

Vanguard® Balanced Index Fund

Investment Approach

Balanced allocation: 60% stocks, 40% bonds.
 Seeks capital appreciation, current income, and long-term growth of income.
 Equity portfolio seeks to track the CRSP US Total Market Index; fixed income portfolio seeks to track the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index.
 Passively managed approach, using index sampling.
 Low expenses minimize net tracking error.

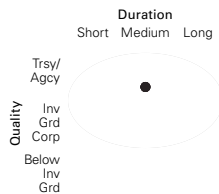
Note: The Investor Shares are closed to new investors.

Vanguard Style View: Moderate Allocation

Index portfolio of large-, mid-, and small-capitalization stocks diversified across investment styles.



Portfolio of U.S. Treasury, investment-grade corporate, and asset-backed securities.



● Central tendency
 ● Expected range of fund holdings

Quarterly Commentary

Major stock markets continued to advance in the first quarter of 2024, with a number of indexes reaching record highs. In the U.S., inflation readings came in higher than expected, but the labor market stayed on a solid footing, consumer spending remained strong, and the economy showed continued vigor. Given this backdrop, the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged.

Global stocks returned just shy of 8% for the quarter, as measured by the FTSE Global All Cap Index. U.S. equities led the way, while those in emerging markets lagged but still finished in positive territory.

With rate cuts looking less imminent, bond yields generally rose and prices declined.

The Balanced Composite Index, which is weighted 60% U.S. stocks and 40% U.S. bonds and is the benchmark index for Vanguard Balanced Index Fund, returned 5.62% for the quarter.

The benchmark's equity component, the CRSP US Total Market Index, returned 10.01%. Most industry sectors posted positive returns, with technology, industrials, and financials contributing to performance most.

The benchmark's fixed income component, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index, returned -0.72%, with only the highest-rated and shortest-dated bonds showing positive performance.

For the 12 months ended March 31, the Balanced Composite Index returned 17.72%; its equity component returned 29.33% and its bond component 1.77%.

Small deviations, whether positive or negative, in the fund's performance versus that of its benchmark index may occur because of the fund's sampling approach to approximate the index and temporary pricing differences between the fund and the index.

People and Process

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund seeks capital appreciation, current income, and long-term growth of income by tracking the investment performance of a balanced benchmark, with 60% of assets invested in the broad U.S. stock market and 40% of assets held in the investment-grade U.S. bond market.

Equity Component: The fund's stock portfolio seeks to track the investment performance of the CRSP US Total Market Index, an unmanaged benchmark representing the overall U.S. equity market. The portfolio replicates approximately 90% of the market capitalization of the CRSP US Total Market Index and invests in a representative sample of the balance using a portfolio optimization technique to avoid the expense and impracticality of full replication. The experience and stability of Vanguard's Equity Index Group have permitted continuous refinement of techniques for reducing tracking error. The group uses proprietary software to implement trading decisions that accommodate cash flow and maintain close correlation with index characteristics. Vanguard's refined indexing process, combined with low management fees and efficient trading, has provided tight tracking net of expenses.

Fixed Income Component: The fund's bond portfolio seeks to track the investment performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index, an unmanaged benchmark representing the broad, investment-grade, taxable U.S. bond market. The portfolio's passive investment style uses a sampling technique to closely match key benchmark characteristics: sector weight, coupon, maturity, effective duration, convexity, and credit quality. The optimized sampling technique is designed to avoid the expense and impracticality of fully replicating the index.

The Vanguard Group

Launched in 1975, The Vanguard Group, Malvern, Pennsylvania, is among the world's largest equity and fixed income managers. As chief investment officer, Gregory Davis, CFA, oversees Vanguard's Equity Index, Investment Strategy, Quantitative Equity, and Fixed Income Groups. The group has advised Vanguard Balanced Index Fund since 1992.

Vanguard Equity Index Group

Rodney Comegys, Principal and global head of Vanguard's Equity Index Group, is responsible for all equity index funds. The Equity Index Group manages indexed equity portfolios covering U.S. and international markets. It has developed sophisticated portfolio construction methodologies and efficient trading strategies that seek to deliver returns that are highly correlated with target portfolio benchmarks.

Investment Manager Biographies

Gerard C. O'Reilly, Principal. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2016. Worked in investment management since 1992. B.S., Villanova University.

Michael R. Roach, CFA. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2023. Worked in investment management since 2000. B.S., Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. M.S., Drexel University.

Aurelie Denis, CFA. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2023. Worked in investment management since 2017. B.S., Pennsylvania State University.

Vanguard Fixed Income Group

Sara Devereux, principal and global head of Fixed Income Group, has direct oversight responsibility for all money market, bond, and stable value portfolios managed by the Fixed Income Group. The Fixed Income Group offers actively managed investments in U.S. Treasury, corporate, and tax-exempt securities, as well as passively managed index portfolios. Since 1981, it has refined techniques in total-return management, credit research, and index sampling to seek to deliver consistent performance with transparency and risk control.

Investment Manager Biographies

Joshua C. Barrickman, CFA, Principal, Co-Head of Fixed Income Indexing Americas. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2013. Worked in investment management since 1999. B.S., Ohio Northern University. M.B.A., Lehigh University.

Tara Talone, CFA. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2022. Worked in investment management since 2008. B.S., Saint Joseph's University. M.B.A., The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Investment Advisors

	Fund Assets Managed	
	%	\$ Million
Vanguard Equity Index Group	61	33,732
Vanguard Fixed Income Group	38	20,864
Cash investments	1	286
Total	100	54,882

Total Returns

	Expense Ratio	Quarter	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Balanced Index Fund							
Investor Shares (11/9/1992)	0.18%	5.71%	5.71%	17.63%	4.74%	8.71%	7.99%
Admiral Shares (11/13/2000)	0.07	5.74	5.74	17.74	4.85	8.83	8.11
Institutional Shares (12/1/2000)	0.06	5.74	5.74	17.77	4.87	8.84	8.13
Balanced Composite Index	—	5.62	5.62	17.72	5.06	9.16	8.33

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Note: Balanced Composite Index: Weighted 60% Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) and 40% Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through May 31, 2005; 60% MSCI US Broad Market Index and 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009; 60% MSCI US Broad Market Index and 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index through January 14, 2013; and 60% CRSP US Total Market Index and 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter. Admiral class shareholders are required to maintain specific minimum balances and meet other special criteria. Institutional class shareholders are required to maintain a minimum balance of \$5 million.

Quarterly Returns: Investor Shares

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year-End		
					Balanced Index Fund	CRSP US Total Market Index	Assets (Millions)
2024	5.71%	—	—	—	—	—	\$193
2023	5.53	4.60%	-3.24%	9.95%	17.44%	17.69%	194
2022	-5.62	-12.16	-4.52	4.89	-16.97	-16.41	199
2021	2.34	5.76	-0.06	5.47	14.09	14.28	317
2020	-11.63	14.24	5.71	8.94	16.26	17.34	334
2019	9.54	3.73	1.64	5.36	21.67	21.87	396
2018	-0.91	2.25	4.23	-8.11	-2.97	-2.80	3,014
2017	3.78	2.40	2.99	3.93	13.75	13.93	3,474
2016	1.94	2.53	2.79	1.12	8.63	8.89	3,343
2015	1.71	-0.70	-3.87	3.38	0.37	0.76	3,090
2014	1.96	3.68	0.03	3.88	9.84	10.06	3,174

Quarterly Returns: Admiral Shares

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year-End		
					Balanced Index Fund	CRSP US Total Market Index	Assets (Millions)
2024	5.74%	—	—	—	—	—	\$44,205
2023	5.59	4.63%	-3.21%	9.96%	17.58%	17.69%	42,048
2022	-5.60	-12.14	-4.49	4.90	-16.90	-16.41	37,437
2021	2.37	5.79	-0.03	5.50	14.22	14.28	47,564
2020	-11.60	14.27	5.74	8.97	16.40	17.34	39,901
2019	9.57	3.73	1.70	5.36	21.79	21.87	33,585
2018	-0.88	2.28	4.25	-8.09	-2.86	-2.80	23,913
2017	3.82	2.43	3.02	3.96	13.89	13.93	23,556
2016	1.98	2.56	2.82	1.14	8.77	8.89	18,695
2015	1.74	-0.66	-3.83	3.41	0.51	0.76	15,726
2014	1.99	3.71	0.07	3.92	9.99	10.06	14,112

Quarterly Returns: Institutional Shares

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year-End		
					Balanced Index Fund	CRSP US Total Market Index	Assets (Millions)
2024	5.74%	—	—	—	—	—	\$10,470
2023	5.57	4.63%	-3.21%	9.98%	17.58%	17.69%	9,989
2022	-5.59	-12.13	-4.46	4.90	-16.87	-16.41	10,268
2021	2.35	5.79	-0.01	5.48	14.20	14.28	13,081
2020	-11.59	14.24	5.75	8.99	16.41	17.34	11,685
2019	9.57	3.74	1.68	5.39	21.79	21.87	11,143
2018	-0.87	2.28	4.26	-8.06	-2.82	-2.80	9,543
2017	3.78	2.43	3.02	3.96	13.86	13.93	10,075
2016	1.98	2.57	2.82	1.18	8.81	8.89	8,495
2015	1.78	-0.70	-3.80	3.38	0.52	0.76	7,452
2014	1.99	3.71	0.07	3.92	10.00	10.06	7,392

Volatility Measures

	R-Squared	Beta
Balanced Composite Index	1.00	1.00
Spliced Total Stock Market Index	0.97	0.71

R-squared and beta are calculated from trailing 36-month fund returns relative to the associated benchmark.

Fund Facts

	Investor Shares	Admiral Shares	Institutional Shares
Fund Number	0002	0502	0869
Ticker	VBINX	VBIAX	VBAIX
Newspaper Listing	Balanced	BalAdml	Ballnst
CUSIP Number	921931101	921931200	921931309
Assets (millions) (Total \$54,868)	\$193	\$44,205	\$10,470
Inception	11/9/1992	11/13/2000	12/1/2000
Expense Ratio (as of 4/2023)	0.18%	0.07%	0.06%

Fund Asset Allocation

	% of Total Net Assets
Stocks	61.3%
Bonds	38.1
Short-term reserves	0.6
Total	100.0%

Equity Characteristics

	Balanced Index Fund	CRSP US Total Market Index
Number of stocks	3,268	3,656
Median market cap	\$159.8 Billion	\$159.8 Billion
Average market cap	\$698.4 Billion	\$698.6 Billion
Price/earnings ratio	25.1x	25.1x
Price/book ratio	4.1x	4.1x
Return on equity	24.0%	24.0%
Earnings growth rate	13.9%	13.9%
Equity yield (dividend)	1.3%	1.3%
Foreign holdings	0.1%	0.0%
Short-term reserves	0.0%	—
Turnover rate (fiscal year end)	19.2%	—

Ten Largest Stocks

	% of Total Net Assets
Microsoft Corp.	6.2%
Apple Inc.	5.0
NVIDIA Corp.	4.2
Amazon.com Inc.	3.3
Alphabet Inc.	3.2
Meta Platforms Inc.	2.1
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	1.5
Eli Lilly & Co.	1.3
Broadcom Inc.	1.2
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.1
Top Ten as % of Common Stock	29.1%
Top Ten as % of Total Net Assets	17.8%

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

Distribution by Credit Quality

	% of Portfolio
U.S. Government	67.3%
Aaa	3.6
Aa	3.0
A	12.8
Baa	13.4
Less than BBB	0.0
Not Rated	-0.1
Total	100.0%

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Sector Diversification (% of Stocks)

	Balanced Index Fund	CRSP US Total Market Index	Overweight/ Underweight
Basic Materials	1.9%	1.9%	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	14.2	14.2	0.0
Consumer Staples	4.5	4.5	0.0
Energy	4.2	4.2	0.0
Financials	11.0	11.0	0.0
Health Care	11.9	11.9	0.0
Industrials	13.1	13.1	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	2.7	2.7	0.0
Technology	32.1	32.1	0.0
Telecommunications	1.9	1.9	0.0
Utilities	2.5	2.5	0.0
Total	100.0%	100.0%	

Sector categories are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark system ("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.

Fixed Income Characteristics

	Balanced Index Fund	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index
Number of bonds	9,896	13,530
Average effective maturity	8.5 years	8.4 years
Average duration	6.1 years	6.2 years

Distribution by Issuer

	% of Portfolio
Asset-Backed	0.6%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed	1.9
Finance	8.8
Foreign	3.4
Government Mortgage-Backed	20.0
Industrial	15.5
Treasury/Agency	46.8
Utilities	2.4
Other	0.6
Total	100.0%

Distribution by Effective Maturity

	% of Portfolio
Under 1 Year	0.4%
1 to 5 Years	42.6%
5 to 10 Years	36.6%
10 - 15 Years	3.0%
15 - 20 Years	5.5%
20 - 25 Years	4.5%
Over 25 Years	7.4%
Total	100.0%

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