clients should contact Vanguard for information on special eligibility rules that may apply to them.

## Mandatory Conversions to Investor Shares

If an account no longer meets the balance requirements for Admiral Shares, Vanguard may automatically convert the shares in the account to Investor Shares. A decline in the account balance because of market movement may result in such a conversion. Vanguard will notify the investor in writing before any mandatory conversion occurs.

## Redeeming Shares

### How to Initiate a Redemption Request

Be sure to check *Exchanging Shares*, *Frequent-Trading Policy*, and *Other Rules You Should Know* before placing your redemption request.

**Online.** You may request a redemption of shares and request an exchange (using the proceeds from the redemption of shares of one Vanguard fund to simultaneously purchase shares of a different Vanguard fund) through our website at *vanguard.com* if you are a registered user.

**By telephone.** You may call Vanguard to request a redemption of shares. See *Contacting Vanguard*.

**By mail.** You may send a written request to Vanguard to redeem from a fund account or to make an exchange. See *Contacting Vanguard*.

### How to Receive Redemption Proceeds

**By electronic bank transfer.** You may have the proceeds of a fund redemption sent directly to a designated bank account. To establish the electronic bank transfer option on an account, you must designate a bank account online, complete a special form, or fill out the appropriate section of your account registration form. After the option is set up on your account, you can redeem shares by electronic bank transfer on a regular

schedule (Automatic Withdrawal Plan) or from time to time. Your redemption request can be initiated online, by telephone, or by mail.

**By wire.** When redeeming from a money market fund or a bond fund, you may instruct Vanguard to wire your redemption proceeds (\$1,000 minimum) to a previously designated bank account. Wire redemptions generally are not available for Vanguard's balanced or stock funds. To establish the wire redemption option, you generally must designate a bank account online, complete a special form, or fill out the appropriate section of your account registration form.

**By exchange.** You may have the proceeds of a Vanguard fund redemption invested directly in shares of another Vanguard fund. You may initiate an exchange online (if you are a registered user of *vanguard.com*), by telephone, or by mail.

**By check.** If you have not chosen another redemption method, Vanguard will mail you a redemption check, generally payable to all registered account owners, normally within two business days of your trade date.

## Trade Date

The trade date for any redemption request received in good order will depend on the day and time Vanguard receives your request and the manner in which you are redeeming. Your redemption will be executed using the NAV as calculated on the trade date. NAVs are calculated only on days that the NYSE is open for trading (a business day).

For redemptions by **check**, **exchange**, or **wire**: If the redemption request is received by Vanguard on a business day before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time), the trade date will be the same day. If the redemption request is received on a business day after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on a nonbusiness day, the trade date will be the next business day.

- Note on timing of wire redemptions from money market funds: For telephone requests received by Vanguard on a business day before 10:45 a.m., Eastern time (2 p.m., Eastern time, for Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund), the redemption proceeds generally will leave Vanguard by the close of business the same day. For telephone requests received by Vanguard on a business day after those cut-off times, or on a nonbusiness day, and for all requests other than by telephone, the redemption proceeds generally will leave Vanguard by the close of business on the next business day.
- Note on timing of wire redemptions from bond funds: For requests received by Vanguard on a business day before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time), the redemption proceeds generally will leave Vanguard by the close of business on the next business day. For requests received by Vanguard on a business day after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on

a nonbusiness day, the redemption proceeds generally will leave Vanguard by the close of business on the second business day after Vanguard receives the request.

For redemptions by electronic bank transfer using an **Automatic Withdrawal Plan**: Your trade date generally will be the date you designated for withdrawal of funds (redemption of shares) from your Vanguard account. Proceeds of redeemed shares generally will be credited to your designated bank account two business days after your trade date. If the date you designated for withdrawal of funds from your Vanguard account falls on a weekend, holiday, or other nonbusiness day, your trade date generally will be the previous business day.

For redemptions by **electronic bank transfer** not using an Automatic Withdrawal Plan: If the redemption request is received by Vanguard on a business day before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (generally 4 p.m., Eastern time), the trade date will be the same day. If the redemption request is received on a business day after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on a nonbusiness day, the trade date will be the next business day.

If your redemption request is not accurate and complete, it may be rejected. If we are unable to send your redemption proceeds by wire or electronic bank transfer because the receiving institution rejects the transfer, Vanguard will make additional efforts to complete your transaction. If Vanguard is still unable to complete the transaction, we may send the proceeds of the redemption to you by check, generally payable to all registered account owners, or use your proceeds to purchase new shares of the Fund from which you sold shares for the purpose of the wire or electronic bank transfer transaction. See *Other Rules You Should Know—Good Order*.

For further information about redemption transactions, consult our website at [vanguard.com](http://vanguard.com) or see *Contacting Vanguard*.

## **Other Redemption Rules You Should Know**

**Documentation for certain accounts.** Special documentation may be required to redeem from certain types of accounts, such as trust, corporate, nonprofit, or retirement accounts. Please call us *before* attempting to redeem from these types of accounts.

**Potentially disruptive redemptions.** Vanguard reserves the right to pay all or part of a redemption in kind—that is, in the form of securities—if we reasonably believe that a cash redemption would negatively affect the fund's operation or performance or that the shareholder may be engaged in market-timing or frequent trading. Under these circumstances, Vanguard also reserves the right to delay payment of the redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. By calling us *before* you attempt to redeem a large dollar amount, you may avoid in-kind or delayed payment of your redemption.

Please see *Frequent-Trading Policy* for information about Vanguard's policies to limit frequent trading.

**Recently purchased shares.** Although you can redeem shares at any time, proceeds may not be made available to you until the fund collects payment for your purchase. This may take up to ten calendar days for shares purchased by check or by electronic bank transfer. If you have written a check on a fund with checkwriting privileges, that check may be rejected if your fund account does not have a sufficient available balance.

**Share certificates.** If you hold shares in certificates, those shares cannot be redeemed, exchanged, or converted until you return the certificates (unsigned) to Vanguard by registered mail. For the correct address, see *Contacting Vanguard*.

**Address change.** If you change your address online or by telephone, there may be up to a 15-day restriction on your ability to request check redemptions online and by telephone. You can request a redemption in writing at any time. Confirmations of address changes are sent to both the old and new addresses.

**Payment to a different person or address.** At your request, we can make your redemption check payable to a different person or send it to a different address. However, this generally requires the written consent of all registered account owners and may require a signature guarantee or a notarized signature. You may obtain a signature guarantee from some commercial or savings banks, credit unions, trust companies, or member firms of a U.S. stock exchange.

**No cancellations.** Vanguard will not accept your request to cancel any redemption request once processing has begun. Please be careful when placing a redemption request.

**Emergency circumstances.** Vanguard funds can postpone payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. In addition, Vanguard funds can suspend redemptions and/or postpone payments of redemption proceeds beyond seven calendar days at times when the NYSE is closed or during emergency circumstances, as determined by the SEC.

## Exchanging Shares

An exchange occurs when you use the proceeds from the redemption of shares of one Vanguard fund to simultaneously purchase shares of a different Vanguard fund. You can make exchange requests online (if you are a registered user of *vanguard.com*), by telephone, or by mail. See *Purchasing Shares* and *Redeeming Shares*.

If the NYSE is open for regular trading (generally until 4 p.m., Eastern time, on a business day) at the time an exchange request is received in good order, the trade date generally will be the same day. See *Other Rules You Should Know—Good Order* for additional information on all transaction requests.

Vanguard will not accept your request to cancel any exchange request once processing has begun. Please be careful when placing an exchange request.

Please note that Vanguard reserves the right, without notice, to revise or terminate the exchange privilege, limit the amount of any exchange, or reject an exchange, at any time, for any reason.

## Frequent-Trading Policy

Because excessive transactions can disrupt management of a fund and increase the fund's costs for all shareholders, the board of trustees of each Vanguard fund places certain limits on frequent trading in the funds. Each Vanguard fund (other than money market funds and short-term bond funds) limits an investor's purchases or exchanges into a fund account for 60 calendar days after the investor has redeemed or exchanged out of that fund account. ETF Shares are not subject to these frequent-trading limits. The brokerage firm through which you hold your ETF Shares, however, may place certain limits on your ability to purchase and/or sell ETF Shares over any given period.

For Vanguard Retirement Investment Program pooled plans, the policy applies to exchanges made online or by phone.

The frequent-trading policy *does not* apply to the following:

- Purchases of shares with reinvested dividend or capital gains distributions.
- Transactions through Vanguard's Automatic Investment Plan, Automatic Exchange Service, Direct Deposit Service, Automatic Withdrawal Plan, Required Minimum Distribution Service, and Vanguard Small Business Online®.
- Redemptions of shares to pay fund or account fees.
- Transaction requests submitted by mail to Vanguard from shareholders who hold their accounts directly with Vanguard. (Transaction requests submitted by fax, if otherwise permitted, are not mail transactions and *are* subject to the policy.)
- Transfers and reregistrations of shares within the same fund.
- Purchases of shares by asset transfer or direct rollover.
- Conversions of shares from one share class to another in the same fund.
- Checkwriting redemptions.
- Section 529 college savings plans.
- Certain approved institutional portfolios and asset allocation programs, as well as trades made by Vanguard funds that invest in other Vanguard funds. (Please note that *shareholders* of Vanguard's funds of funds *are* subject to the policy.)

For participants in employer-sponsored defined contribution plans,\* the frequent-trading policy *does not* apply to:

- Purchases of shares with participant payroll or employer contributions or loan repayments.
- Purchases of shares with reinvested dividend or capital gains distributions.
- Distributions, loans, and in-service withdrawals from a plan.
- Redemptions of shares as part of a plan termination or at the direction of the plan.
- Automated transactions executed during the first six months of a participant's enrollment in the Vanguard Managed Account Program.
- Redemptions of shares to pay fund or account fees.
- Share or asset transfers or rollovers.
- Reregistrations of shares.
- Conversions of shares from one share class to another in the same fund.
- Exchange requests submitted by mail to Vanguard. (Exchange requests submitted by fax, if otherwise permitted, are not mail requests and *are* subject to the policy.)

\* The following Vanguard fund accounts are subject to the frequent-trading policy: SEP-IRAs, SIMPLE IRAs, certain Section 403(b)(7) accounts, and Vanguard Retirement Plans for which Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company serves as trustee.

### **Accounts Held by Institutions (Other Than Defined Contribution Plans)**

Vanguard will systematically monitor for frequent trading in institutional clients' accounts. If we detect suspicious trading activity, we will investigate and take appropriate action, which may include applying to a client's accounts the 60-day policy previously described, prohibiting a client's purchases of fund shares, and/or revoking the client's exchange privilege.

### **Accounts Held by Intermediaries**

When intermediaries establish accounts in Vanguard funds for the benefit of their clients, we cannot always monitor the trading activity of the individual clients. However, we review trading activity at the intermediary (omnibus) level, and if we detect suspicious activity, we will investigate and take appropriate action. If necessary, Vanguard may prohibit additional purchases of fund shares by an intermediary, including for the benefit of certain of the intermediary's clients. Intermediaries also may monitor their clients' trading activities with respect to Vanguard funds.

For those Vanguard funds that charge purchase or redemption fees, intermediaries will be asked to assess purchase and redemption fees on client accounts and remit these fees to the funds. The application of purchase and redemption fees and

frequent-trading policies may vary among intermediaries. There are no assurances that Vanguard will successfully identify all intermediaries or that intermediaries will properly assess purchase and redemption fees or administer frequent-trading policies. If you invest with Vanguard through an intermediary, please read that firm's materials carefully to learn of any other rules or fees that may apply.

## Other Rules You Should Know

### Prospectus and Shareholder Report Mailings

Vanguard attempts to eliminate the unnecessary expense of duplicate mailings by sending just one summary prospectus (or prospectus) and/or shareholder report when two or more shareholders have the same last name and address. You may request individual prospectuses and reports by contacting our Client Services Department in writing, by telephone, or by e-mail.

### Vanguard.com

**Registration.** If you are a registered user of *vanguard.com*, you can review your account holdings; buy, sell, or exchange shares of most Vanguard funds; and perform most other transactions online. You must register for this service online.

**Electronic delivery.** Vanguard can deliver your account statements, transaction confirmations, and shareholder reports electronically. If you are a registered user of *vanguard.com*, you can consent to the electronic delivery of these documents by logging on and changing your mailing preference under "Account Profile." You can revoke your electronic consent at any time online, and we will begin to send paper copies of these documents within 30 days of receiving your revocation.

### Telephone Transactions

**Automatic.** When we set up your account, we'll automatically enable you to do business with us by telephone, *unless you instruct us otherwise in writing.*

**Tele-Account®.** To conduct account transactions through Vanguard's automated telephone service, you must first obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Call Tele-Account at 800-662-6273 to obtain a PIN.

**Proof of a caller's authority.** We reserve the right to refuse a telephone request if the caller is unable to provide the requested information or if we reasonably believe that the caller is not an individual authorized to act on the account. Before we allow a caller to act on an account, we may request the following information:

- Authorization to act on the account (as the account owner or by legal documentation or other means).
- Account registration and address.

- Fund name and account number, if applicable.
- Other information relating to the caller, the account owner, or the account.

### **Good Order**

We reserve the right to reject any transaction instructions that are not in “good order.” Good order generally means that your instructions:

- Are provided by the person(s) authorized in accordance with Vanguard’s policies and procedures to access the account and request transactions.
- Include the fund name and account number.
- Include the amount of the transaction (stated in dollars, shares, or percentage).

Written instructions also must include:

- Signature guarantees or notarized signatures, if required for the type of transaction. (Call Vanguard for specific requirements.)
- Any supporting documentation that may be required.

The requirements vary among types of accounts and transactions. For more information, consult our website at [vanguard.com](http://vanguard.com) or see *Contacting Vanguard*.

Vanguard reserves the right, without notice, to revise the requirements for good order.

### **Future Trade-Date Requests**

Vanguard does not accept requests to hold a purchase, conversion, redemption, or exchange transaction for a future date. All such requests will receive trade dates as previously described in *Purchasing Shares, Converting Shares, and Redeeming Shares*. Vanguard reserves the right to return future-dated purchase checks.

### **Accounts With More Than One Owner**

If an account has more than one owner or authorized person, Vanguard generally will accept telephone or online instructions from any one owner or authorized person.

### **Responsibility for Fraud**

Vanguard will not be responsible for any account losses because of fraud if we reasonably believe that the person transacting business on an account is authorized to do so. Please take precautions to protect yourself from fraud. Keep your account information private, and immediately review any account statements or other information that we provide to you. It is important that you contact Vanguard immediately about any transactions or changes to your account that you believe to be unauthorized.

### **Uncashed Checks**

Please cash your distribution or redemption checks promptly. Vanguard will not pay interest on uncashed checks.

### **Dormant Accounts**

If your account has no activity in it for a period of time, Vanguard may be required to transfer it to a state under the state's abandoned property law.

### **Unusual Circumstances**

If you experience difficulty contacting Vanguard online, by telephone, or by Tele-Account, you can send us your transaction request by regular or express mail. See *Contacting Vanguard* for addresses.

### **Investing With Vanguard Through Other Firms**

You may purchase or sell shares of most Vanguard funds through a financial intermediary, such as a bank, broker, or investment advisor. Please consult your financial intermediary to determine which, if any, shares are available through that firm and to learn about other rules that may apply.

Please see *Frequent-Trading Policy—Accounts Held by Intermediaries* for information about the assessment of any purchase or redemption fees and the monitoring of frequent trading for accounts held by intermediaries.

### **Account Service Fee**

For most shareholders, Vanguard charges a \$20 account service fee on all fund accounts that have a balance below \$10,000 for any reason, including market fluctuation. The account service fee applies to both retirement *and* nonretirement fund accounts and will be assessed on fund accounts in all Vanguard funds, regardless of a fund's minimum initial investment amount. The fee, which will be collected by redeeming fund shares in the amount of \$20, will be deducted from a fund account only once per calendar year.

If you register on *vanguard.com* and elect to receive electronic delivery of statements, reports, and other materials for all of your fund accounts, the account service fee for balances below \$10,000 will not be charged, so long as that election remains in effect.

The account service fee also *does not* apply to the following:

- Money market sweep accounts owned in connection with a Vanguard Brokerage Services® account.
- Accounts held through intermediaries.

- Accounts held by Voyager, Voyager Select, and Flagship clients. Eligibility is based on total household assets held at Vanguard, with a minimum of \$50,000 to qualify for Vanguard Voyager Services®, \$500,000 for Vanguard Voyager Select Services®, and \$1 million for Vanguard Flagship Services®. Vanguard determines eligibility by aggregating assets of all qualifying accounts held by the investor and immediate family members who reside at the same address. Aggregate assets include investments in Vanguard mutual funds, Vanguard ETFs®, certain annuities through Vanguard, the Vanguard 529 Plan, and certain small-business accounts. Assets in employer-sponsored retirement plans for which Vanguard provides recordkeeping services may be included in determining eligibility if the investor also has a personal account holding Vanguard mutual funds. Note that assets held in a Vanguard Brokerage Services account (other than Vanguard funds, including Vanguard ETFs) are not included when determining a household's eligibility.
- Participant accounts in employer-sponsored defined contribution plans.\* Please consult your enrollment materials for the rules that apply to your account.
- Section 529 college savings plans.

\* The following Vanguard fund accounts have alternative fee structures: SIMPLE IRAs, certain Section 403(b)(7) accounts, Vanguard Retirement Investment Program pooled plans, and Vanguard Retirement Plans for which Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company serves as trustee.

### **Low-Balance Accounts**

The Fund reserves the right to liquidate a fund account whose balance falls below the minimum initial investment for any reason, including market fluctuation. This policy applies to nonretirement fund accounts and accounts that are held through intermediaries.

### **Right to Change Policies**

In addition to the rights expressly stated elsewhere in this prospectus, Vanguard reserves the right, without notice, to (1) alter, add, or discontinue any conditions of purchase (including eligibility requirements), redemption, exchange, conversion, service, or privilege at any time; (2) accept initial purchases by telephone; (3) freeze any account and/or suspend account services if Vanguard has received reasonable notice of a dispute regarding the assets in an account, including notice of a dispute between the registered or beneficial account owners, or if Vanguard reasonably believes a fraudulent transaction may occur or has occurred; (4) temporarily freeze any account and/or suspend account services upon initial notification to Vanguard of the death of the shareholder until Vanguard receives required documentation in good order; (5) alter, impose, discontinue, or waive any purchase fee, redemption fee, account service fee, or other fees charged to a group of shareholders; and (6) redeem

an account or suspend account privileges, without the owner's permission to do so, in cases of threatening conduct or activity Vanguard believes to be suspicious, fraudulent, or illegal. Changes may affect any or all investors. These actions will be taken when, at the sole discretion of Vanguard management, Vanguard reasonably believes they are deemed to be in the best interest of a fund.

### **Share Classes**

Vanguard reserves the right, without notice, to change the eligibility requirements of its share classes, including the types of clients who are eligible to purchase each share class.

## **Fund and Account Updates**

### **Confirmation Statements**

We will send (or provide online, whichever you prefer) a confirmation of your trade date and the amount of your transaction when you buy, sell, exchange, or convert shares. However, we will not send confirmations reflecting only checkwriting redemptions or the reinvestment of dividend or capital gains distributions. For any month in which you had a checkwriting redemption, a Checkwriting Activity Statement will be sent to you itemizing the checkwriting redemptions for that month. Promptly review each confirmation statement that we provide to you by mail or online. It is important that you contact Vanguard immediately with any questions you may have about any transaction reflected on a confirmation statement, or Vanguard will consider the transaction properly processed.

### **Portfolio Summaries**

We will send (or provide online, whichever you prefer) quarterly portfolio summaries to help you keep track of your accounts throughout the year. Each summary shows the market value of your account at the close of the statement period, as well as all distributions, purchases, redemptions, exchanges, transfers, and conversions for the current calendar quarter. Promptly review each summary that we provide to you by mail or online. It is important that you contact Vanguard immediately with any questions you may have about any transaction reflected on the summary, or Vanguard will consider the transaction properly processed.

### **Tax Information Statements**

For most accounts, we are required to provide annual tax Forms to assist you in preparing your income tax returns. These Forms, which are generally mailed in January, will report the previous year's dividends, capital gains distributions, proceeds

from the sale of shares from taxable accounts, and distributions from IRAs and other retirement plans. Registered users of *vanguard.com* can also view these Forms online.

### **Average-Cost Review Statements**

For most taxable accounts, an average-cost review statement will accompany the annual Form 1099-B. This statement shows the average cost of shares that you redeemed during the previous calendar year, using the average-cost single-category method, one of the methods established by the IRS and the only method used by Vanguard. You may want to consult a tax professional to determine if a different method is best for you.

### **Annual and Semiannual Reports**

We will send (or provide online, whichever you prefer) reports about Vanguard Wellington Fund twice a year, in January and July. These reports include overviews of the financial markets and provide the following specific Fund information:

- Performance assessments and comparisons with industry benchmarks.
- Reports from the advisor.
- Financial statements with listings of Fund holdings.

### **Portfolio Holdings**

We generally post on our website at *vanguard.com*, in the **Portfolio** section of the Fund's Portfolio & Management page, a detailed list of the securities held by the Fund, as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter. This list is generally updated within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter. Vanguard may exclude any portion of these portfolio holdings from publication when deemed in the best interest of the Fund. We also generally post the ten largest stock portfolio holdings of the Fund and the percentage of the Fund's total assets that each of these holdings represents, as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter. This list is generally updated within 15 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter. Please consult the Fund's *Statement of Additional Information* or our website for a description of the policies and procedures that govern disclosure of the Fund's portfolio holdings.

## Contacting Vanguard

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| Vanguard.com<br>24 hours a day, 7 days a week | For the most complete source of Vanguard news<br>For fund, account, and service information<br>For most account transactions<br>For literature requests |
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| Vanguard Tele-Account® 800-662-6273<br>(ON-BOARD)  | For automated fund and account information<br>For exchange transactions (subject to limitations)<br>Toll-free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  |
| Investor Information 800-662-7447 (SHIP)<br>(Text telephone for people with hearing<br>impairment at 800-749-7273) | For fund and service information<br>For literature requests<br>Business hours only: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.,<br>Eastern time; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern time   |
| Client Services 800-662-2739 (CREW)<br>(Text telephone for people with hearing<br>impairment at 800-749-7273)      | For account information<br>For most account transactions<br>Business hours only: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.,<br>Eastern time; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern time  |
| Institutional Division<br>888-809-8102   | For information and services for large institutional investors<br>Business hours only: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.,<br>Eastern time  |
| Intermediary Sales Support<br>800-997-2798   | For information and services for financial intermediaries<br>including broker-dealers, trust institutions, insurance<br>companies, and financial advisors<br>Business hours only: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.,<br>Eastern time |

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## Vanguard Addresses

Please be sure to use the correct address, depending on your method of delivery. Use of an incorrect address could delay the processing of your transaction.

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| <b>Regular Mail (Individuals)</b>        | The Vanguard Group<br>P.O. Box 1110<br>Valley Forge, PA 19482-1110 |
| <b>Regular Mail (Institutions)</b>       | The Vanguard Group<br>P.O. Box 2900<br>Valley Forge, PA 19482-2900 |
| <b>Registered, Express, or Overnight</b> | The Vanguard Group<br>455 Devon Park Drive<br>Wayne, PA 19087-1815 |

## Additional Information

|                        | Inception<br>Date | Suitable<br>for IRAs | Newspaper<br>Abbreviation | Vanguard<br>Fund Number | CUSIP<br>Number |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Wellington Fund</b> |                   |                      |                           |                         |                 |
| Investor Shares        | 7/1/1929          | Yes                  | Welltn                    | 21                      | 921935102       |
| Admiral Shares         | 5/14/2001         | Yes                  | WelltnAdml                | 521                     | 921935201       |

# Glossary of Investment Terms

**Bond.** A debt security (IOU) issued by a corporation, government, or government agency in exchange for the money you lend it. In most instances, the issuer agrees to pay back the loan by a specific date and generally to make regular interest payments until that date.

**Capital Gains Distribution.** Payment to mutual fund shareholders of gains realized on securities that a fund has sold at a profit, minus any realized losses.

**Common Stock.** A security representing ownership rights in a corporation. A stockholder is entitled to share in the company's profits, some of which may be paid out as dividends.

**Coupon.** The interest rate paid by the issuer of a debt security until its maturity. It is expressed as an annual percentage of the face value of the security.

**Dividend Distribution.** Payment to mutual fund shareholders of income from interest or dividends generated by a fund's investments.

**Duration.** A measure of the sensitivity of bond—and bond fund—prices to interest rate movements. For example, if a bond has a duration of two years, its price would fall by approximately 2% when interest rates rose by 1%. On the other hand, the bond's price would rise by approximately 2% when interest rates fell by 1%.

**Expense Ratio.** The percentage of a fund's average net assets used to pay its expenses during a fiscal year. The expense ratio includes management expenses (such as advisory fees, account maintenance, reporting, internal accounting, legal, and other administrative expenses); any 12b-1 distribution fees; and "other" expenses (usually fees paid to independent third parties, such as the fund's custodian and auditor). It does not include the transaction costs of buying and selling portfolio securities.

**Face Value.** The amount to be paid at a bond's maturity; also known as the par value or principal.

**Fixed Income Security.** An investment, such as a bond, representing a debt that must be repaid by a specified date, and on which the borrower must pay a fixed, variable, or floating rate of interest.

**Inception Date.** The date on which the assets of a fund (or one of its share classes) are first invested in accordance with the fund's investment objective. For funds with a subscription period, the inception date is the day after that period ends. Investment performance is measured from the inception date.

**Investment-Grade Bond.** A debt security whose credit quality is considered by independent bond-rating agencies, or through independent analysis conducted by a fund's advisor, to be sufficient to ensure timely payment of principal and interest under current economic circumstances. Debt securities rated in one of the four highest rating categories are considered "investment-grade." Other debt securities may be considered by an advisor to be investment-grade.

**Mutual Fund.** An investment company that pools the money of many people and invests it in a variety of securities in an effort to achieve a specific objective over time.

**Principal.** The face value of a debt instrument or the amount of money put into an investment.

**Securities.** Stocks, bonds, money market instruments, and other investments.

**Standard & Poor's 500 Index.** A widely recognized benchmark of U.S. stock market performance that is dominated by the stocks of large U.S. companies.

**Total Return.** A percentage change, over a specified time period, in a mutual fund's net asset value, assuming the reinvestment of all distributions of dividends and capital gains.

**Volatility.** The fluctuations in value of a mutual fund or other security. The greater a fund's volatility, the wider the fluctuations in its returns.

**Wellington Composite Index.** An index that is weighted 65% S&P 500 Index and 35% Barclays Capital U.S. Credit A or Better Bond Index.

**Yield.** Income (interest or dividends) earned by an investment, expressed as a percentage of the investment's price.



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#### **For More Information**

If you would like more information about Vanguard Wellington Fund, the following documents are available free upon request:

#### **Annual/Semiannual Reports to Shareholders**

Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

#### **Statement of Additional Information (SAI)**

The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund.

The SAI and the financial highlights information from the current annual and semiannual reports are incorporated by reference into (and are thus legally a part of) this prospectus.

To receive a free copy of the latest annual or semiannual report or the SAI, or to request additional information about the Fund or other Vanguard funds, please visit [vanguard.com](http://vanguard.com) or contact us as follows:

The Vanguard Group  
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Valley Forge, PA 19482-2600  
Telephone: 800-662-7447 (SHIP)  
Text telephone for people with hearing impairment:  
800-749-7273

If you are a current Vanguard shareholder and would like information about your account, account transactions, and/or account statements, please call:

Client Services Department  
Telephone: 800-662-2739 (CREW)  
Text telephone for people with hearing impairment:  
800-749-7273

#### **Information Provided by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)**

You can review and copy information about the Fund (including the SAI) at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. To find out more about this public service, call the SEC at 202-551-8090. Reports and other information about the Fund are also available in the EDGAR database on the SEC's Internet site at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov), or you can receive copies of this information, for a fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing the Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-1520.

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