Vanguard Short-Term Corporate Bond ETF | VCSH

As of September 30, 2026

Investment approach

- Seeks to track the performance of the Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Corporate Bond Index.
- Diversified exposure to the short-term investment-grade U.S. corporate bond market.
- Follows a passively managed, index sampling approach.
- Provides current income with high credit quality.

About the benchmark

- The Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Corporate Bond Index measures the investment return of U.S. dollar denominated, investment-grade, fixed rate, taxable securities issued by industrial, utility, and financial companies with maturities between 1 and 5 years.

Performance history

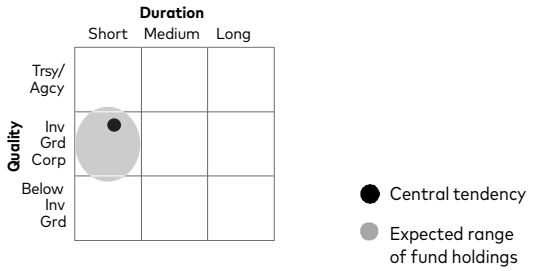
Total returns [2] for period ended September 30, 2026

VCSH (Inception 2009-11-19)	Quarter	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Net asset value (NAV) return[3]	-1.05%	-0.12%	1.11%	5.23%	2.17%	2.53%	2.82%
Market price return[4]	-1.14	-0.20	1.03	5.21	2.16	2.51	2.81
Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Corporate Bond Index	-1.04	-0.12	1.13	5.24	2.19	2.61	2.95

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Investment Products: Not FDIC Insured • No Bank Guarantee • May Lose Value

Investment focus



Quick facts

Benchmark	Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Corporate Bond Index
Expense ratio[1]	0.03%
Dividend schedule	Monthly
ETF total net assets	$43,859 million
Fund total net assets	$50,765 million
Inception date	2009-11-19

Trading information

Ticker symbol	VCSH
CUSIP number	92206C409
IIV (intra-day ticker)	VCSH.IV
Index ticker (Bloomberg)	I06728US
Exchange	NASDAQ

ETF attributes

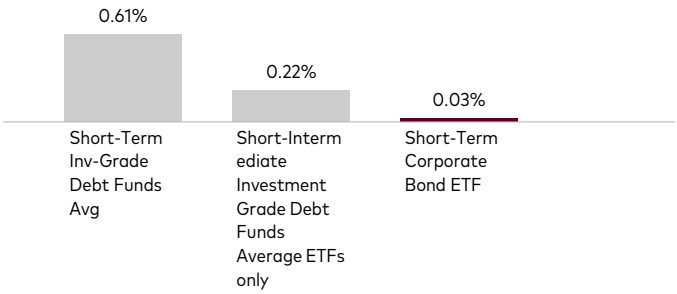
	Short-Term Corporate Bond ETF	Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Corporate Bond Index
Number of bonds	3,065	3,388
Average duration[5]	2.7 years	2.7 years
Average effective maturity[6]	3.1 years	3.0 years
Turnover rate[7]	72.7%	—
Short-term reserves	0.0	—

1. As reported in the most recent prospectus. A fund's current expense ratio may be lower or higher than the figure reported in the prospectus.
2. Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Fund performance figures assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions; the figures are pre-tax and net of expenses. The above widely used comparative index represents unmanaged or average returns on various financial assets that can be compared with the fund's total returns for the purpose of measuring relative performance.
3. As of 4 p.m., Eastern time, when the regular trading session of the New York Stock Exchange typically closes.
4. Effective July 15, 2024, the market price returns are calculated using the official closing price as reported by the ETF's primary exchange. Prior to July 15, 2024, the market price returns were calculated using the midpoint between the bid and ask prices as of the closing time of the New York Stock Exchange (typically 4 p.m., Eastern time). The returns shown do not represent the returns you would receive if you traded shares at other times.
5. Average duration is a measure of the sensitivity of bond—and bond mutual fund—prices to interest rate movements. For example, if a bond has a duration of 2 years, its price would fall about 2% when interest rates rose 1 percentage point. On the other hand, the bond's price would rise by about 2% when interest rates fell by 1 percentage point.
6. Average effective maturity is defined as the average length of time until fixed income securities held by a fund are expected to be repaid, taking into consideration that an action such as a call or refunding may cause some bonds to be repaid before they mature.
7. For most recent fiscal year. Turnover rate excludes the value of portfolio securities received or delivered as a result of in-kind purchases or redemptions of the fund's capital shares, including Vanguard ETF Creation Units.

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Expense ratio comparison [1]



Portfolio management

Vanguard Fixed Income Group

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- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2009.
- Worked in investment management since 1999.
- B.S., Ohio Northern University.
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Jake Riley, CFA

- Portfolio manager.
- Advised the fund since 2025.
- Worked in investment management since 2011.
- B.S., James Madison University.
- M.B.A., University of Chicago, Booth School of Business.

Distibution by effective maturity

Under 1 Year	0.1%
1 - 2 Years	18.3
2 - 3 Years	25.4
3 - 4 Years	26.3
4 - 5 Years	22.2
Over 5 Years	7.7

Distribution by issuer

Finance	41.3%
Industrial	51.4
Treasury/Agency	0.2
Utilities	7.2

Distribution by credit quality [2]

U.S. Government	0.2%
AAA	0.3
AA	8.4
A	45.7
BBB	45.5
BB	0.0
Not rated	-0.1

1. Represents the expense ratio for the Vanguard ETF as reported in the most recent prospectus. There are material differences between mutual funds and ETFs. Unlike mutual funds, ETFs are priced continuously and bought and sold throughout the day in the secondary market (at a premium or discount to net asset value) with the assistance of a stockbroker, which entails paying commissions. Sources: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company, and Vanguard, December 31, 2025.

2. 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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