

# Distributions from Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund

## Important tax information for 2025

For 2025, all share classes of Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund may report the following distributions to investors (if generated by the fund during the year) on Form 1099-DIV: ordinary dividends, nontaxable distributions (return of capital), long-term capital gains, and unrecaptured Section 1250 gains. The example below shows how to report these distributions on your income tax return.

IMPORTANT TAX DOCUMENT											
<b>RECIPIENT'S TIN: XXX-XX-1234</b> SAMPLE SHAREOWNER PO BOX 982901 EL PASO TX 79998-2901						<b>Vanguard</b> Contact Info: 800-662-2739 P.O. Box 982901 El Paso, TX 79998-2901					
<b>2025 Form 1099-DIV</b> Dividends and Distributions											
Copy B For Recipient OMB No. 1545-0110											
Fund Name	PAYER'S TIN	Recipient Account number	State (Box 14)	State identification no. (Box 15)							
Total ordinary dividends (Box 1a)	Qualified dividends (Box 1b)	Total capital gain distr. (Box 2a)	Unrecap. Sec. 1250 gain (Box 2b)	Nondividend distributions (Box 3)	Federal income tax withheld (Box 4)	Section 199A dividends (Box 5)	Foreign tax paid (Box 7)	Exempt-interest dividends (Box 12)	Specified private activity bond interest dividends (Box 13)	State tax withheld (Box 16)	
HIGH-YIELD TAX-EXEMPT INV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	820.62	94.04	0.00
REAL ESTATE INDEX ADMIRAL	587.32	21.10	0.00	0.00	266.55	0.00	12.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>		<b>F</b>					

- A Box 1a—Total ordinary dividends.** If the dividend total reported in Box 1a from all of the Forms 1099-DIV you receive is more than \$1,500, you must list each dividend by source on Schedule B, Part II, line 5, and enter the total on line 3b of Form 1040. Schedule B is required if you had over \$1,500 of taxable interest or ordinary dividends. For further guidance, please review 2025 Instructions for Schedule B(Form 1040).
- B Box 1b—Qualified dividends.** This box shows the amount from Box 1a that's qualified dividend income (QDI) eligible to be taxed at 20%, 15%, or 0%, depending on your ordinary income tax rate. You must enter your total QDI on line 3a of Form 1040.
- C Box 2a—Total capital gain distributions.** If shown, this amount includes long-term capital gains as well as any unrecaptured Section 1250 gains (if distributed by the fund in 2025 and reported in Box 2b). Report the amount from Box 2a on Form 1040, Schedule D, line 13.
- D Box 2b—Unrecaptured Section 1250 gain.** If shown, this amount must be reported separately on Schedule D, line 19. To determine the amount you should report on line 19, complete the Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain Worksheet, which can be found in the Instructions for Schedule D. For additional information, see the IRS Instructions for Form 1040..
- E Box 3—Nondividend distributions.** Shows a return of capital. To the extent of your cost (or other basis) in the fund, the distribution reduces your basis and is not taxable. Any amount received in excess of your basis is taxable as capital gain.
- F Box 5—Section 199A dividends.** If shown, this is the portion of the amount in Box 1a that may be eligible for the 20% deduction on qualified real estate investment trust (REIT) dividend income. For additional information, see the IRS instructions for Forms 1040, 8995 and 8995-A, as applicable. Contact a qualified tax professional about your eligibility to claim the 20% deduction for the amount in Box 5.

## **2025 capital gain or loss from the sale of fund shares as reported on Form 1099-B**

In addition to the distributions Vanguard Real Estate Index Fund made to you in 2025, you may have realized a capital gain or loss from your sale of fund shares. If so, you must report this amount on IRS Form 8949 and on Form 1040, Schedule D. Vanguard reports gross proceeds and the basis for covered shares from these sales on Form 1099-B.

You must also report your cost basis, holding period for the shares sold, and gain or loss.

## **Questions?**

If you have questions about this tax update, refer to IRS Publication 550, Investment Income and Expenses, or call the IRS at 800-829-1040.

You can call us at 877-662-7447 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern time. Vanguard cannot provide tax advice, and nothing herein should be considered tax advice. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding your specific situation including if you're uncertain about the interpretation of a specific tax regulation. Although Vanguard aims to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this supplement, we cannot guarantee that the information herein will not be subject to change or that a tax authority might disagree with the information herein or any tax position taken by a taxpayer in reliance upon the information in this supplement.

**For more information about Vanguard funds or Vanguard ETFs, visit [vanguard.com](https://www.vanguard.com) to obtain a prospectus or, if available, a summary prospectus. Investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other important information are contained in the prospectus; read and consider it carefully before investing.**

All investments are subject to risk, including possible loss of principal.