

# Vanguard U.S. Quality Factor ETF

As of September 30, 2021



### Investment approach

- Advisor uses a rules-based quantitative model to evaluate U.S. common stocks
- Fund invests in stocks with strong fundamentals.
- The portfolio includes a diverse mix of stocks representing many different market capitalizations (large, mid, and small), market sectors, and industry groups.
- Portfolio companies may exhibit strong profitability and healthy balance sheets.
- Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
- Typically, at least 80% of the fund's assets will be invested in securities issued by U.S. companies.
- Note: For financials the Quality factor is measured by return on equity and share issuance. For non-financials the Quality factor is measured by return on equity, gross profitability, change in net operating assets, and leverage.

#### About the benchmark

- The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.
- The index is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased, and stable barometer of the broad market and is reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included.

### Performance history

Total returns<sup>2</sup> for period ended September 30, 2021

| VFQY (Inception 02/13/2018)               | Quarter Ye | ear to date | 1 year | 3 years Sind | e inception |
|---|------------|-------------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| Net asset value (NAV) return <sup>3</sup> | -1.59%     | 17.94%      | 42.22% | 12.45%       | 14.48%      |
| Market price return <sup>4</sup>          | -1.56      | 17.92       | 42.27  | 12.45        | 14.49       |
| Russell 3000 Index                        | -0.10      | 14.99       | 31.88  | 16.00        | 16.41       |

The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at <a href="mailto:vanguard.com/performance">vanguard.com/performance</a>.

The performance of an index is not an exact representation of any particular investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.

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### Quick facts

| Benchmark                  | Russell 3000 Index |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Expense ratio <sup>1</sup> | 0.13%              |
| Dividend schedule          | Quarterly          |
| ETF total net assets       | \$111 million      |
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| Inception date             | February 13, 2018  |

### **Trading information**

| Ticker symbol            | VFQY      |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| CUSIP number             | 921935706 |
| IIV (intra-day ticker)   | VFQY.IV   |
| Index ticker (Bloomberg) | RU30INTR  |
| Exchange                 | CBOE      |

| ETF attributes                  | U.S. Quality<br>Factor ETF | Russell 3000<br>Index |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Number of stocks                | 771                        | 3,052                 |
| Median market cap               | \$11.3B                    | \$127.7B              |
| Price/earnings ratio            | 17.6x                      | 23.4x                 |
| Price/book ratio                | 3.7x                       | 4.0x                  |
| Return on equity                | 17.6%                      | 17.4%                 |
| Earnings growth rate            | 15.5%                      | 19.1%                 |
| Turnover rate <sup>5</sup>      | 21.1                       | _                     |
| Standard deviation <sup>6</sup> | 22.14%                     | 19.68%                |

<sup>1.</sup> As reported in the most recent prospectus. A fund's current expense ratio may be lower or higher than the figure reported in the prospectus.

<sup>2.</sup> Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Fund performance figures assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions; the figures are pre-tax and net of expenses. The above widely used comparative index represents unmanaged or average returns on various financial assets that can be compared with the fund's total returns for the purpose of measuring relative performance.

<sup>3.</sup> As of 4 p.m., Eastern time, when the regular trading session of the New York Stock Exchange typically closes.

<sup>4</sup> Market price returns are calculated using the midpoint between the bid and offer prices at the time NAV is calculated, typically 4 p.m., Eastern time.

<sup>5.</sup> For most recent fiscal year. Turnover rate excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind purchases or redemptions of the fund's capital shares, including Vanguard ETF Creation Units.

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### Expense ratio comparison 1



### Ten largest holdings and % of total net assets <sup>2</sup>

| Moderna Inc.                     | 1.1% |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Costco Wholesale Corp.           | 1.0  |
| Aon plc                          | 1.0  |
| Align Technology Inc.            | 1.0  |
| NIKE Inc.                        | 0.9  |
| Target Corp.                     | 0.9  |
| Applied Materials Inc.           | 0.8  |
| Lululemon Athletica Inc.         | 0.8  |
| Advanced Micro Devices Inc.      | 0.8  |
| O'Reilly Automotive Inc.         | 0.8  |
| Top ten as % of total net assets | 9.1% |
|                                  |      |

### Market capitalization breakdown

| Large Cap        | 31.8% |
|------------------|-------|
| Medium/Large Cap | 5.1   |
| Medium Cap       | 9.8   |
| Medium/Small Cap | 14.0  |
| Small Cap        | 39.4  |

### Subindustry diversification as % of common stock<sup>3</sup>

| Consumer Discretionary | 22.6% |
|------------------------|-------|
| Technology             | 18.6  |
| Financials             | 17.4  |
| Industrials            | 17.0  |
| Health Care            | 13.5  |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.3   |
| Basic Materials        | 3.2   |
| Telecommunications     | 1.5   |
| Energy                 | 1.4   |
| Real Estate            | 0.4   |
| Utilities              | 0.1   |
| Other                  | 0.0   |
|                        |       |

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<sup>1.</sup> Represents the expense ratio for the Vanguard ETF as reported in the most recent prospectus. There are material differences between mutual funds and ETFs. Unlike mutual funds, ETFs are priced continuously and bought and sold throughout the day in the secondary market (at a premium or discount to net asset value) with the assistance of a stockbroker, which entails paying commissions. Sources: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and Vanguard, December 31, 2020.

The holdings listed exclude any temporary cash investments and equity index products.

<sup>3.</sup> Sector categories are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark system ("ICB"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided an ICB classification as of the effective reporting period.