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Vanguard Institutional Total Bond Market Index Trust Unit FLX

Bond fund

Fund facts

Total net assets	Turnover rate	Inception date	Fund number
$20,904 MM	37.6%	06/24/16	1984

Investment objective

Vanguard Institutional Total Bond Market Index Trust seeks to track the performance of a broad, market-weighted bond index.

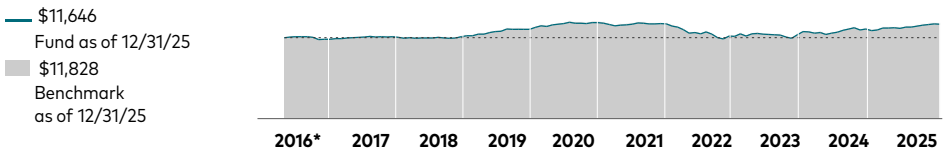
Investment strategy

The trust portfolio currently invests all its assets in Institutional Select shares of the Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund which employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Bond Index. This index measures a wide spectrum of public, investment-grade, taxable, fixed income securities in the United States—including government, corporate, and international dollar-denominated bonds, as well as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, all with maturities of more than 1 year. The fund invests by sampling the index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximate the full index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and at least 80% of the fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the index. The fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the index, which currently ranges between 5 and 10 years.

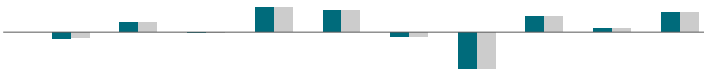
Benchmark

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index

Growth of a $10,000 investment : May 31, 2016—December 31, 2025



Annual returns



	2016*	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fund	-2.22	3.59	0.01	8.76	7.76	-1.63	-13.13	5.74	1.29	7.18
Benchmark	-2.06	3.63	-0.08	8.87	7.75	-1.58	-13.07	5.60	1.33	7.21

Total returns

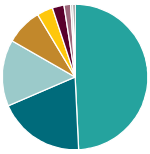
Periods ended June 30, 2026

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	0.70%	0.76%	3.74%	4.19%	0.10%	1.56%
Benchmark	0.69%	0.61%	3.71%	4.16%	0.09%	1.57%

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. 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	49.2%	Utilities	2.6
Government Mortgage-Backed	19.3	Commercial Mortgage-Backed	1.5
Industrial	14.8	Asset-Backed	0.5
Finance	8.1	Other	0.5
Foreign	3.5		

* Partial return since fund started, June 24, 2016.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted 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.

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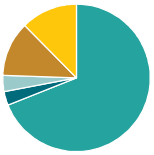
Distribution by credit quality†



U.S. Government	69.0%
AAA	3.0
AA	3.6
A	12.0
BBB	12.4
BB	0.0
B	0.0
CCC or Lower	0.0
Not rated	0.0

†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 internal money market funds, derivatives, and futures. 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 either obtained from Bloomberg using ratings derived from Moody's Investors Service (Moody's), Fitch Ratings (Fitch), and Standard & Poor's (S&P), or directly from Moody's and S&P. Credit-quality ratings obtained from Bloomberg use the following methodologies: When ratings from all three agencies are available, the median rating is used; when ratings from only two of the agencies are available, the lower rating is used; and when one rating is available, that rating is used. Credit-quality ratings obtained directly from Moody's and S&P use the higher rating for each issue. Exposures are calculated using investment book of record positions, which is based on when transactions occur, not when they settle, which can lead to the appearance of temporary negative cash balances or gross exposures greater than 100%.

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Plain talk about risk

An investment in the trust portfolio could lose money over short or even long periods. You should expect the trust portfolio's share price and total return to fluctuate within a wide range, like the fluctuations of the overall bond market. The trust portfolio's performance could be hurt by:

Interest rate risk: The chance that bond prices will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk should be moderate for the fund because it invests primarily in short- and intermediate-term bonds, whose prices are less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of long-term bonds.

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

Prepayment risk: 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.

Extension risk: The chance that during periods of rising interest rates, certain debt obligations 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 prepay their mortgages at slower rates.

Credit risk: The chance that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest or principal in a timely manner or that negative perceptions of the issuer's ability to make such payments will cause the price of that bond to decline. Credit risk should be low for the fund because it purchases only bonds that are of investment-grade quality.

Call risk: The chance that during periods of falling interest rates, issuers of callable bonds may call (redeem) securities with higher coupon rates or interest rates before their maturity dates. The fund would then lose any price appreciation above the bond's call price and would be forced to reinvest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the fund's income.

Index sampling risk: The chance that the securities selected for the fund, in the aggregate, will not provide investment performance matching that of the index. Index sampling risk for the fund should be low.

Index-related risks: The fund is subject to risks associated with index investing, which include passive management risk, tracking error risk, and index provider risk. Passive management risk is the chance that the fund's use of an indexing strategy will negatively impact the fund's performance. Because the fund seeks to track the performance of its target index regardless of how that index is performing, the fund's performance may be lower than it would be if the fund were actively managed. Tracking error risk is the chance that the fund's performance will deviate from the performance of its target index. Tracking error risk may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or under other unusual market conditions. Index provider risk is the chance that the fund will be negatively impacted by changes or errors made by the index provider. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with or resulting from an error made by the index provider will generally be borne by the fund and, as a result, the fund's shareholders.

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