

Vanguard Core Bond Fund

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Fund facts

Risk level Low <-----> High					Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 01/31/24	Ticker symbol	Turnover rate	Inception date	Fund number
1	2	3	4	5	\$12,411 MM	0.10%	VCOBX	439.4%	03/28/16	1520

Investment objective

Vanguard Core Bond Fund seeks to provide total return while generating a moderate level of current income.

Investment strategy

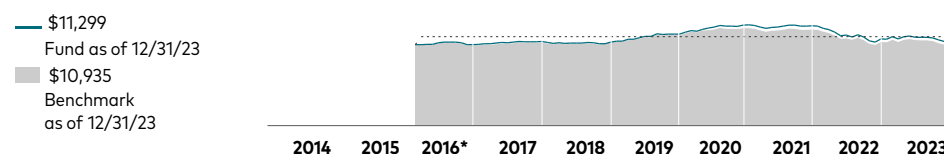
The fund invests in fixed income securities of various maturities, yields, and qualities. Under normal circumstances, the fund will invest at least 80% of its assets in bonds, which include fixed income securities such as corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury obligations and other U.S. government and agency securities, and asset-backed, mortgage-backed and mortgage-related securities. All bonds purchased by the fund will have a maturity of 90 days or more at the time of their issuance. In addition, the fund invests predominantly in U.S. dollar-denominated bonds, although these bonds may be issued by a foreign corporation or a U.S. affiliate of a foreign corporation or a foreign government or its agencies and instrumentalities. The fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in non-U.S. dollar-denominated bonds.

The fund's dollar-weighted average maturity will normally range between 4 and 12 years, and may either be longer or shorter under certain market conditions. Since the fund will have holdings in asset-backed, mortgage-backed, and similar securities, the fund's weighted average maturity may be approximate to the weighted average maturity of the cash flows in the securities held by the fund, given certain prepayment assumptions. This is also known as weighted average life.

Benchmark

Bloomberg US Agg Float Adj Index

Growth of a \$10,000 investment : March 31, 2016—December 31, 2023



Annual returns

	2014	2015	2016*	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund	—	—	0.33	3.89	-0.85	9.64	10.40	-1.45	-13.13	5.95
Benchmark	—	—	0.15	3.63	-0.08	8.87	7.75	-1.58	-13.07	5.60

Total returns

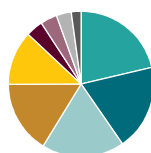
Periods ended September 30, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Since inception
Fund	5.28%	4.91%	12.09%	-1.21%	1.02%	2.07%
Benchmark	5.13%	4.45%	11.47%	-1.38%	0.36%	—

The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at [vanguard.com/performance](https://www.vanguard.com/performance). The performance of an index is not an exact representation of any particular investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.

Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

Distribution by issuer—bonds



Treasury/Agency	21.3%
Foreign	19.1%
Government Mortgage-Backed	18.4%
Industrial	16.1%
Finance	12.1%
Other	3.8%
Asset-Backed	3.7%
Utilities	3.3%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed	2.2%

* Partial return since fund started, March 28, 2016.

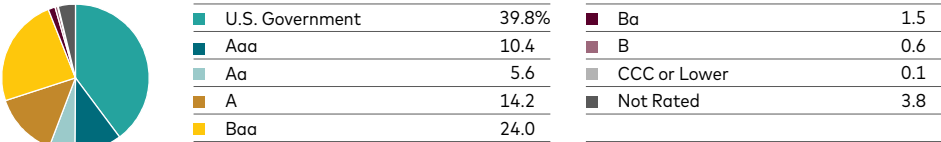
Bloomberg US Agg Float Adj Index: The broadest measure of the taxable U.S. bond market, including most Treasury, agency, corporate, mortgage-backed, asset-backed, and international dollar-denominated issues, all with investment-grade ratings (rated Baa3 or above by Moody's) and maturities of 1 year or more.

The fund held a subscription period from March 10, 2016 (the effective date of the fund) to March 28, 2016, during which time all assets were held directly or indirectly in money market instruments. Performance measurement began March 28, 2016.

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Distribution by credit quality*



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Plain talk about risk

An investment in the fund could lose money over short or long periods of time. You should expect the fund's share price and total return to fluctuate within a wide range. The fund is subject to the following risks, which could affect the fund's performance, and the level of risk may vary based on market conditions:

- Interest rate risk**, which is the chance that bond prices overall will decline because of rising interest rates.
- Income risk**, which is the chance that the fund's income will decline because of falling interest rates. Income risk is generally high for short-term bond funds and moderate for intermediate-term bond funds, so investors should expect the fund's monthly income to fluctuate accordingly.
- Call risk**, which is the chance that during periods of falling interest rates, issuers of callable bonds may call (redeem) securities with higher coupon rates or interest rates before their maturity dates. The fund would then lose any price appreciation above the bond's call price and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the fund's income. Such redemptions and subsequent reinvestments would also increase the fund's portfolio turnover rate.
- Prepayment risk**, which is the chance that during periods of falling interest rates, homeowners will refinance their mortgages before their maturity dates, resulting in prepayment of mortgage-backed securities held by the fund. The fund would then lose any price appreciation above the mortgage's principal and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the fund's income. Such prepayments and subsequent reinvestments would also increase the fund's portfolio turnover rate.
- Extension risk**, which is the chance that during periods of rising interest rates, certain debt securities will be paid off substantially more slowly than originally anticipated, and the value of those securities may fall. For funds that invest in mortgage-backed securities, extension risk is the chance that during periods of rising interest rates, homeowners will repay their mortgages at slower rates.
- Credit risk**, which is the chance that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest or principal in a timely manner or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline.
- Liquidity risk**, which is the chance that the fund may not be able to sell a security in a timely manner at a desired price.
- Currency risk**, which is the chance that the value of a foreign investment, measured in U.S. dollars, will decrease because of unfavorable changes in currency exchange rates.
- Manager risk**, which is the chance that poor security selection will cause the fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.
- Derivatives risk**, the fund may invest in derivatives, which may involve risks different from, and possibly greater than, those of investments directly in the underlying securities or assets.

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