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Vanguard® 500 Index Fund

Investment Approach

Seeks to track the performance of the S&P 500 Index.

U.S. large-cap equity diversified across growth and value styles.

Passively managed, full-replication approach.

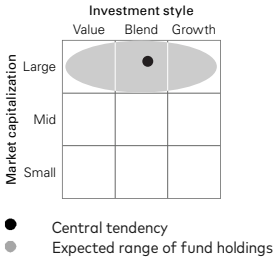
Fund remains fully invested.

Low expenses minimize net tracking error.

Note: The Investor Shares are closed to new investors.

Vanguard Style View : Large Blend

Index portfolio of large-capitalization U.S. stocks diversified across investment styles.



Quarterly Commentary

For the three months ended September 30, 2026, U.S. stocks posted modest gains. Despite generally resilient economic growth and corporate earnings, persistently high inflation and rising interest rates weighed on investor sentiment.

Global stocks returned 1.19% for the period, as measured by the FTSE Global All Cap Index in U.S. dollars. Gains in the Pacific region and the U.S. more than offset declines in European equities.

The fund's benchmark, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, returned 2.30% for the quarter.

Information technology (+7.3%), health care (+6.5%), and energy (+17.2%) were the top contributors. They accounted for 52.4% of the index's weighting at quarter-end and added about 3.7 percentage points to its result.

Industrials (–9.7%), consumer discretionary (–5.1%), and utilities (–12.4%) were the top detractors.

For the 12 months ended September 30, the index returned 15.74%. Information technology (+30.8%), health care (+23.0%), and communication services (+10.4%) were the top contributors. Consumer discretionary (–5.2%) and utilities (–7.0%) were the only detractors.

People and Process

Vanguard 500 Index Fund seeks to track the investment performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, an unmanaged benchmark representing U.S. large-capitalization stocks. Using full replication, the portfolio holds all stocks in the same capitalization weighting as the index. The Global Equity Index Management team applies disciplined portfolio construction and efficient trading techniques designed to help minimize tracking error and maintain close alignment with benchmark characteristics. The team uses proprietary software to implement trading decisions that accommodate cash flow and preserve index characteristics. Vanguard's refined indexing process, combined with low management fees and efficient trading, has provided tight tracking net of expenses.

Vanguard Capital Management

Launched in 1975, The Vanguard Group, Inc., Malvern, Pennsylvania, is among the world's largest equity and fixed income managers. Vanguard's wholly owned subsidiary, Vanguard Capital Management, an independent investment advisor designed to enhance fund oversight and operational efficiency, is focused on equity, fixed income, and multi-asset strategies. Equity index funds are managed by Global Equity Index Management, covering U.S. and international markets. Global Equity Index Management has developed sophisticated portfolio construction methodologies and efficient trading strategies that seek to deliver returns that are highly correlated with target portfolio benchmarks. The group has advised Vanguard 500 Index Fund since 1976.

Investment Manager Biographies

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.

Aurelie Denis, CFA. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2025. Worked in investment management since 2017. B.S., Pennsylvania State University.

Total Returns

	Expense Ratio	Quarter	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
500 Index Fund							
Investor Shares (8/31/1976)	0.14%	2.27%	12.63%	15.58%	22.71%	13.63%	15.18%
Admiral Shares (11/13/2000)	0.04	2.29	12.71	15.69	22.84	13.74	15.29
Institutional Select Shares (6/24/2016)	0.01	2.30	12.74	15.72	22.87	13.78	15.32
S&P 500 Index	—	2.30	12.75	15.74	22.89	13.79	15.33
S&P 500 Index Objective Funds Average	—	2.18	12.42	15.24	22.35	13.27	14.75

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.

Note: Admiral class shareholders are required to maintain specific minimum balances and meet other special criteria.

Quarterly Returns: Investor Shares

							Year-End
Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	500 Index	S&P 500 Index	Assets (Millions)
2026	-4.37%	15.16%	2.27%	—	—	—	$2,769
2025	-4.31	10.91	8.08	2.62%	17.71%	17.88%	2,855
2024	10.52	4.25	5.85	2.37	24.84	25.02	3,059
2023	7.46	8.70	-3.30	11.65	26.11	26.29	3,177
2022	-4.63	-16.13	-4.92	7.52	-18.23	-18.11	3,093
2021	6.15	8.51	0.54	10.99	28.53	28.71	4,512
2020	-19.63	20.52	8.89	12.12	18.25	18.40	4,504
2019	13.62	4.27	1.67	9.03	31.33	31.49	4,723
2018	-0.79	3.40	7.67	-13.55	-4.52	-4.38	23,162
2017	6.03	3.05	4.45	6.61	21.67	21.83	27,656
2016 [1]	1.31	2.42	3.82	3.80	11.82	11.96	26,652

[1] Since inception of the share class, 8/31/1976.

Quarterly Returns: Admiral Shares

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	500 Index	S&P 500 Index	Year-End Assets (Millions)
2026	-4.34%	15.19%	2.29%	—	—	—	$685,965
2025	-4.28	10.93	8.11	2.64%	17.83%	17.88%	632,222
2024	10.54	4.27	5.87	2.40	24.97	25.02	562,187
2023	7.49	8.73	-3.28	11.68	26.24	26.29	456,812
2022	-4.61	-16.11	-4.89	7.55	-18.15	-18.11	367,498
2021	6.18	8.54	0.57	11.02	28.66	28.71	453,239
2020	-19.61	20.54	8.92	12.15	18.37	18.40	359,553
2019	13.65	4.29	1.69	9.06	31.46	31.49	319,624
2018	-0.77	3.42	7.70	-13.53	-4.43	-4.38	230,375
2017	6.05	3.07	4.48	6.64	21.79	21.83	235,232
2016 [2]	1.34	2.45	3.84	3.82	11.93	11.96	181,513

[2] Since inception of the share class, 11/13/2000.

Quarterly Returns: Institutional Select Shares

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	500 Index	S&P 500 Index	Year-End Assets (Millions)
2026	-4.34%	15.20%	2.30%	—	—	—	$11,024
2025	-4.28	10.94	8.12	2.65%	17.86%	17.88%	6,210
2024	10.55	4.28	5.88	2.41	25.00	25.02	200,461
2023	7.50	8.74	-3.28	11.69	26.28	26.29	148,309
2022	-4.61	-16.10	-4.89	7.56	-18.13	-18.11	111,968
2021	6.18	8.55	0.58	11.02	28.70	28.71	118,481
2020	-19.60	20.55	8.93	12.15	18.40	18.40	94,870
2019	13.65	4.30	1.70	9.07	31.49	31.49	81,230
2018	-0.76	3.43	7.70	-13.52	-4.40	-4.38	56,531
2017	6.06	3.09	4.49	6.64	21.83	21.83	44,907
2016 [3]	—	3.05	3.85	3.83	11.12	11.11	17,753

[3] Since inception of the share class, 6/24/2016.

Volatility Measures

	R-Squared	Beta
S&P 500 Index	1.00	1.00
DJ US Total Stock Mkt Float Adj Idx	0.99	0.96

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

Fund Facts

	Investor Shares	Admiral Shares	Institutional Select Shares
Fund Number	0040	0540	1940
Ticker	VFINX	VFIAX	VFFSX
CUSIP Number	922908108	922908710	922908348
Assets (millions) (Total $1,732,017)	$2,769	$685,965	$11,024
Inception	8/31/1976	11/13/2000	6/24/2016
Expense Ratio (as of 4/2026)	0.14%	0.04%	0.01%

Equity Characteristics

	500 Index	S&P 500 Index
Number of stocks	505	503
Median market cap	$462.2 Billion	$462.2 Billion
Average market cap	$1678.4 Billion	$1677.5 Billion
Price/earnings ratio	24.7x	24.7x
Price/book ratio	5.3x	5.3x
Return on equity	29.0%	29.0%
Earnings growth rate	24.5%	24.5%
Equity yield (dividend)	1.1%	1.1%
Foreign holdings	0.0%	0.0%
Short-term reserves	0.0%	—
Turnover rate (fiscal year end)	2.4%	—

Top 10 Largest Holdings

	% of Total Net Assets
NVIDIA Corp.	8.4%
Apple Inc.	7.4
Microsoft Corp.	5.8
Alphabet Inc.	5.5
Amazon.com Inc.	3.7
Broadcom Inc.	2.5
Meta Platforms Inc.	2.4
Micron Technology Inc.	1.8
Tesla Inc.	1.5
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	1.5
Total	**40.6%**

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

Sector Diversification (% of Stocks)

	500 Index	S&P 500 Index	Overweight/ Underweight
Communication Services	9.9%	9.9%	0.0%
Consumer Discretionary	8.6	8.6	0.0
Consumer Staples	4.4	4.4	0.0
Energy	3.4	3.4	0.0
Financials	11.4	11.4	0.0
Health Care	9.3	9.3	0.0
Industrials	8.0	8.0	0.0
Information Technology	39.7	39.7	0.0
Materials	1.7	1.7	0.0
Real Estate	1.7	1.7	0.0
Utilities	1.9	1.9	0.0
Total	**100.0%**	**100.0%**	

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

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