

FUTURITY SECTORAL INDEXED – EMERGING MARKET EQUITIES (Vanguard Emerging Markets Shares Index Fund)

Fund Code	SP4
Futurity APIR Code	FIG9033AU
Category	Sector
Investment Style	Passive
UMF PDS available at	vanguard.com.au



Inception date	11 June 2020
Total Management Fee ¹	1.10%
Buy/Sell Spread	0.22% / 0.22%
Underlying strategy APIR code	VANOO05AU
Suggested Minimum Investment Time ²	Seven years

Investment Risk Rating* High – 6



Investment Objective, Strategy and Benchmark

To track (before fees and tax) the Investment Option's Performance Benchmark – MSCI Emerging Market Index. It may invest in one or multiple UMFs and/or directly invest in Authorised Investments to have a diverse indexed portfolio of predominantly International Equity Investments and emerging market Equity Securities with the fund denominated in AUD.

- 1. Total Management Fees is provided on an after-taxation basis and comprised of the Futurity Management Fees and UMF Investment Fees (includes the estimated UMF indirect costs) see 'Fees and Other Costs' Part A of PDS.
- ² Longer investment timeframes maximise the benefits of investment compounding, especially for medium and higher taxed investors doing this under an Education Bond's Tax-Paid investment structure. Education Bonds also have an 'Investment Bond 10-Year Advantage' meaning the benefits of Tax-Free access to your Bond after 10 years from its Commencement Date, subject to certain conditions as explained in Part A of our PDS.
- * Performance is measured by Investment Option price movements (after Tax and Management fees). It is quoted using the sell (exit) price and is net of all portfolio taxes, management fees, and fund expenses, however does not take into account any stamp duty, transaction costs and management fee rebates. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

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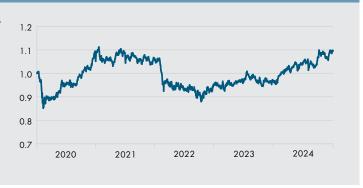


PERFORMANCE HISTORY

Futurity Sectoral Indexed – Emerging Market Equities at 31 December 2024³

1 Mth	3 Mths	6 Mths	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs
3.80%	2.56%	5.74%	12.71%	9.02%	1.68%	1.69%

³ Other costs relating to the operation of the Investment Option can be charged directly to the Investment Option or reimbursed to Futurity if paid by the Management Fund e.g. acquisition, disposal, valuation and transaction costs, such as brokerage, state duty, insurance, custody, as well as auditor, actuary and legal fees. They are reflected in the Unit Price and capped to a maximum of 0.1% pa, with any excess absorbed by the Management Fund.



GENERAL MARKET UPDATE

Over the December 2024 quarter, investment markets have been driven by central bank interest rate adjustments, persistent inflation trends, rising bond yields, mixed equity market performance, economic indicators showing contraction, and political tensions impacting investor sentiment.

The December 2024 quarter saw mixed performances in global markets. Global equities rose, with the MSCI World index up 1.9% hedged to AUD and 12.1% unhedged to AUD, while emerging market equities rose by 3.0%.

Developed market bond yields increased, reflecting a shift in investor sentiment. The Federal Reserve's slower-than-expected rate-cutting cycle and political tensions in the U.S. contributed to market volatility.

In the U.S., 10-year Treasury yields rose to near 4.6%, nearing their annual peak. Rising yields negatively impacted bond

performance, particularly long-duration U.S. Treasuries, which saw a sharp decline.

Central banks made several policy adjustments: the Federal Reserve reduced its policy rate by 25 basis points to 4.5%, the European Central Bank cut its rate to 3%, and the Bank of Canada reduced its rate by 50 basis points to 3.25%. The Reserve Bank of Australia maintained its cash rate at 4.35%.

Australian equities fell by 0.8%, with the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index lagging the S&P 500.

The Australian dollar depreciated against the U.S. dollar, with the AUD/USD ending the quarter 0.62. The Judo Bank Australia Manufacturing PMI indicated continued contraction, and consumer confidence declined.

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- Financial Adviser calculator
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