

Vanguard Advisor Tools

Connector Documentation

MCP server for Vanguard Models Data | Version 1.0

1. Overview

Vanguard Advisor Tools brings Vanguard's model portfolio data into Claude. Given a need to solve for a target portfolio, the connector returns detailed, model portfolio data, including expense ratios, asset class, and portfolio characteristics so that advisors can research and compare solutions and move from analysis to implementation with conviction.

Data Scope: The connector is read-only and exposes only publicly available Vanguard fund data. It does not access, return, or store any client, account, or personally identifiable information (PII).

2. Connection & Setup

The connector is public — no authentication or login is required to connect or to call its tools.

Figure 1. Server Details

FIELD	VALUE
Connector name	Vanguard Advisor Tools
MCP server URL	https://mcp.advisors.vanguard.com/advisors
Transport	Streamable HTTP
Authentication	None (public connector)
Access	Read-only

3. Tool Reference

Get Models Portfolios

Retrieves Vanguard model portfolio data — the prebuilt fund line-ups advisors use as portfolio blueprints. Browse a category to see which models exist, or name a single series, such as 'Core Series'.

Annotations: readOnlyHint = true, openWorldHint = true

Figure 2. *Input*

PARAMETER	TYPE	REQUIRED	DESCRIPTION
series_type	string - fixed_income multi_asset all (default all)	No	Which category of series to browse: fixed income only, multi-asset (stock and bond) only, or all of them. Returns each series with every sleeve's expense ratio, but no holdings - no fund names, no percentage allocations, and no tickers. Ignored when a specific series is named.
name	string (max 100 characters)	No	Name of a single series to look up in full, e.g. "Core Series". A fragment such as "russell" is enough, and matching ignores capitalization, spacing, and punctuation. Returns fund-level detail for every series the fragment matches, so prefer a specific name over a broad word like "series". Takes precedence over the category.
classification	string - etf mf	No	Limit results to one share class — exchange-traded funds or mutual funds. Omit to return both.

Figure 3. *Output — Category Browse*

Returned when name is omitted. One object per series:

FIELD	DESCRIPTION
Series identity	id, name, classification (etf or mf), isFixedIncome, asOfDate.
Characteristics	Upstream's tags for the series, mixing strategy (Strategic, Dynamic, Passive, Growth, Active/Passive) with the share classes the series family is offered in (ETF, Mutual Funds, ETF & MF). Omitted where upstream published no tags.
Sleeve count	Number of sleeves (model variants) in the series.
Sleeves	One entry per sleeve, in the order upstream published them: id (usually an equity-fixed-income target split such as 60-40, sometimes a named tier such as Conservative), an optional display label, and expenseRatio.
Expense ratio	Each sleeve's weighted average expense ratio as a percentage, exactly as upstream published it. Never rolled up to a series-level figure.

Figure 4. *Output — Named Series*

Returned when name is supplied. Carries the series identity and characteristics from Figure 3, plus:

FIELD	DESCRIPTION
Fund catalog	funds — ticker → fund name, for every holding in the series
Bond holdings	sleeves[].bond — ticker → percentage of the sleeve held in that bond fund.
Stock holdings	sleeves[].stock — ticker → percentage of the sleeve held in that stock fund.
Sleeve detail	subAssetType, plus cardName where upstream publishes one.
Expense ratio	sleeves[].expenseRatio.
Dynamic flag	isDynamic.

Figure 5. *Example Requests*

JavaScript

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get_model_portfolios({})
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Browses every published series.

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get_model_portfolios({ "series_type": "fixed_income" })
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Browses one category.

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get_model_portfolios({ "name": "Core Series" })
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Returns fund-level holdings for both share classes of that series.

JavaScript

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get_model_portfolios({ "name": "Core Series", "classification": "etf" })
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Narrows the same lookup to the ETF share class.

4. Example Prompts

These prompts exercise the connector in typical advisor workflows:

- *"I have a client about 10 years from retirement who still needs growth but is getting more concerned about market swings. Which Vanguard models should I consider?"*
- *"My client recently retired and needs income from the portfolio, but we still want some growth to help the assets last. What models might fit?"*
- *"I'm looking for a model that is more conservative than a traditional 60/40 portfolio. What options should I consider?"*

- *"Which Vanguard models offer a moderate risk profile with a balanced mix of stocks and bonds?"*
 - *"I have a client in their mid 30s with a long-time horizon who is comfortable taking more risk for growth. Help me narrow down the model options."*
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5. Data, Limits & Privacy

- *Read-only:* The connector only retrieves and returns information. It cannot create, update, or delete data or trigger any transaction.
 - *No PII:* Only publicly available fund data is returned. No client, account, or personal information is accessed or exposed.
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6. Important Disclosures — Not Investment Advice

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