Form **8937**
(December 2011)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Report of Organizational Actions
Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-2224

Part I   Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name	2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)
Vanguard REIT Index Fund Institutional Shares	23-2834924

3 Name of contact for additional information	4 Telephone No. of contact	5 Email address of contact
Vanguard Investor and Client Information	877-662-7447	online@vanguard.com

6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact	7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact
P.O. Box 2600	Valley Forge, PA 19482

8 Date of action	9 Classification and description
December 31, 2017	Regulated Investment Company - Institutional Shares

10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
921908869		VGSNX	

Part II   Organizational Action   Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14   Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ **Vanguard REIT Index Fund Institutional Shares ("The Fund") made cash distributions during the calendar year 2017 to its shareholders as follows:**

2017 Record Date	Distribution Per Share
March 20, 2017	$0.131
June 21, 2017	$0.177
September 20, 2017	$0.188
December 19, 2017	$0.2781

For 2017, The Fund determined that a portion of these distributions constitute a non-taxable return of capital.

15   Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ **Of The Fund's total cash distributions during 2017 to its shareholders, a portion is non-taxable return of capital. This amount is a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of a shareholder's tax basis in each of its Fund shares, with any remaining amount being taxed as capital gain to a shareholder.**

2017 Record Date	Reduction in Basis Per Share
March 20, 2017	$0.038091
June 21, 2017	$0.051467
September 20, 2017	$0.054665
December 19, 2017	$0.080864

16   Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ **The calculation of the return of capital is based upon the The Fund's accumulated earnings and profits as of its fiscal year ended January 31, 2018. The amount of the return of capital should be applied against the shareholder's adjusted basis of the stock, reducing the basis until it is zero. The amount of the return of capital, if any, that exceeds a zero basis shall be treated as a gain from the sale or exchange of property.**

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| **Part II** | **Organizational Action** (continued) |

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ _____

Internal Revenue Code Sections 301(c) and 316(a).

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ **Not applicable**
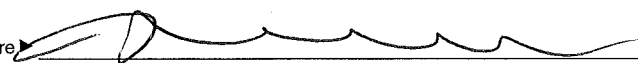
19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ **None**

	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature ▶ _[signature]_   Date ▶ 2/13/18

Print your name ▶ **Deborah Perch**   Title ▶ **Director of Fund Tax**

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶			Phone no.	

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