



# Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund

Bond fund | Institutional Plus Shares

Risk level Low ← → High					Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 04/26/18	Ticker symbol	Turnover rate as of 12/31/17	Inception date	Fund number
1	2	3	4	5	\$19,404 MM	0.03%	VBMPX	54.6%	09/18/95	0850

### Investment objective

Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund seeks to track the performance of a broad, market-weighted bond index.

### Investment strategy

The fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Bond Index. This index measures a wide spectrum of public, investment-grade, taxable, fixed income securities in the United States—including government, corporate, and international dollar-denominated bonds, as well as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, all with maturities of more than 1 year. The fund invests by sampling the index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximate the full index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and at least 80% of the fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the index. The fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the index, which currently ranges between 5 and 10 years.

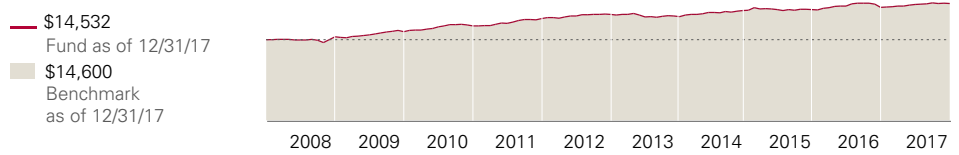
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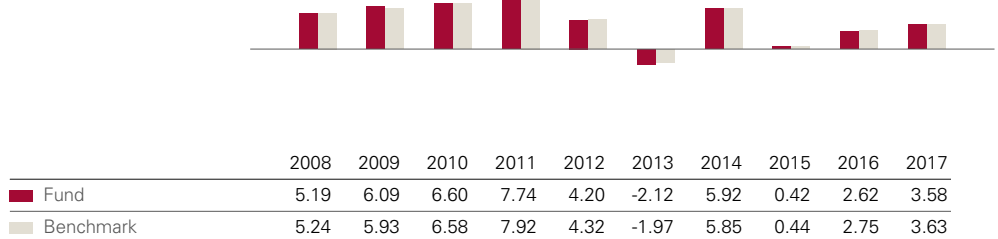
### Benchmark

Spliced BloomBarc USAgg Flt Adjlx

### Growth of a \$10,000 investment : January 31, 2008—December 31, 2017



### Annual returns



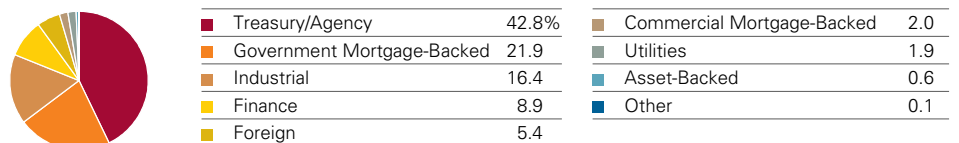
### Total returns

	Periods ended September 30, 2018					
	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	0.03%	-1.60%	-1.20%	1.30%	2.11%	3.74%
Benchmark	0.04%	-1.64%	-1.23%	1.35%	2.16%	3.79%

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Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

### Distribution by issuer—bonds



Spliced BloomBarc USAgg Flt Adjlx: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter. The Institutional Plus Shares' inception date is February 5, 2010; investment returns since that date are historical returns. All other average annual and cumulative total returns shown are blended returns of the historical performance of Institutional Plus Shares and the fund's Institutional Shares. The 2010 first-quarter and calendar-year annual returns are also blended returns of the historical performance of Institutional Plus Shares and Institutional Shares. All other quarterly and calendar-year annual returns reflect Institutional Shares' historical performance. Since-inception performance is from the fund's Institutional Shares inception on September 18, 1995.

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## Plain talk about risk

An investment in the fund could lose money over short or even long periods. You should expect the fund's share price and total return to fluctuate within a wide range, like the fluctuations of the overall bond market. The fund's performance could be hurt by:

**Interest rate risk:** The chance that bond prices will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk should be moderate for the fund because it invests primarily in short- and intermediate-term bonds, whose prices are less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of long-term bonds.

**Income risk:** The chance that the fund's income will decline because of falling interest rates.

**Prepayment risk:** The chance that during periods of falling interest rates, homeowners will refinance their mortgages before their maturity dates, resulting in prepayment of mortgage-backed securities held by the fund. The fund would then lose any price appreciation above the mortgage's principal and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the fund's income.

**Extension risk:** The chance that during periods of rising interest rates, certain debt obligations will be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated, and the value of those securities may fall. For funds that invest in mortgage-backed securities, extension risk is the chance that during periods of rising interest rates, homeowners will prepay their mortgages at slower rates.

**Credit risk:** The chance that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest or principal in a timely manner or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline. Credit risk should be low for the fund because it purchases only bonds that are of investment-grade quality.

**Call risk:** The chance that during periods of falling interest rates, issuers of callable bonds may call (redeem) securities with higher coupon rates or interest rates before their maturity dates. The fund would then lose any price appreciation above the bond's call price and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the fund's income.

**Index sampling risk:** The chance that the securities selected for the fund, in the aggregate, will not provide investment performance matching that of the index. Index sampling risk for the fund should be low.

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