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# Vanguard USD Corporate 1-3 Year Bond UCITS ETF

(USD) Distributing - An exchange-traded fund

Inception date: 22 May 2018

Total assets (million) \$1,826 | Share class assets (million) \$344 as at 31 March 2024

Key ETF facts	Exchange ticker	SEDOL	Reuters	Bloomberg	Bloomberg iNav	Valoren
London Stock Exchange						
GBP	VUSC	BF4JR06	VUSC.L	VUSC LN	IVUSCGBP	—
USD	VDUC	BFN3K11	VDUC.L	VDUC LN	IVDUCUSD	—
SIX Swiss Exchange						
CHF	VUSC	BF4JR17	VUSC.S	VUSC SW	IVUSCCHF	40070038
Deutsche Börse						
EUR	VUSC	BF4JQZ4	VUSC.DE	VUSC GY	IVUSC	—
Borsa Italiana S.p.A.						
EUR	VUSC	BGSF2P7	VUSC.MI	VUSC IM	IVUSCEUR	—
Base currency	Tax reporting	SRI*	Index ticker	Investment structure		Domicile
USD	UK Reporting	2	I33680US	UCITS		Ireland
Legal entity	Investment method	ISIN	Dividends	Dividend schedule		Investment manager
Vanguard Funds plc	Physical	IE00BDD48R20	Distributed	Monthly	Vanguard Global Advisers, LLC Global Fixed Income Team	

Ongoing Charges Figure<sup>†</sup> 0.09%

<sup>†</sup> The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) covers administration, audit, depository, legal, registration and regulatory expenses incurred in respect of the Funds. When you invest with any fund manager, you pay a number of charges, starting with the Annual Management Charge (AMC) which covers the fund manager's costs of managing the fund. The AMC plus ongoing running costs and other operational expenses make up the fund's total 'ongoing charges figure'.

Objectives and investment policy

- The Fund employs a passive management – or indexing – investment approach, through physical acquisition of securities, and seeks to track the performance of the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate – United States Dollar Index 1-3 Year (the "Index").
- The Fund invests in a representative sample of bonds included in the Index in order to closely match the Index's capital and income return.
- The Index measures the performance of a broad spread of US dollar denominated bonds paying a fixed rate of interest which are issued by companies.
- Bonds in the Index have maturities of between one and three years and are generally investment grade.
- To a lesser extent, the Fund may invest in bonds outside the Index where the risk and return characteristics of such bonds closely resemble those of the constituents of the Index.

\* Summary Risk Indicator

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Performance summary

USD—Vanguard USD Corporate 1-3 Year Bond UCITS ETF  
Benchmark — Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate – United States Dollar Index 1-3 Year

Annualised performance**	1 month	Quarter	Year to date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Fund (Net of expenses)	0.51%	0.80%	0.80%	5.02%	0.71%	1.83%	—	2.17%
Benchmark	0.55%	0.85%	0.85%	5.17%	0.77%	1.97%	1.96%	2.32%

\*\*Figures for periods less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred in the issue and redemption of shares. Basis of fund performance is NAV to NAV with gross income invested. Basis of index performance is total return.

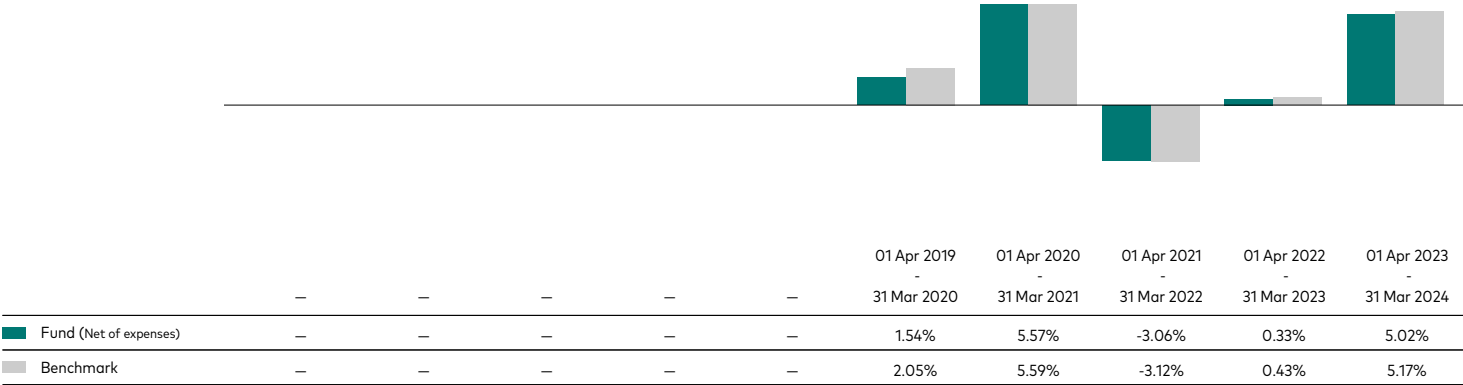
Performance and Data is calculated on closing NAV as at 31 March 2024.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

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Source: Vanguard; Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate – United States Dollar Index 1-3 Year- The Index is a widely recognised benchmark designed to reflect the total universe of publicly traded, fixed-coupon, dollar-denominated investment grade corporate bonds with maturities of between one and three years and are generally investment grade.

Rolling 12-month performance



Key investment risks

The value of bonds and fixed income-related securities is affected by influential factors such as interest rates, inflation, credit spreads and volatility which, in turn, are driven by other factors including political, economic news, company earnings and significant corporate events. Movements in currency exchange rates can adversely affect the return of your investment.

Credit risk. The issuer of a financial asset held within the Fund may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.

Liquidity risk. Lower liquidity means there are insufficient buyers or sellers to allow the Fund to sell or buy investments readily.

Counterparty risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Index tracking risk. The Fund is not expected to track the performance of the Index at all times with perfect accuracy. The Fund is, however, expected to provide investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the Index.

Index sampling risk. As the Fund uses an index sampling technique whereby a representative sample of securities are selected to represent the Index, there is the risk that the securities selected for the Fund may not, in the aggregate, approximate the full Index.

Bond risk. The Fund invests in bonds which may provide higher yields but as such may carry greater credit risk increasing the risk of defaults on repayment and erosion of the capital value of your investment. The level of income may fluctuate and movements in interest rates are likely to affect the capital value of bonds.

Please also read the risk factors section in the prospectus and the Key Information Document, both of which are available on the Vanguard website.

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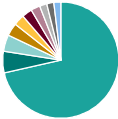
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Data as at 31 March 2024 unless otherwise stated.

Characteristics	Fund	Benchmark
Number of bonds	2,091	2,177
Yield to worst	5.35%	5.38%
Average coupon	3.6%	3.5%
Average maturity	2.0 years	1.9 years
Average quality	A-	A-
Average duration	1.9 years	1.7 years
Cash investment*	0.1%	—
Turnover rate	103%	—

The PTR (Portfolio Turnover Rate) approach considers the total security purchases and sales, the total subscriptions and redemptions and the average net assets of the fund to calculate the turnover figure. Data as at 31 March 2024.

## Market allocation



United States	65.7%
United Kingdom	5.6
Canada	4.2
Japan	3.3
Australia	2.8

France	2.6%
Germany	2.3
Switzerland	1.9
China	1.8
Korea	1.8

## Distribution by credit maturity (% of fund)



Under 1 Year	0.4%
1 - 2 Years	42.7
2 - 3 Years	46.5
3 - 4 Years	8.4
Over 5 Years	2.0

## Distribution by credit quality (% of fund)



AAA	1.2%
AA	9.8
A	46.6
BBB	42.2
Not Rated	0.2

Credit-quality ratings for each issue are obtained from Bloomberg using ratings derived from Moody's Investors Service, Fitch Ratings, and Standard & Poor's. When ratings from all three agencies are available, the median rating is used. When ratings are available from two of the agencies, the lower rating is used. When one rating is available, that rating is used.

## Distribution by issuer (% of fund)



Corporate - financial institutions	50.0%
Corporate - industrials	45.3
Corporate - utilities	4.5
Cash*	0.1
Treasury/federal	0.1

\*The allocations are subject to circumstances such as timing differences between trade and settlement dates of underlying securities, that may result in negative weightings. The fund may also employ certain derivative instruments for cash management or risk management purposes that may also result in negative weightings. Allocations are subject to change. Cash includes physical cash on the account, cash like instruments (such as ultra-short term treasury bonds) and derivative instruments.

Source: Vanguard

## Glossary for ETF attributes

The ETF attributes section on the first page contains a number of metrics that professional investors use to value individual securities against a market or index average. These metrics can also be used to value and compare funds to the market by taking the average of all the securities held in the fund and comparing them to those of the fund's benchmark index. We've provided a definition of the terms used for your convenience.

**Average coupon** is the average interest rate paid on the fixed income securities held by a fund. It is expressed as a percentage of face value.

**Average maturity** is the average length of time until fixed income securities held by a fund reach maturity and are repaid, taking into consideration the possibility that the issuer may call the bond before its maturity date. The figure reflects the proportion of fund assets represented by each security; it also reflects any futures contracts held. In general, the longer the average effective maturity, the more a fund's share price will fluctuate in response to changes in market interest rates.

**Average quality** is an indicator of credit risk. This figure is the average of the ratings assigned to a fund's fixed income holdings by credit-rating agencies. The agencies make their judgment after appraising an issuer's ability to meet its obligations. Quality is graded on a scale, with Aaa or AAA indicating the most creditworthy bond issuers.

**Average duration** is an estimate of how much the value of the bonds held by a fund will fluctuate in response to a change in interest rates. To see how the value could change, multiply the average duration by the change in rates. If interest rates rise by 1 percentage point, the value of the bonds in a fund with an average duration of five years would decline by about 5%. If rates decrease by a percentage point, the value would rise by 5%.

**Yield to worst** applies when the portfolio is invested into callable bonds. When it is not the case Yield to worst=Yield to maturity.

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## Investment risk information

The value of investments, and the income from them, may fall or rise and investors may get back less than they invested.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Funds investing in fixed interest securities carry the risk of default on repayment and erosion of the capital value of your investment and the level of income may fluctuate. Movements in interest rates are likely to affect the capital value of fixed interest securities. Corporate bonds may provide higher yields but as such may carry greater credit risk increasing the risk of default on repayment and erosion of the capital value of your investment. The level of income may fluctuate and movements in interest rates are likely to affect the capital value of bonds.

ETF shares can be bought or sold only through a broker. Investing in ETFs entails stockbroker commission and a bid- offer spread which should be considered fully before investing.

The Funds may use derivatives in order to reduce risk or cost and/or generate extra income or growth. The use of derivatives could increase or reduce exposure to underlying assets and result in greater fluctuations of the Fund's net asset value. A derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on the value of a financial asset (such as a share, bond, or currency) or a market index.

Some funds invest in securities which are denominated in different currencies. Movements in currency exchange rates can affect the return of investments.

For further information on risks please see the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus on our website at <https://global.vanguard.com>.

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