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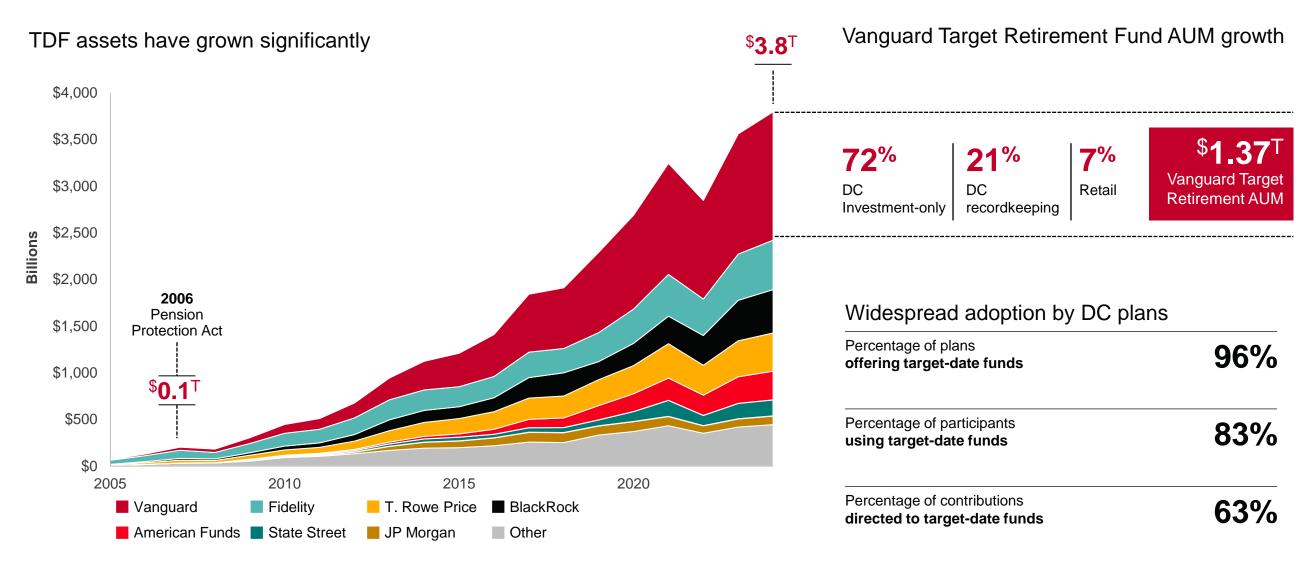
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# Target Retirement Funds and Trusts 1Q 2024 update

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Client Account Executive

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## TDFs have become the cornerstone of retirement plans



Sources: TDF assets are based on data from Vanguard, Morningstar, and company public filings, as of March 31, 2024. Data on TDF use in defined contribution (DC) plans is taken from How America Saves 2023 and is for Vanguard-administered DC plans only.

Expiration date: 4/3/2025

## Our key TDF components that power participant success

## Aligned interests →



Because Vanguard is the only investor-owned firm in our industry, we're focused on your best interests, seeing your participants' hopes, goals, and dreams as our own.\*

### Purposeful design and evolution →

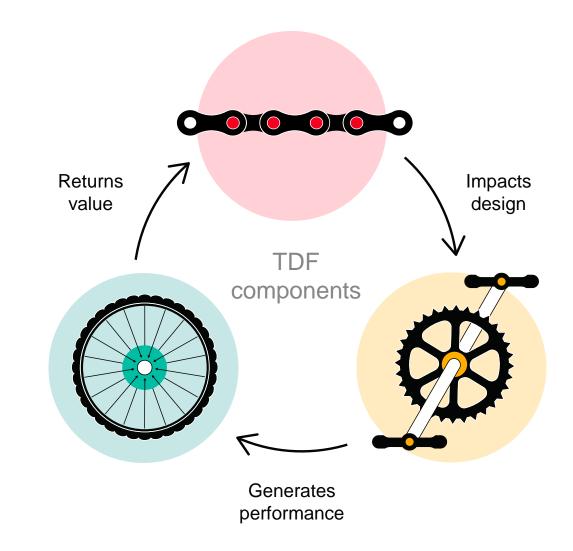


We design our TDFs to help give participants the best chance for a lasting retirement income, and we constantly evaluate new ideas for improving investor outcomes.

## **Time-tested performance** →



Our absolute and risk-adjusted performance has been consistently strong through multiple market cycles and up-and-down markets.



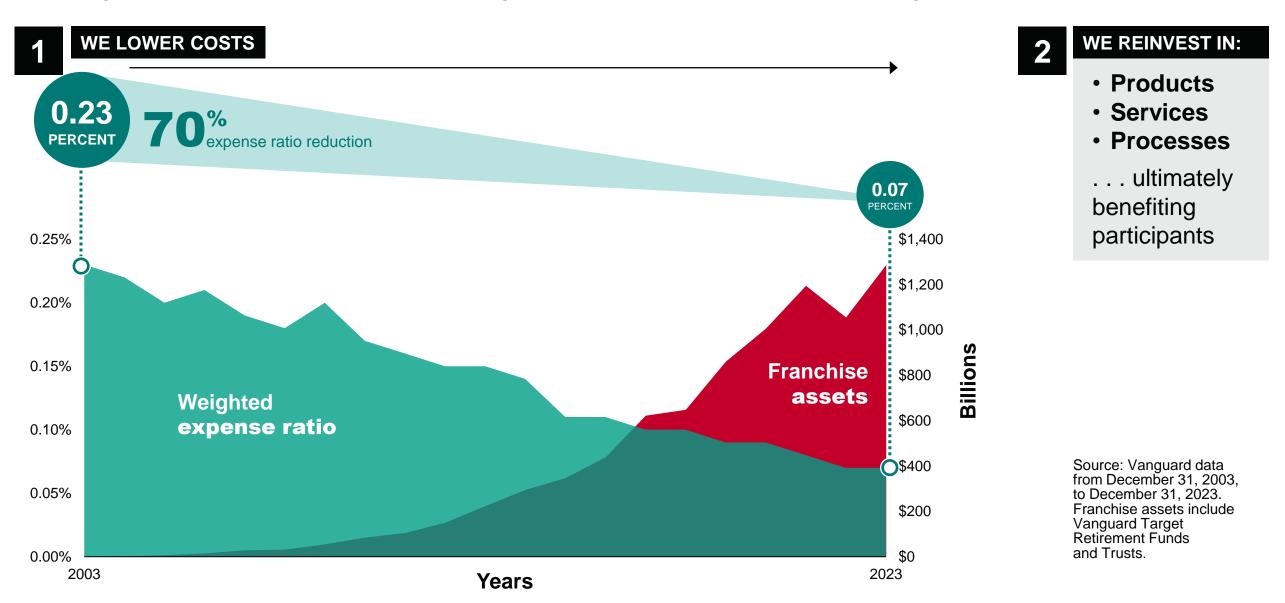


<sup>\*</sup> Fund shareholders own the funds that own Vanguard.

# Aligned interests

## How we return value to you and your participants

Lowering costs is half the equation of returning value, and the other half is reinvesting in the business.



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## Dedicated expertise at every step of the process

From analyst to CEO, an extensive group of dedicated professionals strive to maximize participants' chances for retirement success

GLOBAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (GIC)

• Primary governance committee for all Vanguard products composed of global business leaders, including Vanguard's CEO

 Considers and approves investment matters pertaining to all Vanguard products and provides organizational direction on strategic fund/investment initiatives



#### STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (SAAC)

 Multi-asset governance committee composed of global investment leaders. including Vanguard's global CIO and chief economist

 Regularly reviews investment methodology, considers and approves investment strategies, and ensures a consistent approach across product and advice offers



#### PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

#### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

#### Multi-Asset Solutions Team

#### **Portfolio Review Department**

- Fund health and product oversight
- Product research and new product development
- Competitive analysis and landscape assessment
- Brian Wimmer Head of Multi-Asset Solutions

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## Head of Multi-Asset Portfolio Management

#### **Multi-Asset Portfolio Management Team**

#### **Investment Management Group**

- Daily implementation of the strategic asset allocation
- Portfolio rebalance policy execution
- · Daily cash-flow management

## Roger Aliaga-Díaz 👛

**Portfolio** 

**Construction Team** 

**Investment Strategy Group** 

development and maintenance

Sub-asset allocation and portfolio

Strategic asset allocation methodology

Vanguard investment model

construction research

Chief Economist (Americas) and Global Head of Portfolio Construction

#### **Multi-Asset Risk Team**

#### **Investment Management** and Finance Risk

- Investment and operational risk monitoring/analysis
- · Ensure adherence to relevant policies/guardrails
- Risk and performance assessments

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Head of Multi-Asset Investment Risk

Co-portfolio manager, Target Retirement Funds and Trusts

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## Purposeful design and evolution

## Who are TDFs designed for?

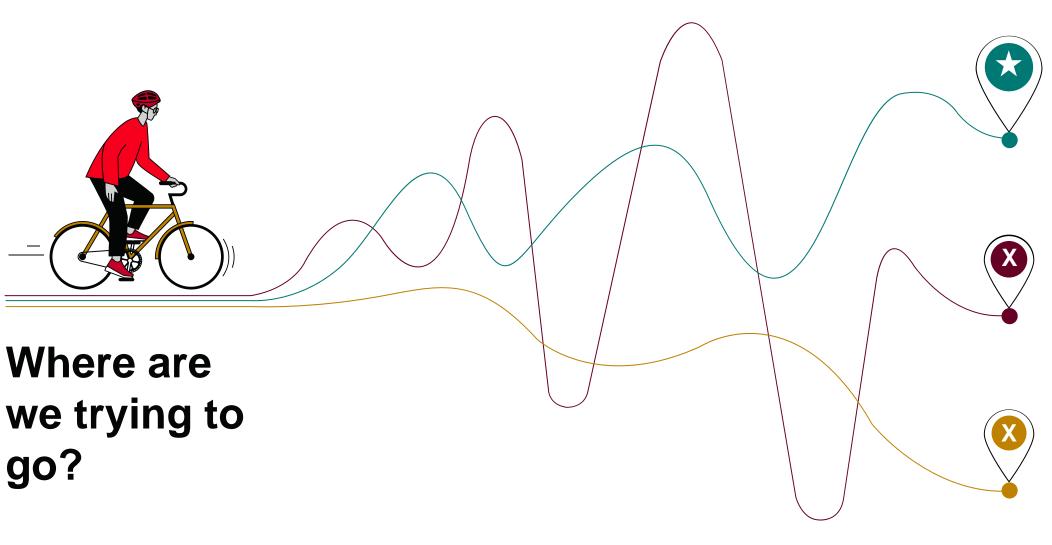
- Broadest swath of participants
- Investors defaulted into TDFs
- One-stop shoppers

Based on national demographic averages with an assumed retirement age





## What is the purpose of a TDF?



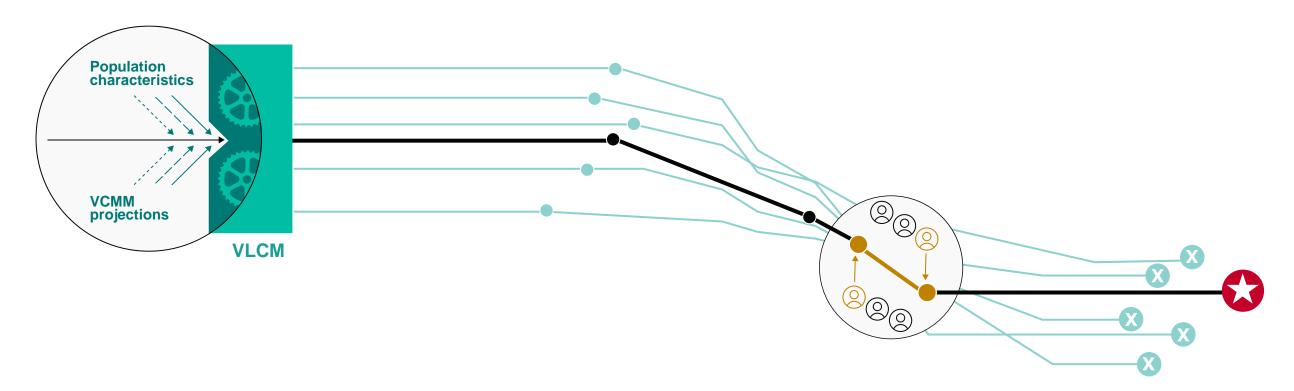
It's about getting participants to and through retirement with enough income.

It's NOT about maximizing expected returns, which risks panic selling and a wild ride into retirement.

It's NOT about minimizing risk, as investors may run out of money in retirement.



## A glide path dedicated to improving investor outcomes



#### Inputs

- Participant population characteristics
- Vanguard Capital Markets Model® (VCMM) asset-class return projections

#### **Constantly evaluated**

Due diligence through constant analysis of existing glide path against thousands of simulated glide paths through our Vanguard Life-Cycle Investing Model (VLCM)

#### Designed for the real world

Practical considerations and observed participant behavior taken into account to meet the needs of real-world TDF investors

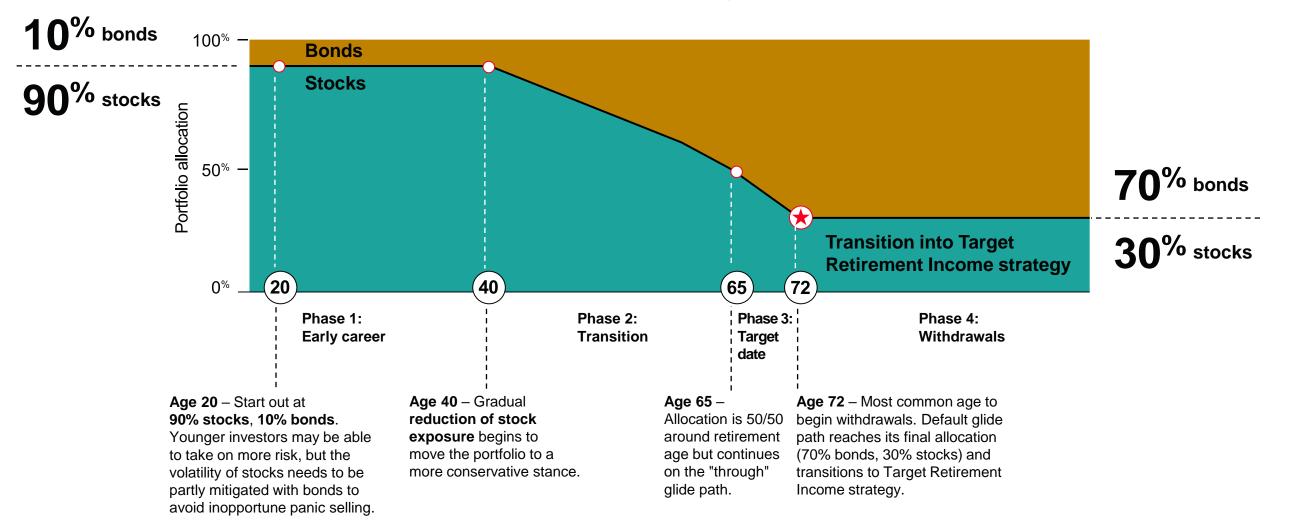
#### **Outputs**

- Retirement income sufficiency
- Wealth accumulation
- Portfolio volatility
- Maximum drawdown
- Probability of positive TDF balance at ages 85 and 95



## Balancing risk and return at every stage of the investor's life

Glide path determined by time-tested investment principles and behavioral insights

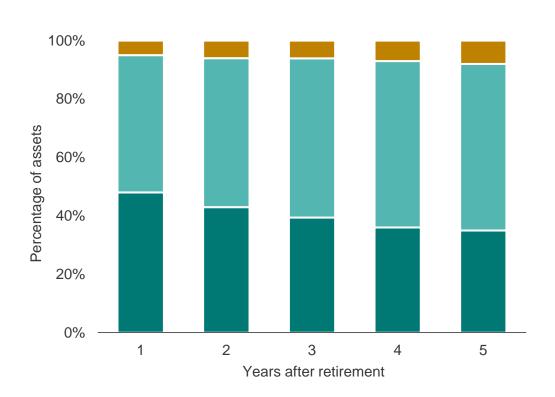




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## Data on participant behavior supports a 'through' glide-path design

Within five years of retirement, about 60% of assets are rolled over . . .

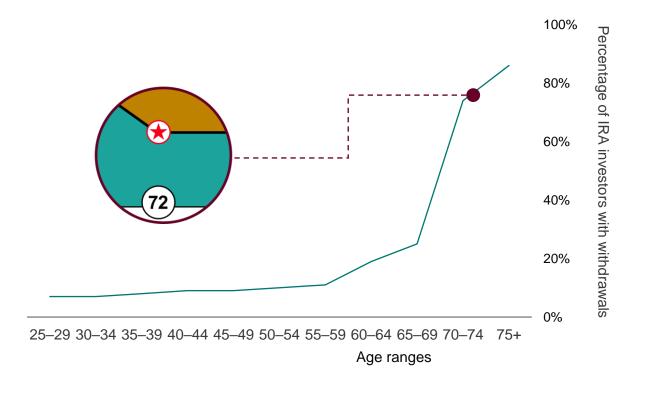


Rollover Remain in the plan

Cash

Source: Retirement distribution decisions among DC participants, Vanguard, February 2023.

. . . but investors typically don't withdraw money after rolling over until around age 72

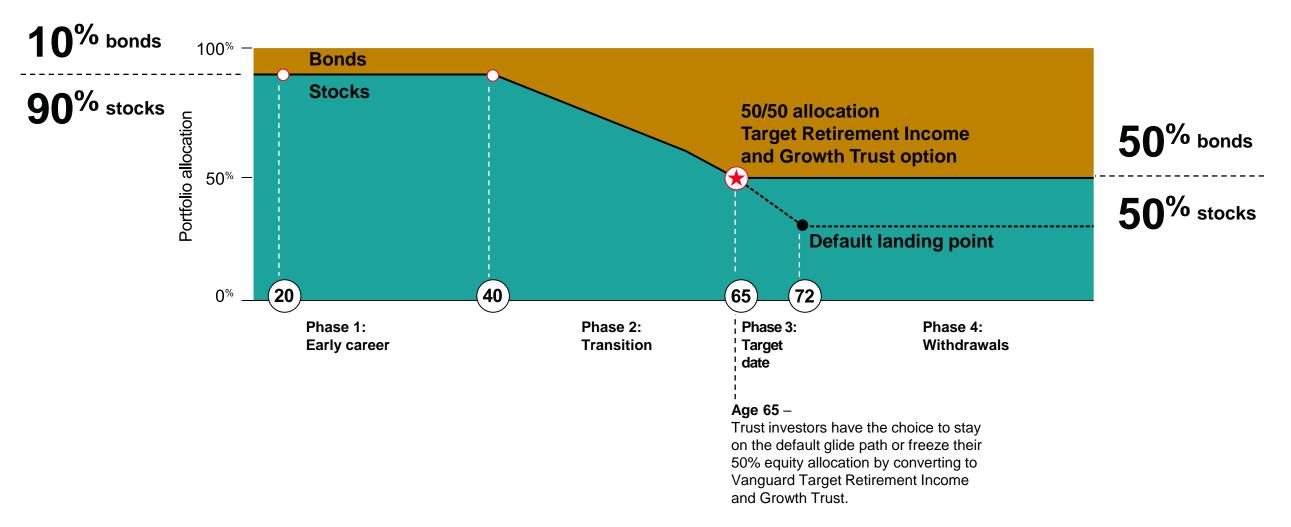


Source: Craig Copeland, "EBRI IRA Database: IRA Balances, Contributions, Rollovers, Withdrawals, and Asset Allocation, 2017 Update," EBRI Issue Brief, no. 513 (Employee Benefit Research Institute, September 17, 2020).



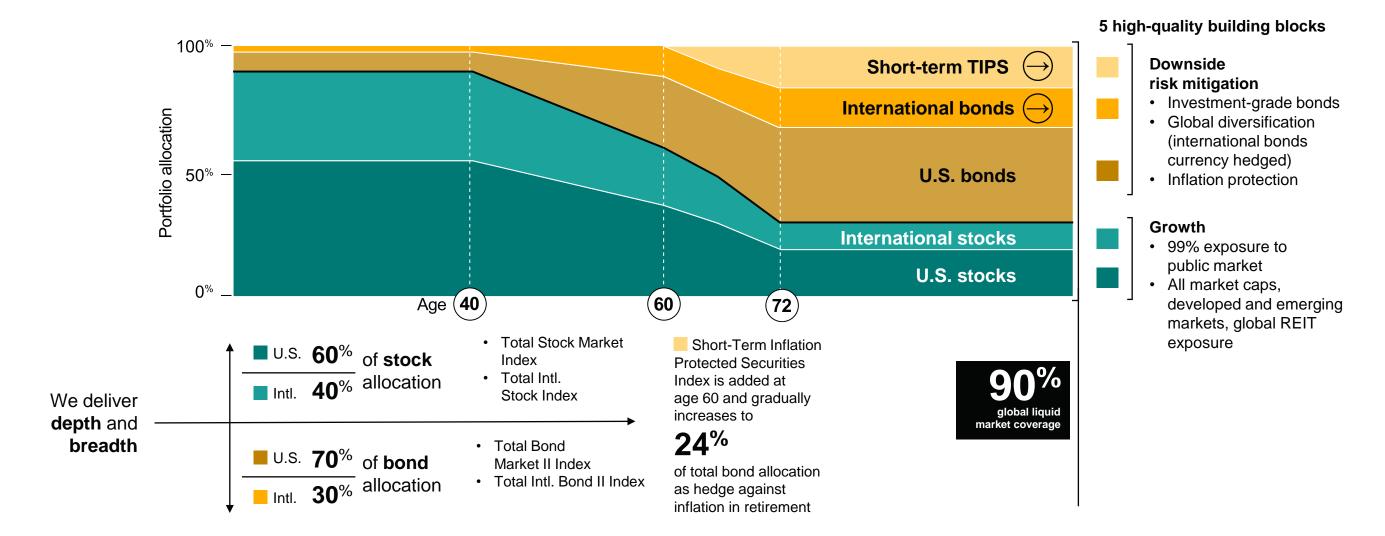
## An alternative landing point for participants

Investors with the resources and risk tolerance may consider Target Retirement Income and Growth Trust





## A strategic asset allocation using high-quality building blocks



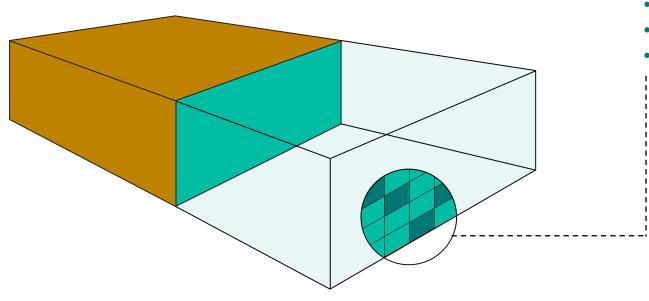
Sources: FactSet, Fidelity, BlackRock. Stock market measured by FactSet data derived from Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD, U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted, Global High Yield, and EM Hard Currency Aggregate indexes. Commodities market measured by FactSet data. Data as of December 31, 2023.

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## **Key decisions in TDF construction**

1. Glide path **Active decisions** 2. Sub-asset allocation Index, active, or blend decision 3. Implementation



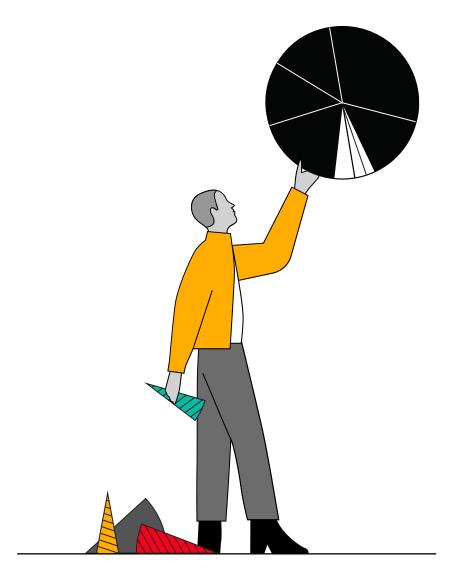
#### **Construction considerations**

- Straightforward, transparent, liquid, cost-efficient?
- Constraints on glide path or underlying strategies?
- Tactical tilts?
- Undue risks?

Learn how Vanguard rebalances (→



## What's NOT in our TDFs, and why



#### We carefully evaluate strategies on:

- Appropriateness for the broadest swath of participants, including those disengaged and defaulted into TDFs
- Broad investment criteria (cost, simplicity, transparency, liquidity)
- Portfolio construction criteria (improve diversification, enhance return, reduce risk)
- Ability to materially improve long-term probability of retirement success

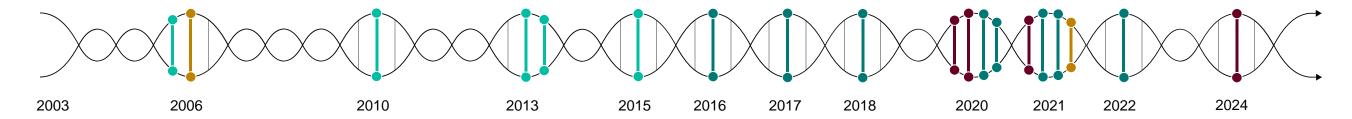
We exclude strategies that add volatility without adequate compensation in return or that fail to meet the criteria above.

#### **Examples of strategies we do not currently include:**

- High-yield bonds →
- Commodities
- Overweighting REITs →
- Tactical or static tilts based on size, style, sector, duration, etc.

## Purposeful evolution through constant evaluation

Since our TDFs' 2003 inception, we've only made changes that can meaningfully improve investor outcomes.



#### **Enhanced asset** allocation

- Increased equity weight in Income fund (2006)
- Added emerging markets stocks (2006)
- Added Canada and more international equity exposure (including small-caps) through Total International Stock Index, replacing three regional funds (2010)
- Added international bonds (2013)
- Replaced broad TIPS fund with short-term TIPS for better responsiveness to inflation and removed money market fund (2013)
- Increased international allocations for both stocks and bonds (2015)

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#### Improved fund/trust suite

- Launched five-year vintage increments (2006)
- Added Target Retirement Income and Growth Trust, an alternative landing point with a 50/50 allocation (2021)
- Added series 2065 (2017) and 2070 (2022) as part of the five-year vintage increments

#### **Reduced implementation** costs and tax drag

- Moved from quarterly to monthly glide-path rolldown (2020)
- Across trust vintages, replaced underlying international fund with an international trust, minimizing foreign tax withholdings (2021)
- Ehanced rebalancing policies to reduce transaction costs and improve performance measurement (2024)

#### Lowered fees, increased access

- Lowered expense ratios (2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, and 2021)
- Reduced minimum for Institutional Target Retirement Funds (2020)
- Reduced minimum for Target Retirement Trusts (2021)
- Merged Institutional Target Retirement Funds into Target Retirement Funds (2022)



## Vanguard's Target Retirement Trust options for participants near retirement

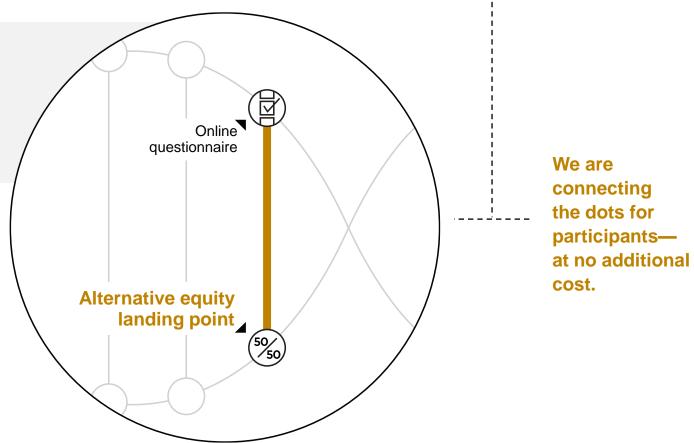


#### **Investments**

Vanguard Target Retirement Income and Growth Trust offers an alternative equity landing point for those participants who have more financial resources, alternative income streams in retirement, and the risk tolerance to take on a higher equity allocation to potentially fund higher spending goals in retirement.\*

#### Participant guidance

Online questionnaire sent beginning at age 60 to help participants choose the appropriate landing point.

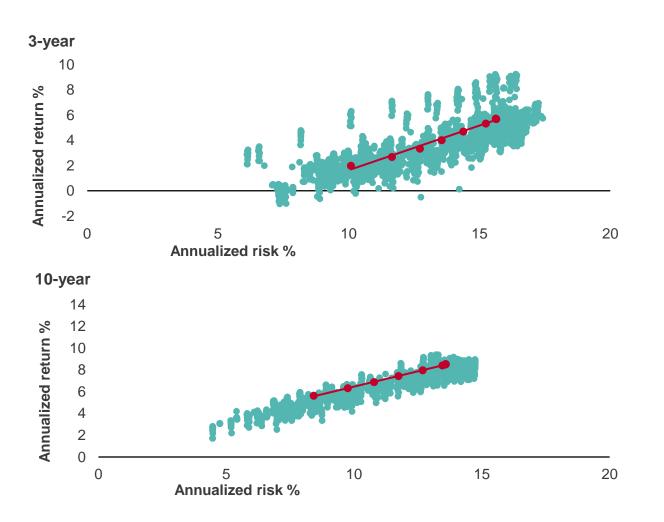


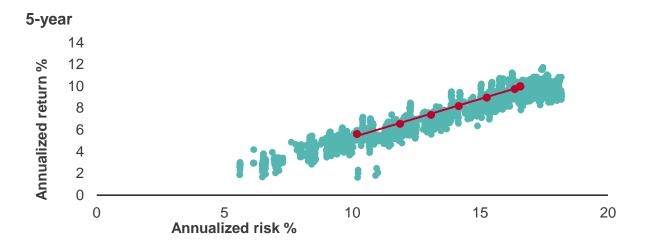
\*This option is currently only available as a commingled investment trust, not as a 1940 Act mutual fund.

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## A history of consistently strong risk-adjusted performance





Investors may be in TDFs for decades. **Consistent performance across all market** environments is critical.

- TDF peers in Morningstar universe
- Vanguard Target Retirement Funds

Standard deviation was used for annualized risk. Results will vary for other time periods. All funds in the Morningstar peer group with a minimum 3-, 5-, or 10-year history, respectively, were included in the comparison. There may be other material differences between products that must be considered prior to investing. Note that the competitive performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a quarantee of future results, and that all investments are subject to risks. 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 the most recent performance, visit our website at vanguard.com/performance.

Sources: Vanguard and Morningstar, Inc., as of March 31, 2024. Vanguard Investor Shares highlighted.



## Consistent stellar performance relative to peers

	Income fund	2025 fund	2050 fund
Average quartile ranking in Morningstar peer group for rolling 10-year periods since inception	Top quartile	Top quartile	Top quartile
Percentage of times fund outperformed the peer-group average based on 10-year rolling returns since inception	100% of the time	100% of the time	100% of the time

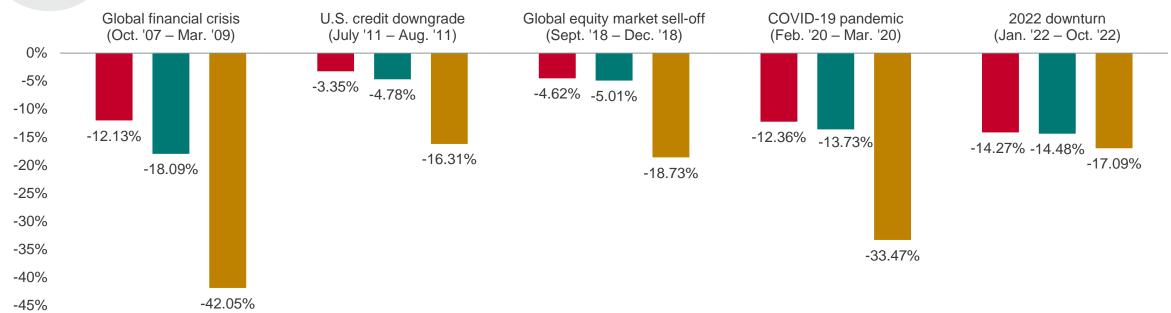
The three vintages were chosen because they represented scenarios for those who are well into retirement, those nearing retirement, and those further from retirement, and because each fund has a track record of at least 15 years. The analysis reviewed 10-year returns on a rolling quarterly basis from June 30, 2006, through December 31, 2023. Only competing funds with a 10-year history for the relevant period were included. For the Income Fund, the number of funds in the peer group ranged from 35 in the earliest period to 106 in the most recent period; for the 2025 Fund, from 10 to 146; and for the 2050 fund, from 26 to 139. The top row shows the average quartile ranking for the aggregate rolling periods. The bottom row shows how often our fund outperformed the peer average over those rolling periods. Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund ranked in the top quartile 61% of the rolling 10-year periods (19 out of 31 periods) and outperformed the peer-group average in all those 10-year periods. Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund ranked in the top quartile 90% of periods (28 out of 31) and outperformed the peer group average in all those periods. Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund ranked in the top guartile 58% of periods (18 out of 31) and outperformed the peer-group average in all those periods. Results will vary with different time periods. Sources: Vanguard and Morningstar, Inc., as of December 31, 2023.

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## Designed to deliver strong performance while limiting volatility



Investors in retirement are the most vulnerable. Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund has fared better than the peer average during severe market downturns, providing better risk mitigation when investors need it most.



**Vanguard Target Retirement Income** 

**Morningstar Target-Date Income Average** 

S&P 500 Index

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Sources: Vanguard and Morningstar, Inc. Data are as of month-end through month-end for each relevant period.



## Vanguard is the QDIA provider of choice



36% of the industry

have entrusted Vanguard with

more than \$1 trillion

in TDF assets for their

15 million

participants

Note: DC assets are based on AUM in both Vanguard-administered plans and those administered by others. Other figures are based on AUM market share of the TDF industry. Sources: Vanguard and Morningstar, Inc., as of December 31, 2023.



## **Investment performance returns**

Annualized (as of March 31, 2024)

	Expense ratio	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	Inception date
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Vintage	·			-			•	
Fund	0.08	2.09	8.47	1.23	4.14	4.14	4.91	10/27/2003
Trust II	0.075	2.13	8.43	1.25	4.17	4.18	4.63	2/29/2008
Target Retirement Income Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	2.15	8.70	1.44	4.44	4.37	_	_
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	2.83	10.42	1.98	5.60	5.63	5.99	6/7/2006
Trust II	0.075	2.85	10.44	2.02	5.64	5.68	5.87	2/29/2008
Target Retirement 2020 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	2.86	10.70	2.26	5.96	5.91	_	_
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	3.81	12.95	2.68	6.55	6.31	6.64	10/27/2003
Trust II	0.075	3.83	12.93	2.77	6.64	6.39	6.35	2/29/2008
Target Retirement 2025 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	3.84	13.24	3.04	6.99	6.63	_	_
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	4.57	14.81	3.35	7.37	6.88	6.74	6/7/2006
Trust II	0.075	4.55	14.82	3.43	7.44	6.95	6.72	2/29/2008
Target Retirement 2030 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>		4.52	15.09	3.71	7.80	7.20		

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Source: Data derived from Morningstar, Inc.

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## Investment performance returns

Annualized (as of March 31, 2024)

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	Expense ratio	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	Inception date		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Vintage										
Fund	0.08	5.24	16.37	4.02	8.17	7.43	7.50	10/27/2003		
Trust II	0.075	5.19	16.37	4.11	8.25	7.51	7.16	2/29/2008		
Target Retirement 2035 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	<i>5.14</i>	16.61	4.36	8.59	7.75	_	_		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Vintage										
Fund	0.08	5.85	17.94	4.69	8.96	7.95	7.46	6/7/2006		
Trust II	0.075	5.83	17.95	4.75	9.02	8.02	7.58	2/29/2008		
Target Retirement 2040 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	5.76	18.15	5.02	9.37	8.28	_	_		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Vintage										
Fund	0.08	6.45	19.45	5.34	9.74	8.40	8.20	10/27/2003		
Trust II	0.075	6.41	19.44	5.40	9.78	8.46	7.84	2/29/2008		
Target Retirement 2045 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	6.38	19.70	5.66	10.14	8.73	_	_		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Vintage										
Fund	0.08	6.89	20.44	5.69	9.99	8.53	7.81	6/7/2006		
Trust II	0.075	6.87	20.50	5.75	10.06	8.59	7.93	2/29/2008		
Target Retirement 2050 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	<u> </u>	6.84	20.76	6.02	10.41	8.87	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		

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Trust II	0.075	6.88	20.49	5.76	10.06	8.58	10.49	8/31/2010
Target Retirement 2055 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	6.84	20.76	6.02	10.41	8.87	_	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	6.87	20.44	5.70	9.99	8.51	9.91	1/19/2012
Trust II	0.075	6.86	20.46	5.77	10.07	8.59	9.63	3/1/2012
Target Retirement 2060 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	6.84	20.76	6.02	10.41	8.87	_	_
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	6.88	20.41	5.72	9.98	_	9.19	7/12/2017
Trust II	0.075	6.86	20.46	5.76	10.07	_	9.78	7/17/2017
Target Retirement 2065 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	6.84	20.76	6.02	10.41	_	_	_
Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	6.88	20.51	_	_	_	16.00	6/8/2022
Trust II	0.075	6.89	20.56	_			6.85	4/7/2022
Target Retirement 2070 Composite Index		6.84	20.76	6.02	10.41	8.76		

Source: Data derived from Morningstar, Inc.

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# Appendix

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Glide-path comparison Landing point equity Major TDF providers choose different paths allocations\* **Vanguard Vanguard** 50% 30% 50% **Equity** allocation at age 65 ▼ Target Retirement Income and Growth Trust **Vanguard** Starting 40% American Funds **50**% BlackRock equity allocation ▼ Target Retirement Income **Vanguard Vanguard** 90%90%90%90%90% **Fidelity** 90% **-**5 -10-20 -25 -30 0 -15 Strategic equity allocation Industry range Industry average American Funds Target Date Retirement BlackRock LifePath Index Fidelity Freedom Index State Street Target Retirement T. Rowe Price Retirement Vanguard Target Retirement Landing point 30 25 20 15 10 -30 Years to retirement

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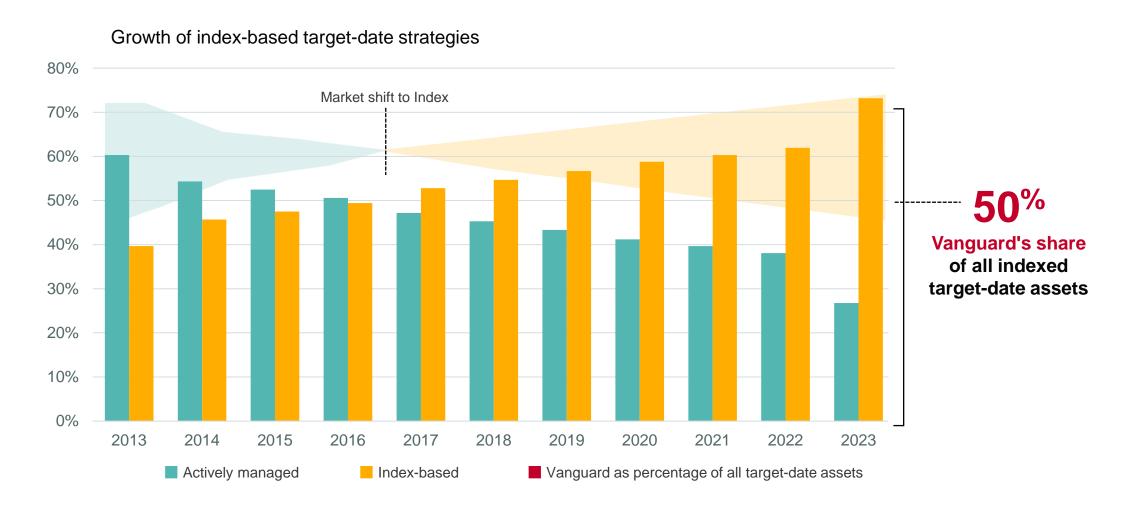


<sup>\*</sup>Vanguard Target Retirement Funds and Trusts reach a 30% equity allocation via Target Retirement Income Fund or Trust. Alternatively, participants can maintain a 50% equity allocation by switching to Vanguard Target Retirement Income and Growth Trust.

Sources: Vanguard and competitor websites; data as of December 31, 2023; Vanguard calculation for industry average.

## Index-based approach is leading the target-date market...

#### ...and Vanguard is driving that approach



Sources: Vanguard and Morningstar, Inc., as of December 31, 2022. The assets include both 1940 Act mutual funds and commingled investment trusts.

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## Why indexing is a logical choice for QDIA

Percentage of equity funds that underperformed relevant index								
Fund category	Comparison index	10-year	20-year*					
All domestic	S&P Composite 1500	91%	94%					
Global	S&P Global 1200	91%	91%					
International	S&P Developed Ex-U.S. SmallCap	70%	78%					
Emerging markets	S&P/IFCI Composite	89%	95%					
Percentage of fixed income funds that underperformed relevant index								
Fund category	Comparison index	10-year	15-year*					
Government intermediate	iBoxx \$ Domestic Sovereigns & Sub- Sovereigns 1-10Y	94%	83%					
Investment-grade intermediate	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	71%	59%					
High yield	iBoxx \$ Liquid High Yield	78%	78%					
Global	Barclays Global Aggregate	63%	58%					

#### **Advantages**

- √ Straightforward
- Transparent
- √ Cost-efficient
- ✓ Low manager risk

History of long-term outperformance relative to active strategies across asset classes

Source: S&P SPIVA Scorecard, data as of December 31, 2023.

<sup>\*</sup> Longest time period measured in SPIVA report was 20 years for equity funds and 15 years for fixed income funds. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

## Vanguard, a premier index portfolio manager

#### Skill and scale

- 40+ years indexing experience
- 200+ dedicated investment professionals
- Global trading platform
- History of consistent tight tracking

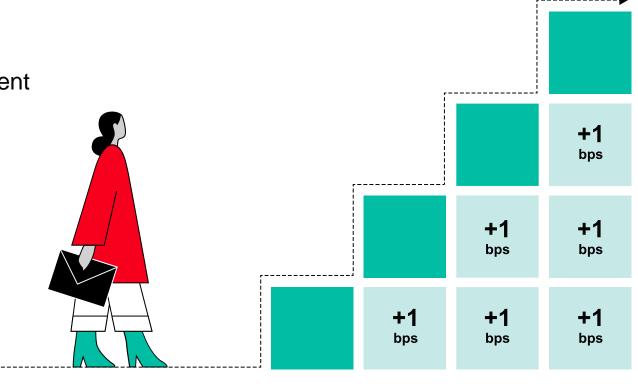
#### Safeguards and infrastructure

Integrated but independent risk management

Value-add proprietary trading strategies

#### Client focus

- Proactive cost reductions
- Investor-friendly securities lending
- TDF rebalancing optimization





Incremental

added value

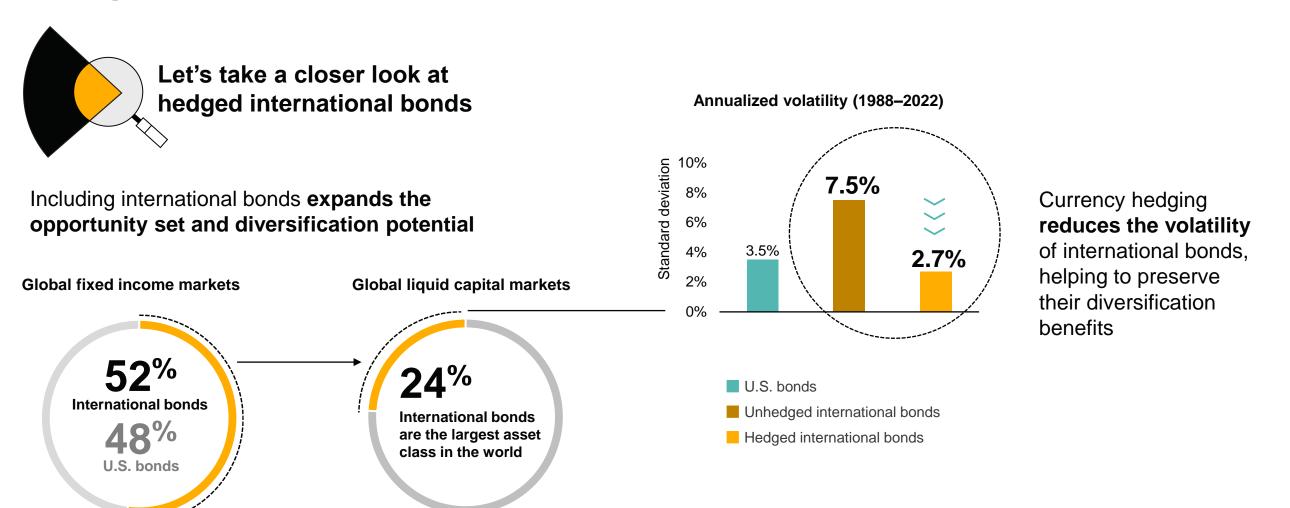
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success

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## Hedged international bonds can improve portfolio diversification

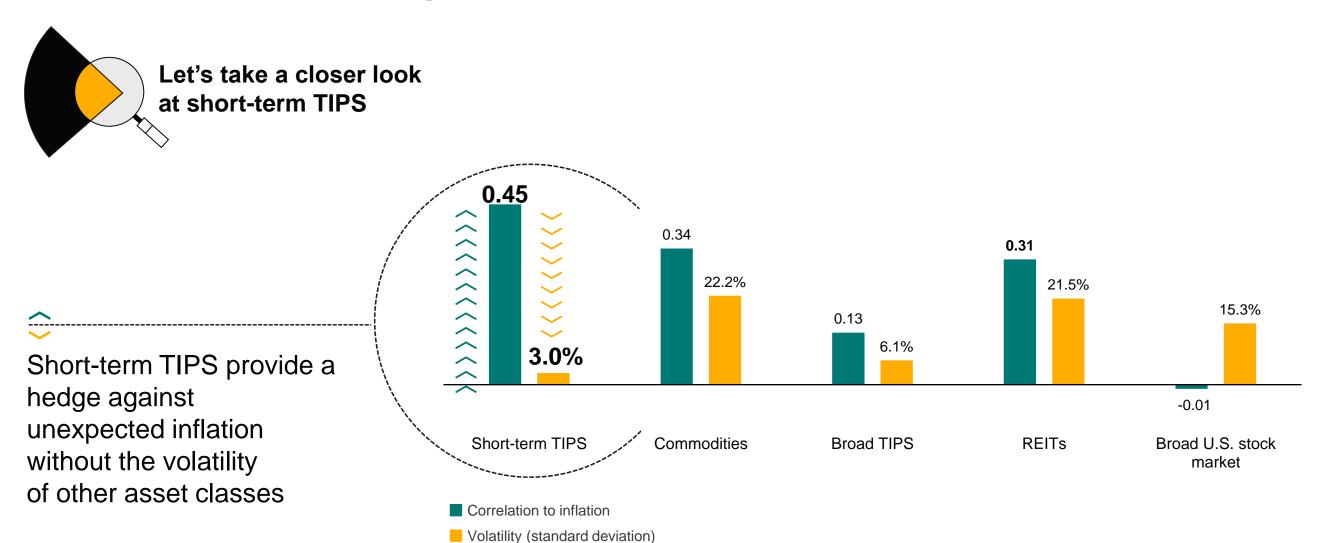


Sources: Vanguard calculations using data from Bloomberg, MSCI, and FactSet, for the period from January 1, 1988, through December 31, 2022. MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index was used for U.S. stocks, MSCI AC World Ex USA IMI Index for international stocks and Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index for U.S. bonds. International bonds were represented by Citigroup World Government Bond Index through 1989 and Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Index thereafter.

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All other asset classes

## Short-term TIPS: Higher correlation to inflation with less volatility



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Notes: Correlation with inflation was calculated across the median return from the VCMM distribution of each asset class and inflation within equilibrium market conditions. Inflation beta was calculated as the slope of each asset class and inflation across all 10,000 paths cross-sectionally to year 30 to best represent equilibrium market conditions. For more information about the VCMM, see Appendix 2. See Appendix 3 for further details on asset classes.

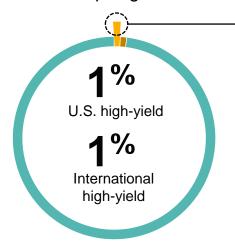
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## High-yield bonds are a poor diversifier



High yield is a very small percentage of the total liquid global market

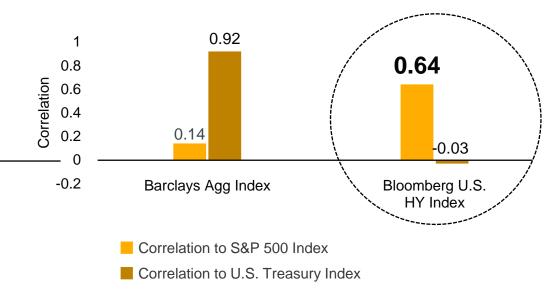


- U.S. high yield
- International high yield
- all other liquid global markets

#### Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: Vanguard calculations using FactSet data from 1991 through 2022.

#### A hybrid asset class with significant equity market correlation

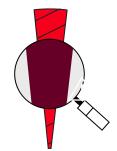


#### Why Vanguard Target Retirement strategies do not currently include high-yield bonds

- At market weight, they do not significantly change the risk/return profile of a diversified portfolio or the long-term probabilities of success.
- Their high correlation to equities makes them a poor diversifier during stock market downturns.
- When the allocation to high-yield bonds is from the fixed income side of the portfolio, volatility increases with only a modest improvement in return.

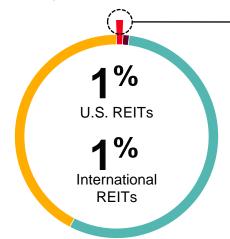


## Overweighting REITs may result in unwanted risk



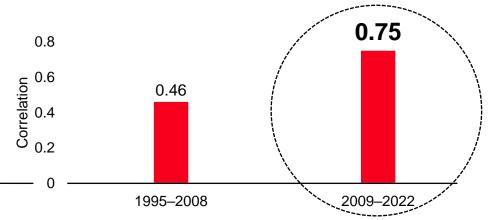
#### Let's take a closer look at REITs

#### REITs are a very small percentage of the global equity market



- 1% U.S. REITs
- 1% International REITs
- 55% U.S. stocks
- 42% International stocks

#### U.S. REITs correlation to U.S. equities



#### Why Vanguard Target Retirement strategies do not currently overweight REITs

- REITs are already represented in our diversified portfolio; any additional allocation is beyond what the market consensus believes is their market value.
- REITs are highly correlated with equities, and that correlation has increased in recent years.
- Any additional allocation to REITs is an overweight of a concentrated and potentially volatile sector.

#### Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: Vanguard calculations using FactSet data from 1995 through 2022. U.S. REITs is represented by Dow Jones US Select REIT Index.

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40+ COUNTRIES 25+ SUB-ASSET CLASSES 25+ GLOBAL LIQUID MARKET COVERAGE

# 5 building blocks for broad diversification

		V	anguard Target Retirement	BlackRock LifePath Index	Fidelity Freedom Index	State Street Target Retirement
	U.S. large-cap			Russell 1000 Index		S&P 500 Index
<b>Equity and REITs</b>	U.S. small- and mid-cap	1	CRSP U.S. Total Market Index	Russell 2000 Index	Dow Jones US Total Stock Market Index	Russell Small Cap Completeness Index
	U.S. REITs			FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index		Dow Jones Global Select Real Estate Securities Index
	International developed markets Emerging markets	2	FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index	MSCI Total International Stock Index	MSCI ACWI ex-USA Index	MSCI ACWI ex-USA IMI Index
	International REITs			FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index		Dow Jones Global Select Real Estate Securities Index
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income	U.S. short-term investment grade			NO EXPOSURE	Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index Bloomberg 1-3 Yr US Treasury Index Bloomberg 1-3 Yr Corp Bond Index
Fixed in	International developed investment grade	4	Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC	NO EXPOSURE	Bloomberg Global Agg Treasury ex-USD, ex-EM, RIC Capped, Float Adjusted (Hedged USD) Index	NO EXPOSURE
ш.	Emerging markets		Capped Index	NO EXPOSURE	NO EXPOSURE	NO EXPOSURE
	High yield		Excluded due to high equity market correlation and small market size	Bloomberg US Securitized: MBS, ABS & CMBS Index	NO EXPOSURE	Bloomberg US HY Very Liquid Bond Index
tion	P TIPS		Bloomberg U.S. 0-5 Year Treasury  Inflation Protected Securities Index	ICE US Treasury Inflation Linked Bond Index	Bloomberg US TIPS 5+ Years Index	Bloomberg 1-10 Yr Govt Inflation-linked Bond Index
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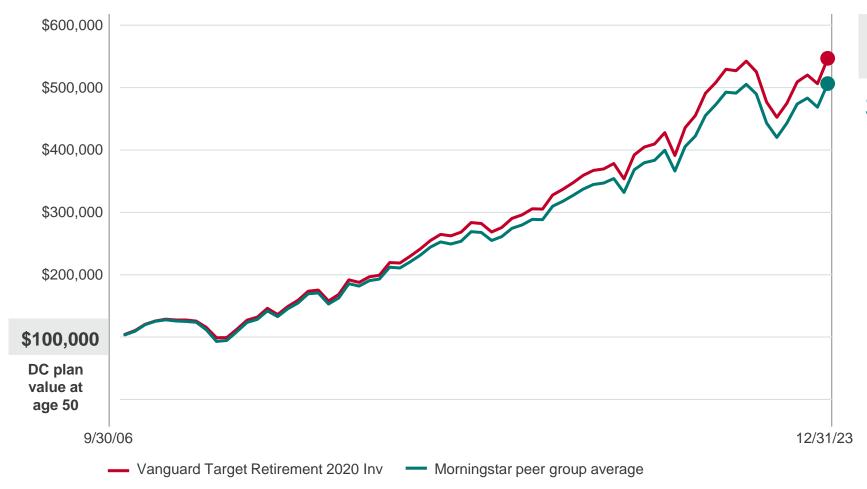
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# Better outcomes over time

Hypothetical growth of \$100,000 initial balance with regular contributions over 15 years into Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund (Investor Shares) vs. peer average



8% above peer average

\$546,736

+\$40,415

\$506,321

Note: This hypothetical illustration assumes an investor who started at age 50 with a balance of \$100,000 in a DC plan, contributing 10% of an \$80,000 salary that increases 2% each year.

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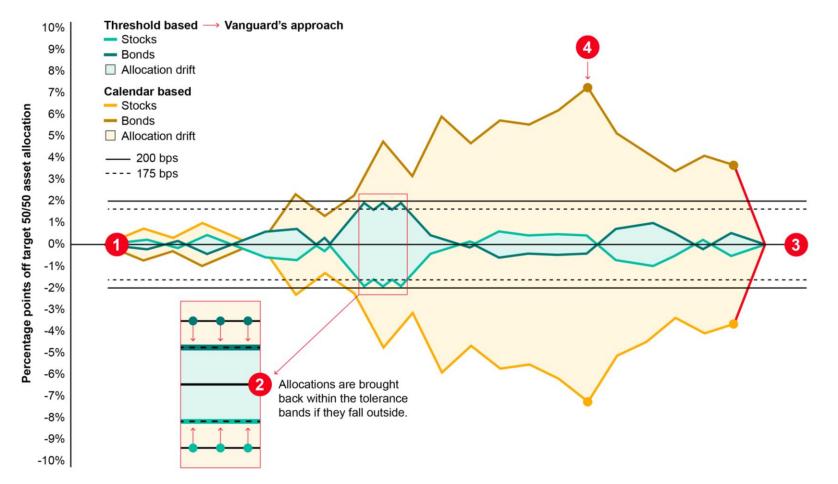
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# Maintaining close alignment to the target asset allocation (cont.)

The difference between calendar-based (monthly) and threshold-based rebalancing approaches during March 2020



Target asset allocation

The initial sample asset allocation consists of 50% stocks and 50% bonds.

- Threshold-based rebalancing Monitored daily, this approach keeps allocations within tolerance bands, as represented by the 200 bps and 175 bps lines.
- Monthly rebalancing

This method gives the illusion of tight tracking when measured from month-end to month-end, but the actual funds asset allocation can differ significantly from the target asset allocation intramonthly.

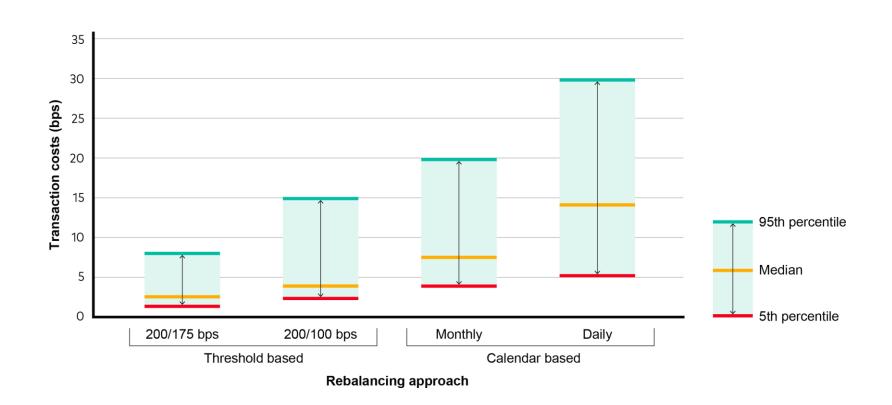
March 23, 2020 At the height of pandemic-induced market volatility, the monthly rebalancing portfolio was 7 percentage points off the target 50/50 asset allocation.

Notes: This chart is for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of any specific investment. Bond returns are represented by the Bloomberg US Aggregate Float Adjusted Index (70% allocation) and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped USD Hedged Index (30%). Stock returns are represented by the performance of the CRSP US Total Market Index (60% allocation) and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index (40%). Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The performance of an index is not an exact representation of any particular investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.

Source: Vanguard.

# Maintaining close alignment to the target asset allocation

## Estimated annual transaction cost ranges across various rebalancing approaches



Notes: Based on a hypothetical 60% global equity and 40% global fixed income portfolio using the actual historical returns of the underlying indexes for the 10 years ending March 2023. The backtest uses a daily return series under each rebalancing approach, assuming no cash flows or use of futures. Equities allocation based on performance of CRSP US Total Market Index (36%) and FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index (24%). Bond allocation based on Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (28%) and Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD (12%). Transaction costs are a function of the underlying market regime and transaction size. Transaction costs also account for simultaneous rebalancing across all target-date vintages.

Source: Vanguard.

#### Finding the right balance for TDFs

- Our rebalancing policy seeks to strike the right balance between minimizing transaction costs and maintaining close alignment to the target asset allocation at all times.
- Our research shows that a threshold-based rebalancing approach, where portfolios are rebalanced if they drift too far from their target asset allocation at any point, enables us to achieve the appropriate balance.
- Alignment of TDF and benchmark rebalancing methodologies promotes clearer performance measurement and the ability to evaluate the efficacy of the fund's portfolio management team.



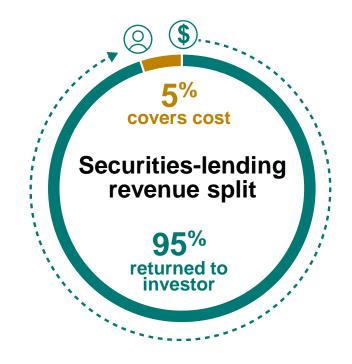
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## Safety first: Value over volume

- We lend only high-demand securities
- Our funds on average have 0.4% of assets on loan (SEC allows up to one-third of assets)
- · We only accept cash as collateral
- · We invest all collateral in the low-cost, conservative Market Liquidity Fund



## All revenue minus cost is returned to the investor



Resulting in, on average,

# an extra 1.1 bps

in annual returns for Target **Retirement Funds and** 

**1.2** bps

for Target **Retirement Trusts** 

Sources: BBH and Vanguard, as of December 31, 2023.

Expiration date: 4/3/2025

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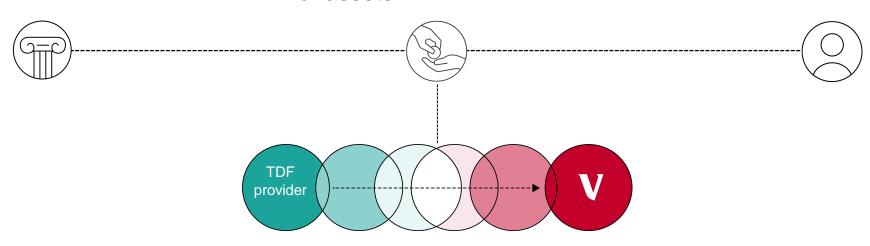
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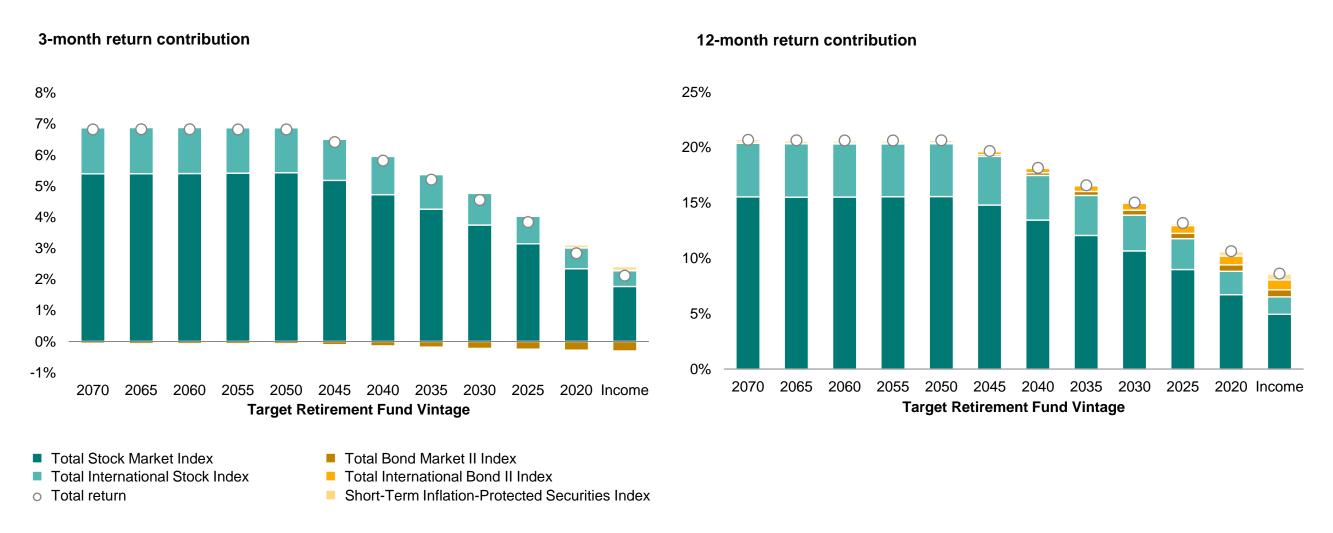
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- Communication tools
- Continuing education





# Performance and attribution overview

# **Absolute return contribution**



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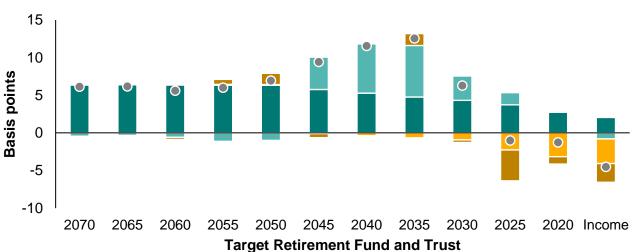
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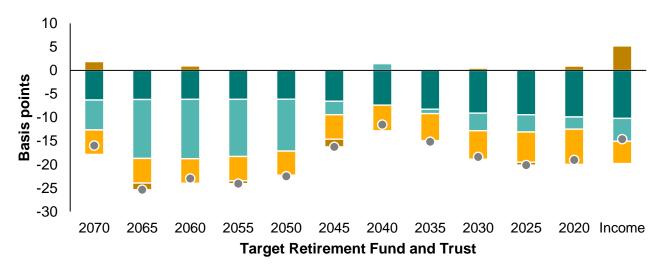
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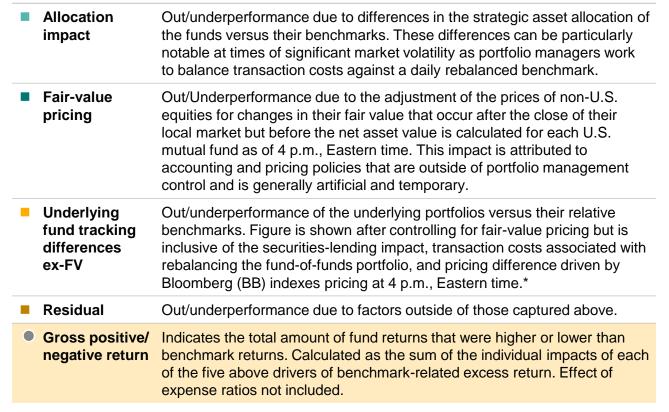
# Benchmark relative return attribution

#### 3-month return attribution



#### 12-month return attribution





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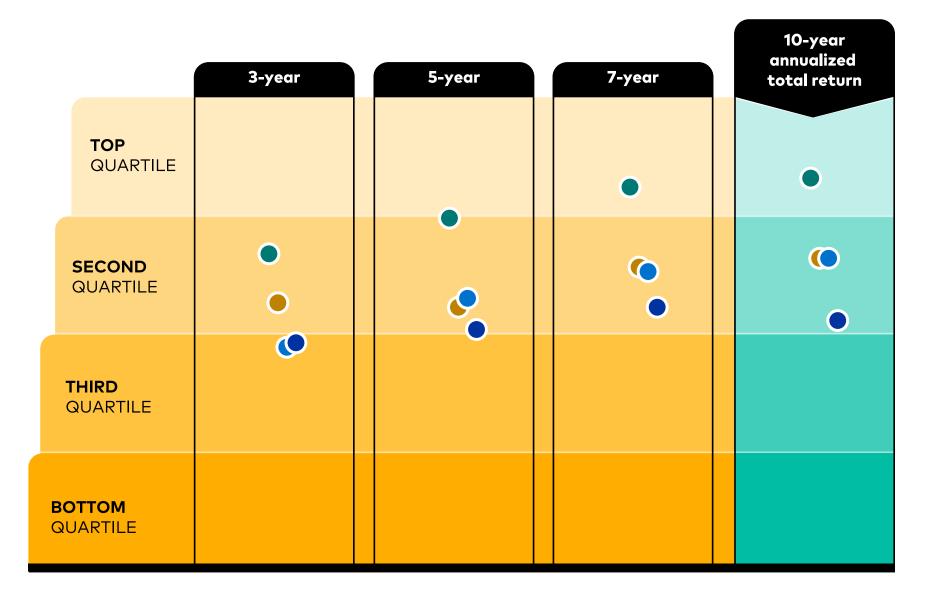
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# Strong long-term performance relative to peer group

Vanguard Target Retirement Trust Plus vintages' track record



**●** 2025 **●** 2035 **●** 2045 **●** 2060

The annualized total return of select Vanguard Target Retirement Trusts (TRT) as ranked in its Morningstar<sup>™</sup> peer group is indicated in the 3-, 5-, 7- and 10-year time periods. The number of funds in the annual rankings range from 270 to 501 for 2025; 264 to 495 for 2035; 265 to 494 for 2045; 38 to 445 for 2060. Only investments with a minimum 10-year history are included in the 10-year annualized total return result. See Appendix for Vanguard Target Retirement Trusts' performance data as of March 31, 2024.

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The VLCM inherits the distributional forecasting framework of the VCMM and applies to it the calculation of wealth outcomes from any given portfolio. The most impactful drivers of glide path changes within the VLCM tend to be risk aversion, the presence of a defined benefit plan, retirement age, savings rate and starting compensation. The VLCM chooses among glide paths by scoring them according to the utility function described and choosing the one with the highest score. The VLCM does not optimize the levels of spending and contribution rates. Rather, the VLCM optimizes the glide path for a given customizable level of spending, growth rate of contributions and other plan sponsor characteristics.

A full dynamic stochastic life-cycle model, including optimization of a savings strategy and dynamic spending in retirement is beyond the scope of this framework.



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# Vanguard Funds





# Vanguard Institutional Index Fund (VIIIX)

#### **Investment approach**

- Seeks to track the performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index.
- U.S. large-cap equity diversified across growth and value styles.
- Passively managed, full-replication approach.
- · Fund remains fully invested.
- Low expenses minimize net tracking error.

#### Share of U.S. stock market (%)



87%	S&P 500 Index	
13%	Balance of market	

As measured by the MSCI US Broad Market Index.

#### **Key facts**

Expense ratio as of	2 bps
04/28/2023	
As reported in the most recent	prospectus.
Designation	Domestic large-cap blend
Fund inception date	07/31/1990
Institutional Plus Shares	07/07/1997
inception date	
Total net assets as of	\$290,390
03/31/2024 (\$M)	
Net fund assets for VIIIX as	\$168,843
of 03/31/2024 (\$M)	
Holdings	503
Indexed to	S&P 500 Index (SPTR)
Turnover rate (fiscal	2.9%
year-end 12/31/2023)	
CUSIP	922040209
Investment manager	Vanguard Equity Index Group

#### Risk and volatility

	R <sup>2</sup>	Beta
Primary benchmark	1.00	1.00
Broad-based benchmark	0.99	0.98

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

Broad-based benchmark: Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index.

#### **Performance**



		_	Annualized				
	Quarter-end	Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	
Fund	10.55%	10.55%	29.86%	11.47%	15.03%	12.95%	
Benchmark	10.56%	10.56%	29.88%	11.49%	15.05%	12.96%	
+/- Benchmark	-0.01%	-0.01%	-0.02%	-0.02%	-0.02%	-0.01%	

#### **Performance versus competitors**

Percentage of Large-Cap Core Funds outperformed by VIIIX









Source: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company. Based on total returns as of March 31, 2024. Number of funds in category: 1-year, 568; 3-year, 538; 5-year, 509; 10-year, 412. Only funds with a minimum one-, three-, five-, or ten-year history, respectively, were included in the comparison. Results will vary for other time periods.

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## Vanguard Equity Index Group—Firm overview

Vanguard Equity Index Group (EIG) manages assets with high fiduciary and professional standards.

#### **Key facts**

- Assets under management: \$5.1 trillion.
- More than 300 portfolios tracking over 70 indexes.
- Benchmarks: Standard & Poor's, Russell, MSCI, FTSE, CRSP, Nasdaq, and Dow Jones.
- Over 50 investment professionals.
- Average portfolio manager tenure: 11 years.
- Average expense ratio: 0.08%.\*

#### Portfolio management

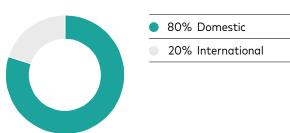
#### Michelle Louie, CFA, Principal

- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2017.
- Worked in investment management since 2011.
- B.S., The American University.
- M.B.A., Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### Nick Birkett, CFA

- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2023.
- Worked in investment management since 2005.
- BSc, University of Bath.

#### **Equity index asset distribution**



Source: Vanguard, as of March 31, 2024.

<sup>\*</sup> Asset-weighted expense ratio for all Vanguard equity index funds.



## Vanguard's equity indexing process

A day in the life of a Vanguard portfolio manager



## **Tracking differences**

The fund seeks to track its benchmark, but tracking differences can occur. The main sources of these differences are:

#### **Expense ratio**

• The fund's expense ratio is an ongoing contributor to tracking differences.

#### Securities lending

- Vanguard operates a very conservative securities lending program.
- Funds selectively lend "specials," not general collateral.
- All net revenue (net of broker rebates, direct operating expenses, and agent fees) is returned to portfolios.
- Program has rigorous risk controls and invests collateral in a high quality money market fund.

#### Other

- Index sampling differences.
- Use of futures.
- Index change management.
- Trading costs.
- Impact of NAV penny rounding.

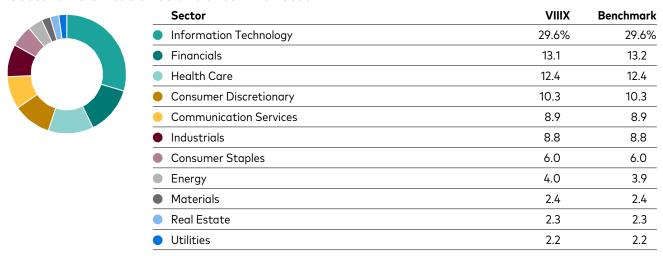


# Vanguard Institutional Index Fund (VIIIX)

#### **Equity characteristics**

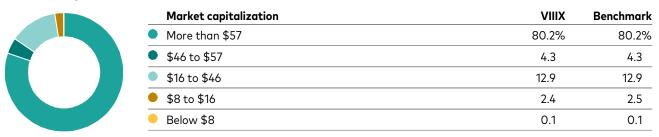
	VIIIX	Benchmark
Number of stocks	503	504
Median market cap	\$224.7B	\$224.7B
P/E ratio (trailing earnings)	26.1x	26.1x
P/B ratio	4.5x	4.5x
Return on equity (5-year average)	24.6%	24.6%
Earnings growth rate (5-year)	13.9%	13.9%
Equity yield (dividend)	1.3%	1.3%
Foreign holdings	0.0%	_
Turnover (fiscal year end)	2.9%	_
Short-term reserves	0.0%	N/A

#### Sector diversification as a % of common stock



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.

#### Market-cap breakdown



#### Risk and volatility

			Standard			
	R-squared	Beta	Alpha	deviation	Sharpe ratio	
VIIIX	N/A	N/A	-0.00	17.60	0.50	
Primary benchmark	1.00	1.00	N/A	17.60	0.50	
Broad-based benchmark	0.99	0.98	N/A	17.90	0.39	

R-squared and beta are calculated from trailing 36-month fund returns relative to the associated benchmark. Broad-based benchmark: Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index.

#### Ten largest holdings

	% of total net assets
Microsoft Corp.  Apple Inc.  NVIDIA Corp.  Amazon.com Inc.  Alphabet Inc.  Meta Platforms Inc.  Berkshire Hathaway Inc.  Eli Lilly & Co.  Broadcom Inc.  JPMorgan Chase & Co.	7.1%
Apple Inc.	5.6
NVIDIA Corp.	5.1
Amazon.com Inc.	3.7
Alphabet Inc.	3.7
Meta Platforms Inc.	2.4
Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	1.7
Eli Lilly & Co.	1.4
Broadcom Inc.	1.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.3
Top ten as a % of total net assets	33.3%

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

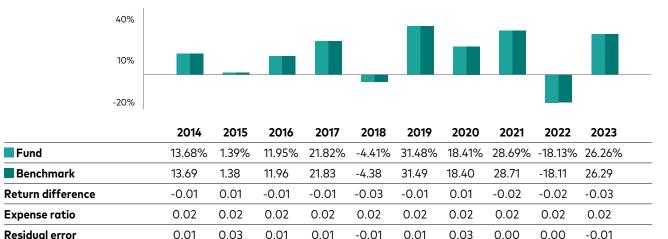


# Vanguard Institutional Index Fund (VIIIX)

#### Performance and tracking differences

	_	Annualized			
Quarter-end	Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
10.55%	10.55%	29.86%	11.47%	15.03%	12.95%
10.56	10.56	29.88	11.49	15.05	12.96
-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
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	10.55% 10.56 -0.01 0.01	10.55% 10.55% 10.56 10.56 -0.01 -0.01 0.01 0.01	10.55%     10.55%     29.86%       10.56     10.56     29.88       -0.01     -0.01     -0.02       0.01     0.01     0.02	Quarter-end         Year-to-date         1-year         3-year           10.55%         10.55%         29.86%         11.47%           10.56         10.56         29.88         11.49           -0.01         -0.01         -0.02         -0.02           0.01         0.01         0.02         0.02	Quarter-end         Year-to-date         1-year         3-year         5-year           10.55%         10.55%         29.86%         11.47%         15.03%           10.56         10.56         29.88         11.49         15.05           -0.01         -0.01         -0.02         -0.02         -0.02           0.01         0.01         0.02         0.02         0.02

#### **Calendar-year performance**



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#### Investment commentary as of 3/31/2024

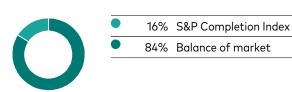
- Major stock markets continued to advance in the first quarter of 2024, with a number of indexes reaching record highs. In the U.S., inflation readings came in higher than expected, but the labor market stayed on a solid footing, consumer spending remained strong, and the economy showed continued vigor. 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 broad U.S. investment-grade bond market returned –0.72% (as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index).
- The Standard & Poor's 500 Index returned 10.56% for the three months ended March 31.
- The top contributors were information technology (+12.7%), financials (+12.5%), and communication services (+15.8%).
- The lone detractor was real estate (-0.6%).
- For the 12 months ended March 31, the index returned 29.88%. The largest contributors were IT (+46.0%), financials (+33.6%), and communication services (+50.1%). Utilities (+0.42%) marginally detracted.



#### **Investment approach**

- Seeks to track the performance of the S&P Completion Index.
- Mid- and small-cap equity diversified across growth and value styles.
- · Passively managed, using index sampling.
- · Fund remains fully invested.
- Low expenses help minimize net tracking error.

#### Share of U.S. stock market (%)



As measured by the MSCI US Broad Market Index.

#### **Key facts**

Expense ratio as of	4 bps				
04/28/2023					
As reported in the most recent prospectus.					
Designation	Domestic mid-cap blend				
Fund inception date	12/21/1987				
Institutional Plus Shares	01/14/2011				
inception date					
Total net assets as of	\$103,552				
03/31/2024 (\$M)					
Net fund assets for VEMPX	\$13,061				
as of 03/31/2024 (\$M)					
Holdings	3,598				
Indexed to	S&P Completion Index				
	(SPTRCMI)				
Turnover rate (fiscal	11.0%				
year-end 12/31/2023)					
CUSIP	922908371				
Investment manager	Vanguard Equity Index Group				

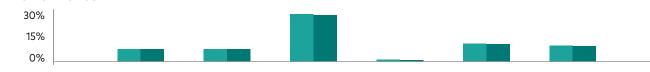
#### **Risk and volatility**

	R <sup>2</sup>	Beta
Primary benchmark	1.00	1.00
Broad-based benchmark	0.87	1.12

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

Broad-based benchmark: Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index.

#### **Performance**



	Quarter-end	_	Annualized				
		Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	
Fund	6.98%	6.98%	26.74%	0.98%	10.14%	9.01%	
Benchmark	6.96%	6.96%	26.34%	0.79%	9.97%	8.85%	
+/- Benchmark	0.02%	0.02%	0.40%	0.19%	0.17%	0.16%	

#### **Performance versus competitors**

Percentage of Mid-Cap Core Funds outperformed by VEMPX









Source: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company. Based on total returns as of March 31, 2024. Number of funds in category: 1-year, 312; 3-year, 301; 5-year, 287; 10-year, 213. Only funds with a minimum one-, three-, five-, or ten-year history, respectively, were included in the comparison. Results will vary for other time periods.

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- Over 50 investment professionals.
- Average portfolio manager tenure: 11 years.
- Average expense ratio: 0.08%.\*

#### Portfolio management

#### Michelle Louie, CFA, Principal

- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2023.
- Worked in investment management since 2011.
- B.S., The American University.
- M.B.A., Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### Nick Birkett, CFA

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- BSc, University of Bath.

#### **Equity index asset distribution**



80% Domestic20% International

Source: Vanguard, as of March 31, 2024.

<sup>\*</sup> Asset-weighted expense ratio for all Vanguard equity index funds.



## Vanguard's equity indexing process

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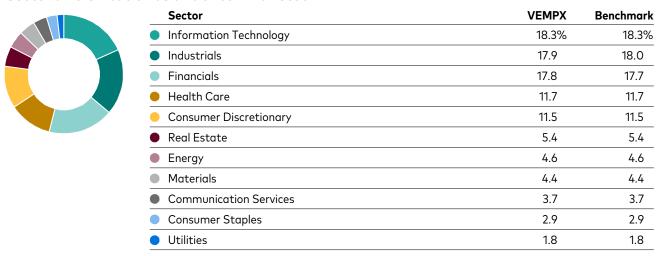
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#### **Equity characteristics**

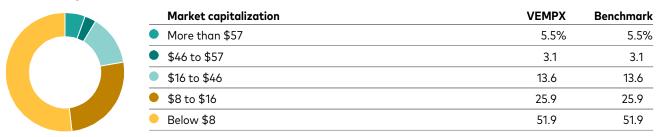
	VEMPX	Benchmark
Number of stocks	3,598	3,584
Median market cap	\$7.2B	\$7.2B
P/E ratio (trailing earnings)	18.3x	18.3x
P/B ratio	2.5x	2.5x
Return on equity (5-year average)	9.4%	9.4%
Earnings growth rate (5-year)	15.4%	15.4%
Equity yield (dividend)	1.2%	1.2%
Foreign holdings	0.8%	_
Turnover (fiscal year end)	11.0%	_
Short-term reserves	0.0%	N/A

#### Sector diversification as a % of common stock



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#### Market-cap breakdown



#### **Risk and volatility**

	R-squared	Beta	Alpha	deviation	Sharpe ratio
VEMPX	N/A	N/A	0.02	21.52	-0.08
Primary benchmark	1.00	1.00	N/A	21.48	-0.09
Broad-based benchmark	0.87	1.12	N/A	17.90	0.39

R-squared and beta are calculated from trailing 36-month fund returns relative to the associated benchmark. Broad-based benchmark: Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Float Adjusted Index.

#### Ten largest holdings

	% of total net assets
Crowdstrike Holdings Inc.	1.1%
KKR & Co. Inc.	1.0
Marvell Technology Inc.	0.9
Workday Inc.	0.8
Snowflake Inc.	0.7
Apollo Global Management Inc.	0.7
Block Inc.	0.7
Coinbase Global Inc.	0.7
Ferguson plc	0.6
Palantir Technologies Inc.	0.6
Top ten as a % of total net assets	7.8%

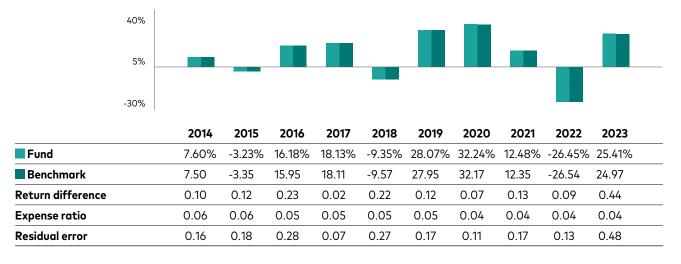
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#### Performance and tracking differences

		_	Annualized					
As of March 31, 2024	Quarter-end	Year-to-date	1-year	1-year 3-year 5-year				
VEMPX	6.98%	6.98%	26.74%	0.98%	10.14%	9.01%		
Benchmark	6.96	6.96	26.34	0.79	9.97	8.85		
Return difference	0.02	0.02	0.40	0.19	0.17	0.16		
Expense ratio	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05		
Residual error	0.03	0.03	0.45	0.23	0.21	0.20		

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- With rate cuts looking less imminent, bond yields generally rose and prices declined. The broad U.S. investment-grade bond market returned -0.72% (as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index).
- The S&P Completion Index returned 6.96% for the quarter ended March 31. The index's large-cap counterpart, the S&P 500 Index, returned 10.56%.
- The top contributors were industrials (+11.5%), information technology (+7.0%), and financials (+7.7%).
- Communication services (-6.1%) and real estate (-2.9%) detracted. Combined, they subtracted about half a percentage point from the index's result.
- For the 12 months ended March 31, 2024, the S&P Completion Index returned 26.34%. Information technology (+36.5%), industrials (+39.3%), and financials (+37.3%) contributed the most. Utilities (+0.24) detracted.



#### **Investment approach**

- Seeks to track the performance of the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index.
- Broad exposure across developed and emerging non-U.S. equity markets.
- · Passively managed.
- Fund remains fully invested.
- Low expenses minimize net tracking error.

#### **Regional diversification**



40.3%	Europe
27.2	Pacific
24.9	Emerging Markets
7.1	North America
0.5	Middle East

#### **Key facts**

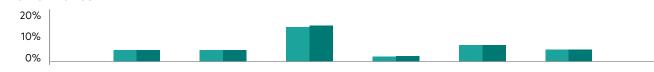
Expense ratio as of	9 bps					
02/27/2024						
As reported in the most recent prospectus.						
Designation	International/global blend					
Fund inception date	04/29/1996					
Institutional Shares	11/29/2010					
inception date						
Total net assets as of	\$424,753					
03/31/2024 (\$M)						
Net fund assets for VTSNX	\$40,767					
as of 03/31/2024 (\$M)						
Holdings	8,627					
Indexed to	FTSE Global All Cap ex US					
	Index (TGPVAN17)					
Turnover rate (fiscal	3.9%					
year-end 10/31/2023)						
CUSIP	921909784					
Investment manager	Vanguard Equity Index Group					

#### **Risk and volatility**

	R <sup>2</sup>	Beta
Primary benchmark	0.98	1.03
Broad-based benchmark	0.98	1.03

R-squared and beta are calculated from trailing 36-month fund returns relative to the associated benchmark. Broad-based benchmark: FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index.

#### **Performance**



					Annualized			
	Quarter-end	Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year		
Fund	4.32%	4.32%	13.00%	1.91%	6.19%	4.48%		
Benchmark	4.34%	4.34%	13.53%	2.05%	6.29%	4.55%		
+/- Benchmark	-0.02%	-0.02%	-0.53%	-0.14%	-0.10%	-0.07%		

Spliced Total International Stock Index: Total International Composite Index through August 31, 2006; MSCI EAFE + Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010; MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013; and FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter. Benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

#### **Performance versus competitors**

Percentage of International Funds outperformed by VTSNX



Source: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company. Based on total returns as of March 31, 2024. Number of funds in category: 1-year, 1352; 3-year, 1265; 5-year, 1161; 10-year, 790. Only funds with a minimum one-, three-, five-, or ten-year history, respectively, were included in the comparison. Results will vary for other time periods.

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## Vanguard Equity Index Group—Firm overview

Vanguard Equity Index Group (EIG) manages assets with high fiduciary and professional standards.

#### **Key facts**

- Assets under management: \$5.1 trillion.
- More than 300 portfolios tracking over 70 indexes.
- · Benchmarks: Standard & Poor's, Russell, MSCI, FTSE, CRSP, Nasdaq, and Dow Jones.
- Over 50 investment professionals.
- Average portfolio manager tenure: 11 years.
- Average expense ratio: 0.08%.\*

#### Portfolio management

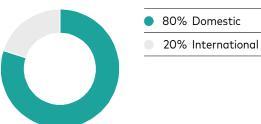
#### Michael Perre, Principal

- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2008.
- Worked in investment management since 1990.
- B.A., Saint Joseph's University.
- M.B.A., Villanova University.

#### Christine D. Franquin, Principal

- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2017.
- Worked in investment management since 2000.
- B.A., Universitaire Faculteiten Sint Ignatius, Antwerpen Belgium.
- · J.D., University of Liege Belgium.
- Master of Science in Finance, Clark University, Massachusetts.

#### **Equity index asset distribution**



Source: Vanguard, as of March 31, 2024.

<sup>\*</sup> Asset-weighted expense ratio for all Vanguard equity index funds.



## Vanguard's equity indexing process

A day in the life of a Vanguard portfolio manager

Cash-flow projection	•	Optimizer generates trade list	•	Pre-trade compliance engine	•	Execute trades	Monitor performance
<ul><li>Net cash flow from investors</li><li>Updates on large transactions</li></ul>						Suite of cutting edge execution management systems	<ul><li>Performance attribution</li><li>Overnight compliance reporting</li></ul>
Index updates							
Index changes							
Corporate actions							

## **Tracking differences**

The fund seeks to track its benchmark, but tracking differences can occur. The main sources of these differences are:

#### **Expense ratio**

• The fund's expense ratio is an ongoing contributor to tracking differences.

#### Fair value pricing

- Price adjustments made to securities to account for market activity that occurs between the time that securities are valued at the close of business in their local market and the close of business in the U.S. (when the fund is valued).
- Can be a positive or negative adjustment.
- Tends to create tracking error in the short-term that dissipates over time.

#### Securities lending

- Vanguard operates a very conservative securities lending program.
- Funds selectively lend "specials," not general collateral.
- All net revenue (net of broker rebates, direct operating expenses, and agent fees) is returned to portfolios.
- Program has rigorous risk controls and invests collateral in a high quality money market fund.

#### Other

- Index sampling differences.
- Use of futures.
- Index change management.
- Trading costs.
- Impact of NAV penny rounding.



# Fair value pricing

Fair value pricing can cause temporary, but sometimes substantial, performance differences between international index funds and their benchmarks.

#### Much can happen in a few hours

security price

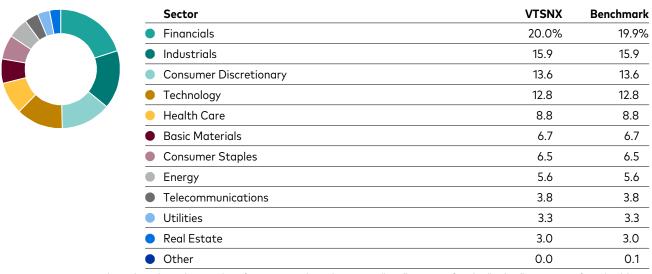
Tokyo	•	London	•	New York
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\$50		\$55	<b>\$45</b>	\$40
Closing price		Closing price	Fair value pricing	Closing price
Benchmark		Benchmark security price		Fund security price



#### **Equity characteristics**

	VTSNX	Benchmark
Number of stocks	8,627	8,388
Median market cap	\$37.2B	\$36.8B
P/E ratio (trailing earnings)	15.0x	15.0x
P/B ratio	1.8x	1.8x
Return on equity (5-year average)	12.0%	12.0%
Earnings growth rate (5-year)	12.8%	12.8%
Equity yield (dividend)	2.8%	2.8%
Turnover (fiscal year end)	3.9%	_
Short-term reserves	0.0%	N/A

#### Sector diversification as a % of common stock

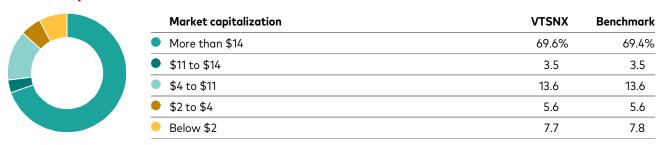


Sector categories are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark system ("ICB"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided an ICB classification as of the effective reporting period.

All data as of March 31, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

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#### Market-cap breakdown



#### Risk and volatility

				Standard		
	R-squared	Beta	Alpha	deviation	Sharpe ratio	
VTSNX	N/A	N/A	-0.01	16.91	-0.05	
Primary benchmark	0.98	1.03	N/A	16.32	-0.04	
Broad-based benchmark	0.98	1.03	N/A	16.32	-0.04	

R-squared and beta are calculated from trailing 36-month fund returns relative to the associated benchmark. Broad-based benchmark: FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index.

% of common stock

#### Market allocation

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	VTSNX	Benchmark			
Japan	16.5%	16.5%			
United Kingdom	9.4	9.4			
Canada	7.2	7.1			
France	6.8	6.8			
China	6.7	6.8			
India	5.7	5.6			
Switzerland	5.4	5.4			
Germany	5.2	5.2			
Taiwan	5.1	5.1			
Australia	4.9	4.9			
Other	27.1	27.2			

#### Ten largest holdings

•	% of total net assets
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ( Ltd.	Co. 1.9%
Novo Nordisk A/S	1.3
ASML Holding NV	1.2
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	1.1
Toyota Motor Corp.	1.0
Nestle SA	0.9
Tencent Holdings Ltd.	0.8
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	0.7
Shell plc	0.7
SAP SE	0.7
Top ten as a % of total net assets	10.3%
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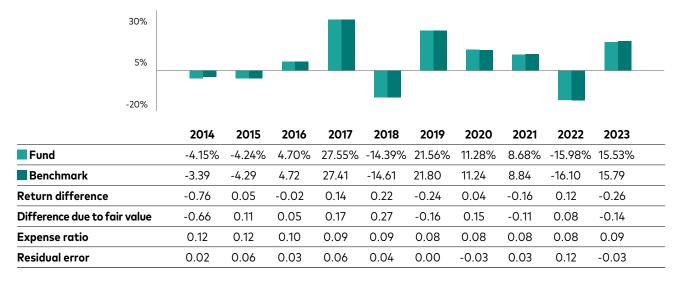
The holdings listed exclude any temporary cash investments a equity index products.



#### Performance and tracking differences

As of March 31, 2024	Quarter-end	Year-to-date	Annualized			
			1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
VTSNX	4.32%	4.32%	13.00%	1.91%	6.19%	4.48%
Benchmark	4.34	4.34	13.53	2.05	6.29	4.55
FTSE Global All Cap ex US FV Ix	4.33	4.33	13.18	1.99	6.24	_
Return difference	-0.02	-0.02	-0.53	-0.14	-0.10	-0.07
Difference due to fair value	0.18	0.18	-0.13	-0.02	-0.01	0.00
Expense ratio	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.09
Residual error	-0.19	-0.18	-0.32	-0.03	-0.01	0.01

#### **Calendar-year performance**



Spliced Total International Stock Index: Total International Composite Index through August 31, 2006; MSCI EAFE + Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010; MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013; and FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter. Benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

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Note: Except for the most recent quarter, the expense ratios presented are the funds' actual operating expenses and they exclude any acquired fees and expenses, which result from the funds' holdings in business development companies (BDCs). BDC expenses are not direct costs paid by fund shareholders and are not used to calculate the fund's net asset value.



#### Investment commentary as of 3/31/2024

- 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 broad U.S. investment-grade bond market returned –0.72% (as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index).
- The fund's benchmark, the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index, which measures developed and emerging markets outside of the United States, returned 4.34% for the quarter ended March 31. The Russell 3000 Index, which measures the broad U.S. stock market, returned 10.02%.
- The top contributors were financials (+5.9%), technology (+9.0%), and industrials (+6.5%).
- Basic materials (-2.7%), consumer staples (-2.7%), and utilities (-1.5%) detracted most from performance.
- For the 12 months ended March 31, 2024, the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index returned 13.53%. The four largest-weighted contributors added to the index's return, with financials (+23.0%), technology (+22.2%), and industrials (+18.0%) contributing the most. The only detractor was consumer staples (-4.2%).



#### **Investment approach**

- Seeks to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index.
- Diversified exposure to the intermediate-term, investment-grade U.S. bond market.
- Passively managed using index sampling.
- Provides moderate current income with high credit quality.

#### **Key facts**

Expense ratio as of 04/28/2023	5 bps		
As reported in the most recent p	rospectus.		
Designation	Treasury/agency/blend intermediate-term		
Fund inception date	03/01/1994		
Institutional Shares inception date	01/26/2006		
Total net assets as of 03/31/2024 (\$M)	\$38,584		
Net fund assets for VBIMX as of 03/31/2024 (\$M)	\$2,980		
Holdings	2,238		
Indexed to	Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index (I21181)		
Turnover rate (fiscal year-end 12/31/2023)	62.6%		
CUSIP	921937884		
Investment manager	Vanguard Fixed Income Group		

#### **Risk and volatility**

	R <sup>2</sup>	Beta
Primary benchmark	1.00	1.00
Broad-based benchmark	0.99	1.07

R-squared and beta are calculated from trailing 36-month fund returns relative to the associated benchmark. Broad-based benchmark: Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index.

#### **Performance**



		_	Annualized				
	Quarter-end	Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	
Fund	-0.76%	-0.76%	1.64%	-2.35%	0.78%	1.99%	
Benchmark	-0.74%	-0.74%	1.78%	-2.32%	0.84%	2.04%	
+/- Benchmark	-0.02%	-0.02%	-0.14%	-0.03%	-0.06%	-0.05%	

Spliced Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index: Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index thereafter.

#### Performance versus competitors

Percentage of Core Bond Funds outperformed by VBIMX







Source: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company. Based on total returns as of March 31, 2024. Number of funds in category: 1-year, 487; 3-year, 458; 5-year, 435; 10-year, 323. Only funds with a minimum one-, three-, five-, or ten-year history, respectively, were included in the comparison. Results will vary for other time periods.

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### Vanguard Fixed Income Group—Firm overview

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. She has been with Vanguard since 2019.

#### **Key facts**

- Investor-owned.\*
- Headquartered in Malvern, Pennsylvania with offices around the world, including London, England, and Melbourne, Australia.
- More than \$2.1 trillion in assets under management globally.
- More than 190 portfolio managers, traders, analysts, researchers, and support staff.

#### Portfolio management

Joshua C. Barrickman, CFA, Principal, Co-Head of Fixed Income Indexing Americas

- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2008.
- Worked in investment management since 1999.
- B.S., Ohio Northern University.
- M.B.A., Lehigh University.

Source: Vanguard, as of March 31, 2024.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Vanguard is owned by its funds, which are owned by Vanguard's fund shareholder clients.



### Bond index: Tight tracking, integrated risk management

Tight index-tracking focus · Duration and yield-curve matching Broad sector matching · Subsector, quality, and mortgage-backed structure matching • Tight issuer risk controls · Monitoring multiple risk factors Portfolio construction · Efficient electronic trading Risk management · Research and modeling • New-issue corporate trading strategies Performance attribution Portfolio construction inputs • Incorporate Treasury/agency rich/cheap analysis into sample construction · Incorporate credit analysts' views into broad sample construction of credit sectors

### **Bond index tracking differences**

While the fund seeks to track its benchmark, tracking differences can occur. Vanguard's Fixed Income Group regularly monitors these differences.

#### Expense ratio

 The fund's expense ratio is an ongoing contributor to tracking differences.

#### Sampling

 Because Vanguard does not purchase all of the bonds in the benchmark, small performance differences may result.

#### Pricing differences

Vanguard prices its funds at 4 p.m., Eastern time
using an external pricing service. Bloomberg
prices the benchmark at 4 p.m. using an
alternative pricing service\*. Fixed income
securities trade over-the-counter, so the use of
different pricing vendors can lead to small pricing
disparities.

#### Penny rounding

 Occasionally the rounding of fund performance numbers from 5 decimal places to 2 decimal places (for publication purposes) can create the appearance of tracking differences.

<sup>\*</sup>Bloomberg updated pricing from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time beginning January 2021, so there are no longer pricing differences for time periods starting in January 2021. Temporary pricing differences still exist in periods prior to January 2021 because of timing differences. In periods before January 2021, holidays and early closes may also have created temporary pricing difference in timing between Bloomberg and Vanguard.



#### **Fixed income characteristics**

	VBIMX	Benchmark
Number of bonds	2,238	2,424
Average duration	6.2 years	6.2 years
Average effective maturity	7.3 years	7.3 years
Turnover (fiscal year end)	62.6%	_
Short-term reserves	0.0%	N/A

#### Distribution by issuer type

	% of total net assets
Treasury/Agency	54.9%
Industrial	21.7
Finance	14.8
Foreign	4.7
Utilities	3.4
Other	0.5
Asset-Backed	0.0

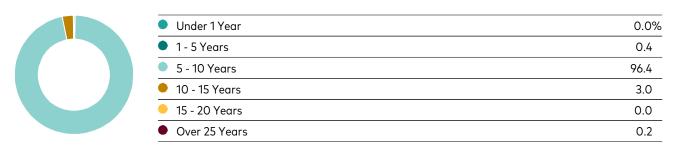
Hedged non-U.S. dollar-denominated bonds are included in the sector of issuer, not as part of the foreign category.

#### Risk and volatility

	R-squared	Beta	Alpha	Standard deviation	Sharpe ratio
VBIMX	N/A	N/A	-0.00	7.73	-0.65
Primary benchmark	1.00	1.00	N/A	7.71	-0.65
Broad-based benchmark	0.99	1.07	N/A	7.16	-0.71

R-squared and beta are calculated from trailing 36-month fund returns relative to the associated benchmark. Broad-based benchmark: Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index.

#### Distribution by effective maturity as a % of funds



#### Distribution by credit quality as a % of funds



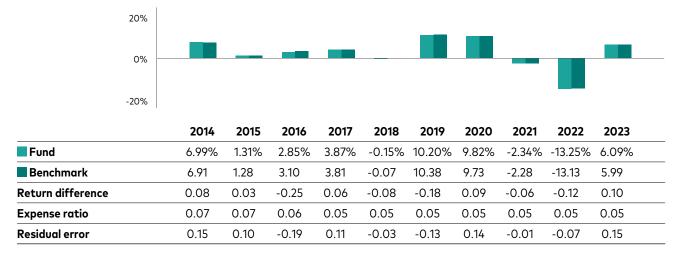
Credit-quality ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). "NR" is used to classify securities for which a rating is not available. NR securities may include a fund's investment in Vanguard Market Liquidity Fund or Vanguard Municipal Cash Management Fund, each of which invests in high-quality money market instruments and may serve as a cash management vehicle for the Vanguard funds, trusts, and accounts. U.S. Treasury, U.S. Agency, and U.S. Agency mortgage-backed securities appear under "U.S. Government." Credit-quality ratings for each issue are obtained from Bloomberg using ratings derived from Moody's Investors Service (Moody's), Fitch Ratings (Fitch), and Standard & Poor's (S&P). When ratings from all three agencies are available, the median rating is used. When ratings are available from two of the agencies, the lower rating is used. When one rating is available, that rating is used.



#### Performance and tracking differences

As of March 31, 2024		_	Annualized			
	Quarter-end	Year-to-date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
VBIMX	-0.76%	-0.76%	1.64%	-2.35%	0.78%	1.99%
Benchmark	-0.74	-0.74	1.78	-2.32	0.84	2.04
Return difference	-0.02	-0.02	-0.14	-0.03	-0.06	-0.05
Expense ratio	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Residual error	0.00	-0.01	-0.09	0.02	-0.01	-0.00

#### **Calendar-year performance**



Spliced Bloomberg U.S. 5-10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index: Bloomberg U.S. 5-10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index thereafter.

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- 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.
- With rate cuts looking less imminent, bond yields generally rose and prices declined. The broad U.S. investment-grade bond market returned –0.72% (as measured by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index).
- In general, bonds with lower credit ratings did better than those with higher ratings, and shorter-term bonds held up better than longer-term bonds.
- In this environment, the fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index, returned –0.74% for the quarter.
- For the 12 months ended March 31, the benchmark returned 1.78%.
- Small deviations in the fund's performance versus that of its benchmark index may occur because of the fund's approach to approximating the index and temporary pricing differences between the fund and the index.

Target 2015 Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter, as well as the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) 0-5 Year Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index; and for U.S. stocks, the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter.

Target 2020, 2030, 2040, and 2050 Composite Indexes: Indexes derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

Target 2025, 2035, and 2045 Composite Indexes: Indexes derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index; and for U.S. stocks, the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.



Target 2055 Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

Target 2060 Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

<u>Target 2065 Composite Index</u>: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index for international stocks, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index for international bonds, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index for U.S. stocks. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

Target Income Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter, as well as the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) 0-5 Year Index thereafter; for short-term reserves, the Citigroup Three-Month Treasury Bill Index through June 2, 2013; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index; and for U.S. stocks, the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.



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