

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

**Part I Reporting Issuer**

1 Issuer's name <b>Vanguard REIT Index Fund</b>		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) <b>23-2834924</b>	
3 Name of contact for additional information <b>Vanguard Investor and Client Information</b>	4 Telephone No. of contact <b>877-662-7447</b>	5 Email address of contact <b>online@vanguard.com</b>	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact <b>P.O. Box 2600</b>		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact <b>Valley Forge, PA 19355</b>	
8 Date of action <b>December 31, 2012</b>		9 Classification and description <b>Regulated Investment Company - Institutional Shares</b>	
10 CUSIP number <b>921908869</b>	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol <b>VGSNX</b>	13 Account number(s)

**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 2012 to its shareholders as follows:**

2012 Record Date	Distribution Per Share
March 22, 2012	\$0.110
June 21, 2012	\$0.115
September 20, 2012	\$0.116
December 20, 2012	\$0.175

**On February 14, 2013, it was determined that 31.1829% of these distributions was a 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 2012 to its shareholders of \$0.516 per share, \$0.160903 is a nontaxable return of capital, reducing basis to the extent of the shareholder's adjusted basis in The Fund. To the extent that the return of capital exceeds the shareholder's adjusted basis, the distribution will be taxed as a capital gain to the shareholder.**

2012 Record Date	Reduction in Basis Per Share
March 22, 2012	\$0.034301
June 21, 2012	\$0.035860
September 20, 2012	\$0.036172
December 20, 2012	\$0.054570

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, 2013. 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.**

**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 ▶ *Kathryn Hyatt* Date ▶ 2/19/13

Print your name ▶ Kathryn Hyatt Title ▶ Treasurer

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶			Phone no.	