



# Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund

Bond fund | Institutional Shares

Risk level Low ← → High					Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 05/24/18	Ticker symbol	Turnover rate as of 01/31/18	Inception date	Fund number
1	2	3	4	5	\$9,990 MM	0.07%	VFSIX	86.3%	09/30/97	0858

### Investment objective

Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund seeks to provide current income while maintaining limited price volatility.

### Investment strategy

The fund invests in a variety of high-quality and, to a lesser extent, medium-quality fixed income securities, at least 80% of which will be short- and intermediate-term investment-grade securities. High-quality fixed income securities are those rated the equivalent of A3 or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or another independent rating agency; medium-quality fixed income securities are those rated the equivalent of Baa1, Baa2, or Baa3 by Moody's or another independent rating agency. (Investment-grade fixed income securities are those rated the equivalent of Baa3 and above by Moody's.) The fund is expected to maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity of 1 to 4 years.

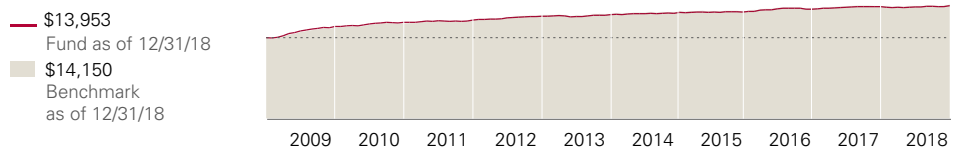
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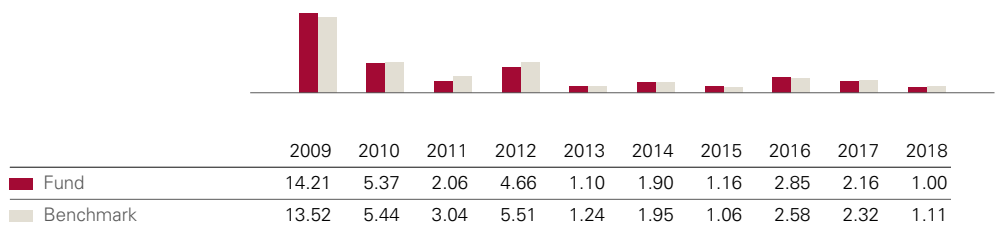
### Benchmark

BloomBarc US 1-5 Year Credit Index

### Growth of a \$10,000 investment : January 31, 2009—December 31, 2018



### Annual returns



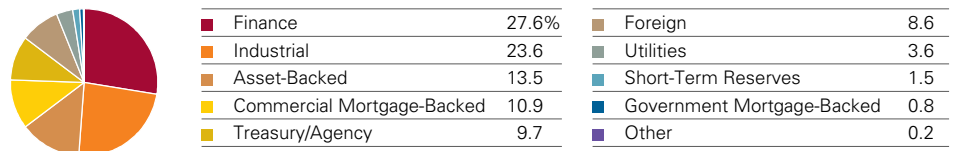
### Total returns

	Periods ended December 31, 2018					
	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	0.67%	1.00%	1.00%	2.00%	1.81%	3.58%
Benchmark	0.93%	1.11%	1.11%	2.00%	1.80%	3.72%

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### Distribution by issuer—bonds



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## Plain talk about risk

The fund is designed for investors with a low tolerance for risk; however, the fund's performance could be hurt by:

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

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

**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 relatively low for the fund because it invests primarily in bonds that are considered to be of high 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.

**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. Extension risk is generally low for short-term bond funds.

**Liquidity risk:** The chance that the fund may not be able to sell a security in a timely manner at a desired price. Liquidity risk is generally low for short-term bond funds.

**Manager risk:** The chance that poor security selection will cause the fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.

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