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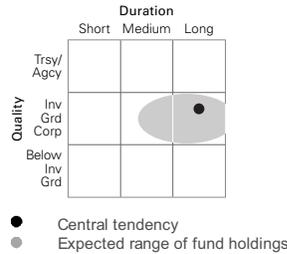
# Vanguard® Long-Term Investment-Grade Fund

## Product Summary

Long-term, high-quality bonds.  
 Seeks high and sustainable current income.  
 Fundamental, bottom-up credit selection process.  
 Broadly diversified by issuer and industry sector.  
 Moderate credit risk.

## Vanguard Style View: Long-Term Bond

Portfolio of long-term, investment-grade corporate bonds.



## Quarterly Commentary

Investor appetite for credit oscillated during the second quarter amid signs of decelerating global growth, flare-ups in trade disputes, heightened global tensions over Iran, and disagreement in the United Kingdom on how to exit the European Union. With the U.S. economic outlook deteriorating, Federal Reserve policymakers signaled a readiness to loosen monetary policy if needed to sustain the decade-long economic expansion. Expectations that the Fed might cut interest rates drove down U.S. Treasury yields, especially for intermediate-term bonds; this led to a consistent inversion in the yield curve from late May through quarter-end. The yield of the 10-year Treasury note finished the period down 40 basis points at 2.01%, below the 2.09% yield of the 3-month bill, which fell 29 basis points. Amid declining yields, bond prices rose and the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index advanced 3.08%.

Vanguard Long-Term Investment-Grade Fund underperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Long Credit A or Better Index (+6.63%). The fund meaningfully outperformed the average return of its peer group (+3.75%). Notably, the peer group includes funds with intermediate-term durations, which benefited less from the decrease in yields. The fund's underperformance relative to its benchmark was driven by duration and credit spread exposures. A slight short duration posture in light of falling rates weighed on performance. Further, while an out-of-benchmark allocation to BBB-rated securities boosted returns, the fund's overall lower credit risk exposure hindered performance as credit spreads tightened. Offsetting some of this was strong security selection, especially within industrial sectors such as consumer noncyclical and communications.

For the 12 months ended June 30, the U.S. taxable bond market posted solid returns (+7.87%), with long-term bonds outperforming. The 10-year yield fell 68 basis points, and the 30-year yield fell 49 basis points. The fund outperformed its benchmark (+14.28%) and the average return of its peers (+8.80%). Positive security selection drove the outperformance, especially within industrial sectors such as capital goods and consumer noncyclical. Exposure to Pacific Gas & Electric, which underperformed in the fourth quarter amid liability claims from the California wildfires, held back returns somewhat.

## People and Process

Vanguard Long-Term Investment-Grade Fund seeks a high and sustainable level of current income by investing in investment-grade bonds and maintaining a dollar-weighted average maturity within a range that is five years shorter than or five years longer than that of its benchmark index. The fund generally invests at least 70% of its total assets in bonds rated A or higher and retains the flexibility to invest in U.S. Treasury, agency, and mortgage-backed securities. Portfolio duration adjusts based on the advisor's interest-rate outlook, yield-curve projections, and other factors. The fund maintains broad diversification across sectors and issuers, but will emphasize sectors and securities representing good relative value based on yield-spread relationships. The advisor conducts intensive fundamental research on each prospective issuer to support the investment process.

## Wellington Management Company LLP

The firm seeks high and sustainable current income by investing in long-term, high-quality bonds with moderate credit risk. Wellington attempts to add value through credit issue selection as well as through duration and yield curve management.

## Firm Description

Founded in 1928, Wellington Management Company LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, is among the nation's oldest and most respected institutional investment managers. The firm has advised Vanguard Long-Term Investment-Grade Fund since 1973.

### Investment Manager Biographies

Scott I. St. John, CFA, Senior Managing Director. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2014. Worked in investment management since 1995. B.S., Cornell University. M.B.A., University of Rochester.

### Vanguard Fixed Income Group

Vanguard uses a hub-and-satellite structure and decision-making framework to manage fixed income securities, which promotes a consistently applied, robust process. The hub determines the macroeconomic outlook and determines the strategic allocations of the fund. The satellites specialize in specific areas of the fixed income market and construct portfolios using bottom-up research for issuer and security selections.

### Firm Description

Launched in 1975, The Vanguard Group, Malvern, Pennsylvania, is among the world's largest equity and fixed income managers. As chief investment officer, Gregory Davis, CFA, oversees Vanguard's Equity Index, Quantitative Equity, and Fixed Income Groups. John Hollyer, CFA, 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. The Fixed Income Group offers actively managed investments in U.S. Treasury, corporate, and tax-exempt securities, as well as passively managed index portfolios. Since 1981, it has refined techniques in total-return management, credit research, and index sampling to seek to deliver consistent performance with transparency and risk control. The group has advised Vanguard Long-Term Investment-Grade Fund since 2013.

### Investment Manager Biographies

Daniel Shaykevich, Principal. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2018. Worked in investment management since 2001. B.S., Carnegie Mellon University.

Samuel C. Martinez, CFA. Portfolio manager. Advised the fund since 2018. Worked in investment management since 2010. B.S., Southern Utah University. M.B.A., The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

### Investment Advisors

	Fund Assets Managed	
	%	\$ Million
Wellington Management Company LLP	85	15,933
Vanguard Fixed Income Group	10	1,775
Cash investments	5	929
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>18,637</b>

## Total Returns

	Quarter	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Long-Term Investment-Grade Fund						
Investor Shares (7/9/1973)	6.45%	13.96%	14.65%	4.53%	6.08%	8.30%
Admiral Shares (2/12/2001)	6.48	14.02	14.77	4.64	6.19	8.42
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Long Credit A or Better Bond Index	6.63	14.16	14.28	4.39	5.90	8.07
Corporate A-Rated Debt Funds Average	3.75	8.01	8.80	3.05	3.38	4.95

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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: Average fund returns are derived from data provided by Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company. Admiral class shareholders are required to maintain specific minimum balances and meet other special criteria.

## Quarterly Returns: Investor Shares

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Long-Term Invest.-Grade	Bloomberg Barclays Long Credit A/Better Index	Year-End
							Assets (Millions)
2019	7.05%	6.45%	—	—	—	—	\$4,535
2018	-4.45	-2.16	0.65%	-0.04%	-5.95%	-6.32%	3,946
2017	1.34	4.93	1.87	3.33	11.93	11.49	4,506
2016	6.77	6.05	1.82	-6.48	7.82	7.88	4,102
2015	3.07	-7.63	2.63	0.09	-2.21	-1.95	3,984
2014	6.34	4.62	0.82	5.36	18.17	17.22	4,482
2013	-0.61	-6.17	-0.30	1.25	-5.87	-6.79	3,962
2012	0.44	5.57	4.66	0.62	11.66	11.10	4,472
2011	0.11	3.15	11.05	2.19	17.18	18.42	4,121
2010	1.57	7.44	5.63	-3.95	10.71	10.02	3,836
2009	-8.28	8.83	11.33	-2.14	8.75	9.53	4,035

## Quarterly Returns: Admiral Shares

Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Long-Term Invest.-Grade	Bloomberg Barclays Long Credit A/Better Index	Year-End
							Assets (Millions)
2019	7.08%	6.48%	—	—	—	—	\$14,101
2018	-4.43	-2.14	0.68%	-0.02%	-5.86%	-6.32%	12,272
2017	1.37	4.96	1.90	3.35	12.04	11.49	12,051
2016	6.80	6.08	1.84	-6.46	7.92	7.88	10,275
2015	3.09	-7.61	2.65	0.11	-2.11	-1.95	9,843
2014	6.36	4.65	0.84	5.38	18.29	17.22	11,512
2013	-0.59	-6.15	-0.27	1.27	-5.77	-6.79	9,514
2012	0.46	5.60	4.68	0.65	11.77	11.10	9,375
2011	0.14	3.18	11.07	2.22	17.30	18.42	6,832
2010	1.60	7.48	5.66	-3.93	10.85	10.02	5,361
2009	-8.25	8.86	11.37	-2.11	8.89	9.53	3,837

## Fund Facts

	Investor Shares	Admiral Shares
Fund Number	0028	0568
Ticker	VWESX	VWETX
Newspaper Listing	LTIGrade	LTIGradeAdml
CUSIP Number	922031109	922031778
Assets (millions) (Total \$18,637)	\$4,535	\$14,101
Inception	7/9/1973	2/12/2001
Expense Ratio (as of 5/2019)	0.22%	0.12%

## Fixed Income Characteristics

	Long-Term Invest.-Grade	Bloomberg Barclays Long Credit A/Better Index
Number of bonds	903	1,164
Average effective maturity	21.4 years	23.1 years
Average duration	13.8 years	14.6 years
Short-term reserves	1.6%	—

## Distribution by Issuer

	% of Portfolio
Asset-Backed	0.0%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed	0.7
Finance	20.3
Foreign	0.8
Government Mortgage-Backed	1.6
Industrial	44.3
Short-Term Reserves	1.6
Treasury/Agency	6.4
Utilities	15.3
Other	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Volatility Measures

	R-Squared	Beta
BloomBarc US LongCredit A/Better Ix	0.99	1.01
BloomBarc US Aggregate Bond Index	0.85	2.18

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

## Distribution by Credit Quality

	% of Portfolio
U.S. Government	7.9%
Aaa	7.6
Aa	17.8
A	59.1
Baa	6.3
Ba	0.0
B	0.0
Caa	0.0
Ca	0.0
C	0.0
Not Rated	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Distribution by Effective Maturity

	% of Portfolio
Under 1 Year	8.5 %
1 to 3 Years	0.1 %
3 to 5 Years	0.5 %
5 to 7 Years	0.2 %
7 to 10 Years	3.0 %
10 to 20 Years	29.2 %
20 to 30 Years	53.6 %
Over 30 Years	4.9 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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