Vanguard Balanced Index Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds) | Institutional Shares

Fund facts

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<tr>
<th>Risk level</th>
<th>Total net assets</th>
<th>Expense ratio as of 04/26/19</th>
<th>Ticker symbol</th>
<th>Turnover rate as of 12/31/18</th>
<th>Inception date</th>
<th>Fund number</th>
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<td>Low 1</td>
<td>High 5</td>
<td>$10,519 MM</td>
<td>0.06%</td>
<td>VBAIX</td>
<td>44.0%</td>
<td>12/01/00</td>
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Investment objective

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund seeks —with 60% of its assets—to track the investment performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of the overall U.S. stock market. With 40% of its assets, the fund seeks to track the investment performance of a broad, market-weighted bond index.

Investment strategy

The fund’s assets are divided between stocks and bonds, with an average of 60% of its assets in stocks and 40% in bonds. The fund’s stock segment attempts to track the performance of the CRSP US Total Market Index, an unmanaged index that covers all regularly traded U.S. stocks. The fund’s bond segment attempts to track the performance of the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Bond Index, an unmanaged index that covers virtually all taxable fixed income securities.

For the most up-to-date fund data, please scan the QR code below.

Benchmark

Balanced Composite Index

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

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Fund</th>
<th>Benchmark</th>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>20.18</td>
<td>19.82</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>13.34</td>
<td>13.45</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>4.31</td>
<td>4.65</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>11.51</td>
<td>11.72</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>18.11</td>
<td>18.25</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>10.00</td>
<td>10.06</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>0.52</td>
<td>0.76</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>8.81</td>
<td>8.89</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>13.86</td>
<td>13.93</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>-2.82</td>
<td>-2.80</td>
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Annual returns

Total returns

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<th>Periods ended September 30, 2019</th>
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<td>Quarter</td>
<td>1.68%</td>
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<td>Year to date</td>
<td>15.57%</td>
<td>15.62%</td>
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<td>One year</td>
<td>6.25%</td>
<td>6.29%</td>
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<td>Three years</td>
<td>8.97%</td>
<td>9.03%</td>
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<td>Five years</td>
<td>7.77%</td>
<td>7.86%</td>
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<td>Ten years</td>
<td>9.51%</td>
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The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors’ shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at vanguard.com/performance.

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.

Fund allocation

- Stock 59.3%
- Bond 39.3%
- Short-Term Reserves 1.4%
Plain talk about risk

The fund is subject to several stock and bond market risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. However, because stock and bond prices can move in different directions or to different degrees, the fund's bond and short-term investment holdings may counteract some of the volatility experienced by the fund's stock holdings. The fund’s performance could be hurt by:

**Stock market risk:** The chance that stock prices overall will decline. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising stock prices and periods of falling stock prices. The fund’s target index may, at times, become focused in stocks of a particular sector, category, or group of companies.

**Interest rate risk:** The chance that bond prices will decline because of rising interest rates.

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

**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.

**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.

**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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**Ten largest holdings**

1. Microsoft Corp.
2. Apple Inc.
3. Amazon.com Inc.
4. Alphabet Inc.
5. Facebook Inc.
6. Berkshire Hathaway Inc.
7. JPMorgan Chase & Co.
8. Johnson & Johnson
10. Exxon Mobil Corp.

**Top sector holdings—stocks**

- Technology: 20.8%
- Financials: 19.8%
- Consumer Services: 13.6%
- Industrials: 13.5%
- Health Care: 12.3%

**Distribution by issuer—bonds**

- Treasury/Agency: 43.3%
- Government: 22.1%
- Industrial: 16.5%
- Finance: 8.6%
- Foreign: 4.1%
- Asset-Backed: 2.7%
- Utilities: 2.0%
- Other: 0.7%
- Commercial Mortgage-Backed: 0.0%

Sector categories are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark ("ICB"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided an ICB classification as of the effective reporting period.

* The holdings listed exclude any temporary cash investments and equity index products.