

# Vanguard Health Care ETF | VHT

As of September 30, 2023

## Investment approach

- Seeks to track the performance of the MSCI US Investable Market Health Care 25/50 Index.
- Multicapitalization equity in the health care sector.
- The fund employs a passively managed, full-replication strategy when possible.
- If regulatory constraints prevent full replication, the fund uses a sampling strategy to approximate the index's key characteristics.
- The fund remains fully invested.
- Low expenses minimize net tracking error.

## About the benchmark

- The MSCI US Investable Market Health Care 25/50 Index includes stocks of U.S. companies within the health care sector.
- The sector is made up of companies that manufacture health care equipment and supplies or that provide health care-related services, and companies that are primarily involved in the research, development, production, and marketing of pharmaceuticals and biotechnology products.
- Uses GICS methodology and clearly classified sectors.
- Offers broad representation of the target sector across large-, medium-, and small-cap companies.

## Performance history

Total returns<sup>2</sup> for period ended September 30, 2023

VHT (Inception 01/26/2004)	Quarter	Year to					10 years	Since inception
		date	1 year	3 years	5 years	7 years		
Net asset value (NAV) return <sup>3</sup>	-3.75%	-4.32%	6.72%	6.24%	7.01%	11.30%	9.63%	
Market price return <sup>4</sup>	-3.78	-4.32	6.56	6.22	7.00	11.30	9.63	
Spliced U.S. Investable Market Health Care 25/50 Index	-3.73	-4.26	6.79	6.33	7.08	11.37	9.77	

MSCI US Investable Market Health Care Index through February 26, 2010; MSCI US Investable Market Health Care 25/50 Index thereafter.

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## Quick facts

Benchmark	MSCI US IMI/Health Care 25/50
Expense ratio <sup>1</sup>	0.10%
Dividend schedule	Quarterly
ETF total net assets	\$16,330 million
Fund total net assets	\$19,051 million
Inception date	January 26, 2004

## Trading information

Ticker symbol	VHT
CUSIP number	92204A504
IIV (intra-day ticker)	VHT.IV
Index ticker (Bloomberg)	MSUS5HCI
Exchange	NYSE Arca

## ETF attributes

	Health Care ETF	MSCI US IMI/Health Care 25/50
Number of stocks	412	404
Median market cap	\$121.3B	\$121.3B
Price/earnings ratio	26.3x	26.3x
Price/book ratio	4.2x	4.2x
Return on equity	21.4%	21.4%
Earnings growth rate	24.1%	24.1%
Turnover rate <sup>5</sup>	3.4	—
Standard deviation <sup>6</sup>	14.83%	14.83%



1. As reported in the most recent prospectus. A fund's current expense ratio may be lower or higher than the figure reported in the prospectus.

2. Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Fund performance figures assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions; the figures are pre-tax and net of expenses. The above widely used comparative index represents unmanaged or average returns on various financial assets that can be compared with the fund's total returns for the purpose of measuring relative performance.

3. As of 4 p.m., Eastern time, when the regular trading session of the New York Stock Exchange typically closes.

4. Market price returns are calculated using the midpoint between the bid and offer prices at the time NAV is calculated, typically 4 p.m., Eastern time.

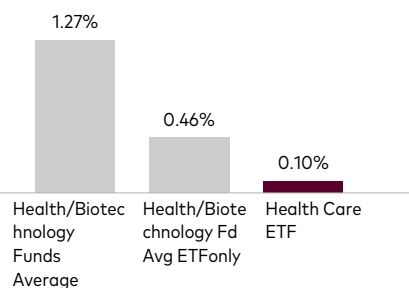
5. For most recent fiscal year. Turnover rate excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind purchases or redemptions of the fund's capital shares, including Vanguard ETF Creation Units.

6. A measure of the volatility of a fund—based on the fund's last three years of monthly returns—used to indicate the dispersion of past returns. A higher standard deviation means a greater potential for volatility. For funds with less than 36 months of performance history, standard deviation is not calculated.

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## Expense ratio comparison<sup>1</sup>



## Ten largest holdings and % of total net assets<sup>2</sup>

UnitedHealth Group Inc.	8.5%
Eli Lilly & Co.	7.9
Johnson & Johnson	6.8
AbbVie Inc.	4.8
Merck & Co. Inc.	4.8
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	3.6
Pfizer Inc.	3.4
Danaher Corp.	3.2
Abbott Laboratories	3.1
Amgen Inc.	2.6
Top ten as % of total net assets	48.7%

## Market capitalization breakdown

Large Cap	73.7%
Medium/Large Cap	0.8
Medium Cap	13.1
Medium/Small Cap	4.8
Small Cap	7.7

## Subindustry diversification as % of commonstock<sup>3</sup>

Pharmaceuticals	28.1%
Biotechnology	19.1
Health Care Equipment	17.6
Managed Health Care	12.8
Life Sciences Tools & Services	11.4
Health Care Services	4.8
Health Care Distributors	2.3
Health Care Facilities	1.7
Health Care Supplies	1.3
Health Care Technology	0.9

1. Represents the expense ratio for the Vanguard ETF as reported in the most recent prospectus. There are material differences between mutual funds and ETFs. Unlike mutual funds, ETFs are priced continuously and bought and sold throughout the day in the secondary market (at a premium or discount to net asset value) with the assistance of a stockbroker, which entails paying commissions. Sources: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and Vanguard, December 31, 2022.

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

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

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