### **Target Date Funds** Fiduciary Review 2024



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## **Fiduciary Considerations**

Target Date funds account for the majority of new qualified institutional retirement plan <sup>100%</sup> assets

- TDFs garnered 79.5% of quarterly net flows as of 3/31/24\*
- 96% of DC plans offered TDF funds as of year end 2023\*\*
- Among plans choosing a qualified default investment alternative (QDIA) for participants, 98% utilize a TDF as the QDIA\*\*

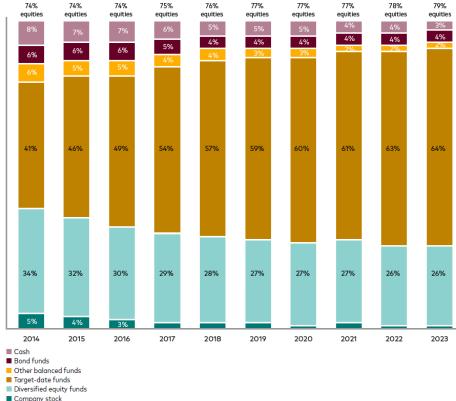
Litigation against plan sponsors typically includes the following complaints:

- Improper investment asset allocation
- Poor performance
- High fees
- Self dealing with a recordkeeper's proprietary products

DOL guidelines include:

- Establishing a sound process for selecting and monitoring TDFs, and showing consistent documentation of that process
- Periodically reviewing relative performance, and comparing the investment expense relative to other TDF options
- Understanding the TDF's glidepath and how it evolves over time

#### Plan Contribution Allocation Summary\*\*





\* Source: Callan DC Index 3/31/24

\*\* Source: Vanguard's How America Saves 2024 Report

## **Considerations for your Fiduciary Process**

DOL Consideration	Your Plan
Form a process for selection and monitoring	Your Target Date Funds are regularly benchmarked against the applicable indexes and peer groups, as well as evaluated within Carson's scoring methodology
Understand the series' asset allocation and glidepath characteristics	Vanguard Target Retire Trust Plus has a through glidepath. The equity allocation begins at 90% for the youngest participants, is at 50% at retirement, and holds a 30% position 7 years after retirement
Benchmark the investment management fees	Expense ratios are 0.06% and are below the peer average investment management costs
Understand the series' building blocks and what options are available in the marketplace	The underlying portfolios are comprised of 0% active and 100% passive components, of which 100% are proprietary to Vanguard
Consistently document the monitoring process	Regular investment monitoring materials and annual due diligence reviews are saved in your advisor's client file

Name	Vanguard Target Retire Trust Plus
Inception Date	10/27/2003
Expense Range	0.055%
People	<ul> <li>Team of 4 portfolio managers handle day to day operations</li> <li>Investment methodology and strategy is overseen by Vanguard's Strategic Asset Allocation Committee (SAAC) which is a team of 15 global investment leaders who meet quarterly to steer the policy allocations of Vanguard's multi-asset portfolios</li> <li>2 of the named PMs also are members of the SAAC</li> </ul>
Glidepath Style	Moderate glidepath has an average equity allocation generally near that of the peer average across the glidepath
Building Blocks	Portfolios comprised of 5 underlying proprietary Vanguard index funds and cash equivalents

This target-date series has all the features one would expect from Vanguard's deeply rooted investment culture. It features four low-cost, broadly diversified index funds to gain efficient exposure to global stocks and bonds. The Vanguard Target Retirement series is managed on a day-to-day basis by a team of 4 named portfolio managers and investment methodology and strategy is overseen by Vanguard's Strategic Asset Allocation Committee (SAAC) which is a team of 15 global investment leaders who meet quarterly to steer the policy allocations of Vanguard's multi-asset portfolios (2 of the named PMs also are members of the SAAC).

The team employs a straight forward, no frills approach to asset allocation. Market exposure (beta), low costs, and an intentional avoidance of sector, region, style, or asset class bets relative to the peer group average are the hallmarks of the strategy, and outperformance is generated incrementally over time. This ensures that while the strategy will likely never be the best performing in its peer group in any calendar year, it will also likely never be the worst either. Sub-asset class, style, and market cap positioning is determined by market weights due to using the total market indexes although some decision making is used in the US vs Intl equity split, but the team is thoughtful about what the global liquid market's characteristics are when they set those weights (weights are reviewed quarterly by the SAAC but don't change much).

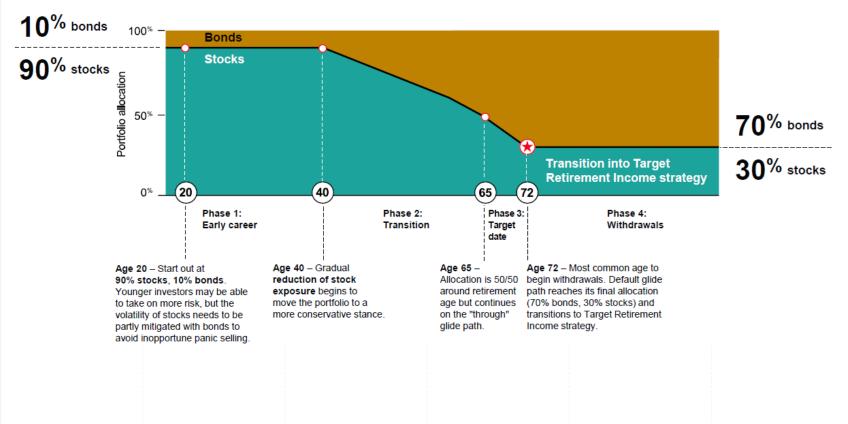
All portfolios in the series are constructed using a combination of the following 6 investments:

- Vanguard Total Stock Market Index
- Vanguard Total International Stock Index
- Vanguard Total Bond Market Index
- Vanguard Total International Bond Index
- Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index
- Cash

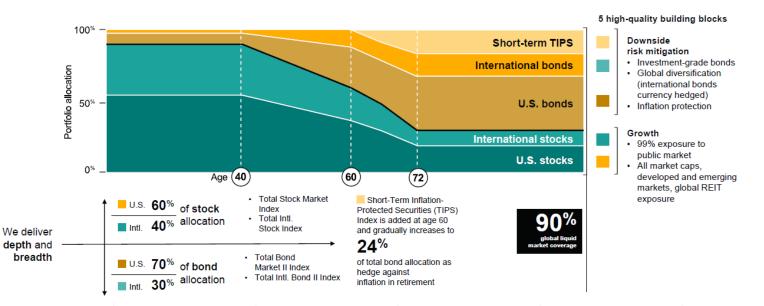
This allows each vintage in the series to provide investors with broadly diversified global equity and bod exposure in commensurate proportions relative to the target retirement date in question. The asset allocation begins at 90% equities and 10% fixed income/cash for the youngest participants, is roughly 50% equities and 50% fixed income/cash at retirement, and lands at 30% equities and 70% fixed income/cash for participants deeper into retirement as outlined on the below glidepath charts from Vanguard.

#### Balancing risk and return at every stage of the investor's life

Glide path determined by time-tested investment principles and behavioral insights



#### A strategic asset allocation using high-quality building blocks



Long term performance across the glidepath continues to be in line with expectations as the series's low costs and passive beta exposure have been able to generate strong compound returns over multi-year to multi-decade time horizons typical of target date investors. Recent performance has also benefitted from the underlying portfolios being market capitalization weighted as large cap has outperformed small cap, growth has outperformed value, and US markets have outperformed international markets. As a passive strategy, the funds give up the potential for manager alpha (excess returns) due to security selection, but also avoid the pitfalls of negative alpha or value traps, resulting in a smoother relative return experience.

## **TDF Comparison Summary**

TDF Series	Blackrock LifePath Index MF	Fidelity Freedom Index Inst! Prem Nuveen Lifecycle Ind		Vanguard Target Retirement
Strategy Investment Expense	0.09%	0.08% 0.10%		0.055%*
Glidepath Risk	Moderate	Aggressive	Aggressive	Aggressive
Management Style	Passive	Passive	Passive	Passive
Average Underlying Fund Score	10.0	8.0	9.8	8.3
Number of Underlying Funds Scoring Watchlist or Below	D	3	D	1
3(38) Independent Manager Selection	No	No	No	No

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## **TDF Matrix**

TDF Series Name	Equity Glide Path (Approx.)		Roll Down Age		Approx. Equity	Management	Investment	Equity Tactical
	Starting Eq	Ending Eq	Begin	End	Exposure at 65	Style	Туре	(+/-)
Blackrock LifePath Index MF	99%	40%	35	65	40%	Passive	Proprietary Funds	0
Fidelity Freedom Index Instl Prem	90%	19%	46	83	52%	Passive	Proprietary Funds	0
Nuveen Lifecycle Index	95%	20%	22	97	50%	Passive	Proprietary Funds	0
Vanguard Target Retirement	90%	30%	45	72	49%	Passive	Proprietary Funds	0

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## **TDF Matrix Definitions**

TDF Series Name: Name of the TDF series.

**TDF Design Analysis:** each series is placed into a risk category (aggressive, moderate, conservative) based on the Glidepath Risk Index.

**Glidepath Risk Index**: A glidepath describes the transition from equity assets to fixed income investments as an investor approaches retirement. The Glidepath Risk Index quantifies a glidepath's overall aggressiveness by considering four key factors, as explained below:

Equity exposure at retirement (age 65): Equity risk is responsible for a large portion of the volatility in broadly diversified portfolios. This represents 65 percent of the risk index weight.

Glidepath slope: a steeper glidepath that transitions away from equity assets to fixed income investments near retirement age limits the ability to recover large losses and is more susceptible to sequencing risk. Sequencing risk is the risk of experiencing negative returns in a period when withdrawals are being made. A steeper transition away from equity asses in this case would make it subsequently more difficult for the investor to recoup losses experienced during this time. This represents 25 percent of the index weight.

Equity at the start of the glidepath. This represents 2.5 percent of the index weight.

Equity at the end of the glidepath. This represents 7.5 percent of the risk index weight.

Starting Eq: A glidepath's beginning equity percentage.

Ending Eq: A glidepath's ending equity percentage, which may be at retirement age or past retirement age depending on the structure of the glidepath.

Begin Roll Down Age: The participant age corresponding to the glidepath's first decline in equity percentage

End Roll Down Age: The participant age corresponding to the time when the glidepath reaches its lowest and final equity percentage point.

Approx. Equity Exposure at 65: The glidepath's approximate equity percentage at participant age 65 (assumed retirement age).

Active/Passive: Describes the management style of the underlying funds within the TDF series. Active: Fund manager attempts to implement a particular strategy with the goal to outperform a benchmark. Passive: Fund manager implements a strategy to match, not outperform, the performance, of a particular benchmark, gross of fees.

Investment Type: Describes the structure of the underlying funds within the series.

**Tactical Asset Allocation**: A glidepath can be strategic or tactical. Every TDF has a policy glidepath, which specifies the asset allocations at given time and serves as the base glidepath to which the portfolios are rebalanced periodically. Managers implementing a strategic glidepath do

not actively deviate from these policy levels, although the policy weights can change slightly over time due to changes in long-term capital market expectations. Managers implementing a tactical glidepath can actively deviate from policy allocations to act on their short-term outlooks for certain asset classes in an attempt to outperform the policy allocation, in addition to changing the policy weights over time based on long-term capital market expectations. This metric describes the maximum percentage deviation from the glidepath the manager is allowed to implement.

#### Investment Types

**Proprietary Funds:** A TDF is labeled proprietary if the underlying funds comprising the TDF series are managed by the same investment company managing the TDF itself.

**Sub-advised Proprietary Funds**: The underlying funds comprising the TDF series are managed by a mix of internal managers and outside managers via various sub-advisory agreements.

**Proprietary & Multi-manager Funds**: The underlying funds comprising the TDF series are managed by both the same investment company managing the TDF itself and outside managers.

**Open Architecture**: The underlying funds are selected from the full range of investment managers with no proprietary mandate.

Disclaimers

Investments in target date funds are subject to the risks of their underlying funds. The investment risk of target date funds change over time as its asset allocation changes. Asset allocation and diversification do not protect against market loss. No target date fund is considered a complete retirement program and there is no guarantee any single fund will provide sufficient retirement income at or through retirement. Principal invested is not guaranteed at any time, including at or after the funds' target dates. The target date is typically the date in which the participant is expecting to retire.

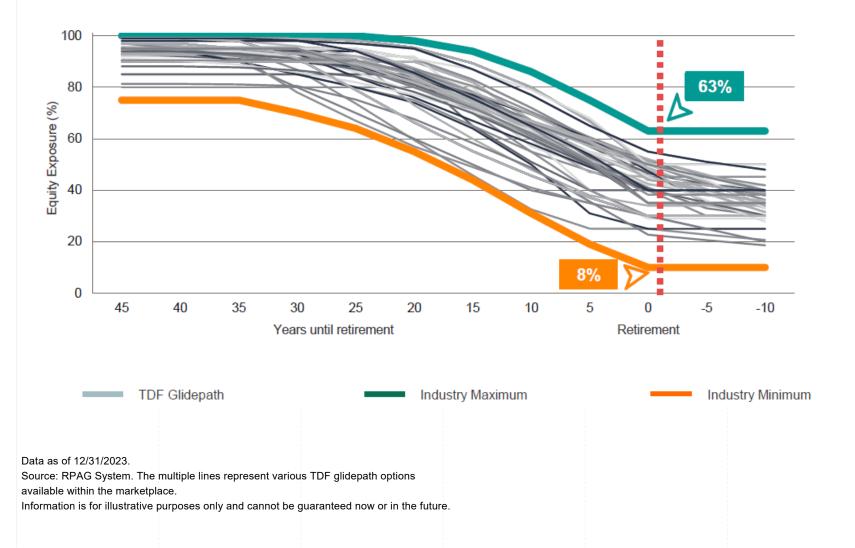
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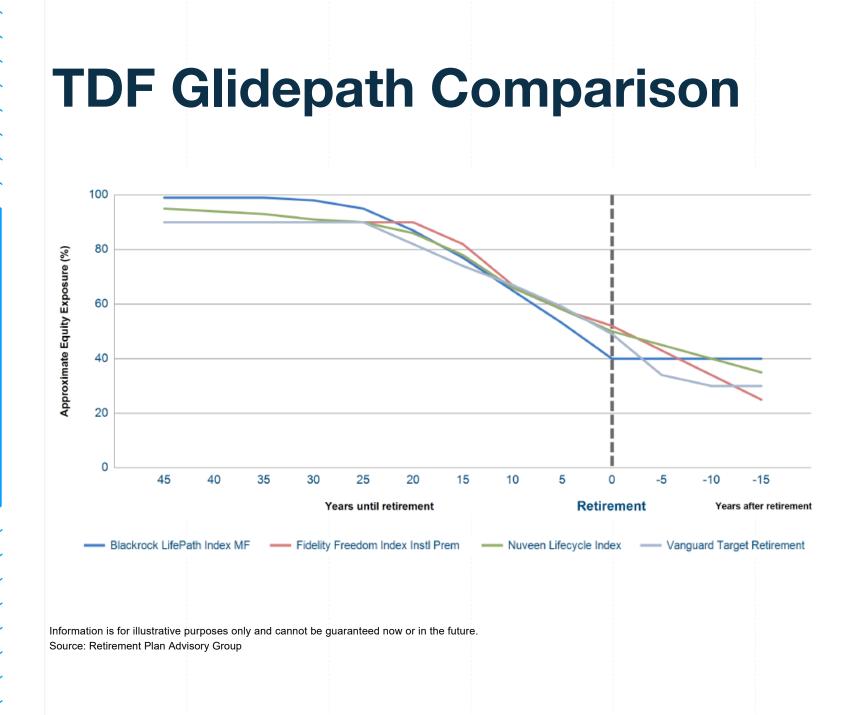
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### **Differences Among Off the Shelf TDF Glidepaths**

#### **TDF Glidepath Universe**





## **Asset Class Coverage**

	Blackrock LifePath Index MF	Fidelity Freedom Index Instl Prem	Nuveen Lifecycle Index	Vanguard Target Retirement
US Large Equity	1	1	1	*
US Mid Equity	*	1	*	*
US Small Equity	1	1	*	*
International Equity	/	1	1	1
Emerging Market Equity	*		1	*
US Fixed Income	1	1	1	1
US Tips	1	1	1	1
International Fixed Income		1	*	1
REITs	1		*	*
Commodities				

Source: Morningstar

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Direct Asset Class Exposure (✓): Designated fund in the specified asset class as an underlying investment

Indirect Asset Class Exposure (\*): Asset class exposure is captured in a fund that is not the direct asset class in

question No Asset Class Exposure (blank): No asset class coverage by any funds in the underlying investments

## **Style Box Summary**

Vanguard Target Retirement Series: Underlying Funds

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U.S. Large Cap	U.S. Mid/Small Cap	International Large Cap Equity
Vanguard Total Stock Mkt Idx Inv		Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Inv
International Mid/Small Cap Equity	REITs	Commodities
Core Fixed Income	Other Fixed Income	Specialty/Other
Vanguard Total Bond Market II Idx Inv	Vanguard Total Inti Bd Idx Investor	Specially/Outo
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	Vanguard Total Intl Bd II ldx Investor	
	Vanguard Shrt-Term Infl-Prot Sec Idx Inv	

Only ten funds will appear in each style box category for spacing purposes.

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#### **Target Date Performance**

Portfolio/Benchmark	Q4 2024	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	Inception date
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Trust Plus	-1.56%	6.64%	6.64%	1.01%	3.62%	4.25%	4.78%	6/22/2007
Target Retirement Income Composite Index	-1.53%	6.74%	6.74%	1.17%	3.86%	4.42%	—	
excess return	-0.03%	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.16%	-0.24%	-0.17%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Trust Plus	-1.58%	7.81%	7.81%	1.38%	4.81%	5.66%	6.95%	6/22/2007
Target Retirement 2020 Composite Index	-1.55%	7.91%	7.91%	1.58%	5.10%	5.86%	—	_
excess return	-0.03%	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.20%	-0.29%	-0.20%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Trust Plus	-1.63%	9.50%	9.50%	1.99%	5.75%	6.43%	7.75%	6/28/2007
Target Retirement 2025 Composite Index	-1.59%	9.63%	9.63%	2.25%	6.09%	6.64%	—	_
excess return	-0.04%	-0.13%	-0.13%	-0.26%	-0.33%	-0.21%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Trust Plus	-1.68%	10.67%	10.67%	2.50%	6.52%	7.02%	8.41%	6/28/2007
Target Retirement 2030 Composite Index	-1.66%	10.82%	10.82%	2.79%	6.87%	7.24%	_	_
excess return	-0.02%	-0.15%	-0.15%	-0.28%	-0.35%	-0.22%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Trust Plus	-1.62%	11.76%	11.76%	3.03%	7.29%	7.61%	9.07%	6/28/2007
Target Retirement 2035 Composite Index	-1.62%	11.90%	11.90%	3.31%	7.63%	7.82%		
excess return	0.00%	-0.15%	-0.15%	-0.27%	-0.34%	-0.21%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Trust Plus	-1.56%	12.84%	12.84%	3.54%	8.03%	8.17%	9.61%	6/28/2007
Target Retirement 2040 Composite Index	-1.58%	12.99%	12.99%	3.81%	8.37%	8.40%		
excess return	0.02%	-0.14%	-0.14%	-0.28%	-0.33%	-0.23%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Trust Plus	-1.51%	13.86%	13.86%	4.02%	8.78%	8.64%	9.98%	6/28/2007
Target Retirement 2045 Composite Index	-1.54%	14.08%	14.08%	4.31%	9.12%	8.89%		
excess return	0.03%	-0.22%	-0.22%	-0.29%	-0.34%	-0.24%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Trust Plus	-1.48%	14.68%	14.68%	4.42%	9.11%	8.80%	10.11%	6/28/2007
Target Retirement 2050 Composite Index	-1.50%	14.92%	14.92%	4.72%	9.45%	9.05%		
excess return	0.03%	-0.24%	-0.24%	-0.29%	-0.34%	-0.25%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Trust Plus	-1.50%	14.67%	14.67%	4.42%	9.10%	8.79%	10.25%	10/5/2010
Target Retirement 2055 Composite Index	-1.50%	14.92%	14.92%	4.72%	9.45%	9.05%		
excess return	0.01%	-0.25%	-0.25%	-0.30%	-0.35%	-0.26%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Trust Plus	-1.51%	14.66%	14.66%	4.43%	9.12%	8.81%	9.67%	3/1/2012
Target Retirement 2060 Composite Index	-1.50%	14.92%	14.92%	4.72%	9.45%	9.05%	_	
excess return	0.00%	-0.27%	-0.27%	-0.29%	-0.33%	-0.25%		
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Trust Plus	-1.51%	14.65%	14.65%	4.43%	9.11%	_	9.88%	7/21/2017
Target Retirement 2065 Composite	-1.50%	14.92%	14.92%	4.72%	9.45%	9.08%	_	
excess return	-0.01%	-0.28%	-0.28%	-0.28%	-0.34%			
Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Trust Plus	-1.53%	14.61%	14.61%	—	_	_	7.65%	
Target Retirement 2070 Composite Index	-1.50%	14.92%	14.92%	4.72%	9.45%	9.08%	_	_
excess return	-0.03%	-0.31%	-0.31%					

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## Appendix

## Target Retirement Funds and Trusts 2Q 2024 update

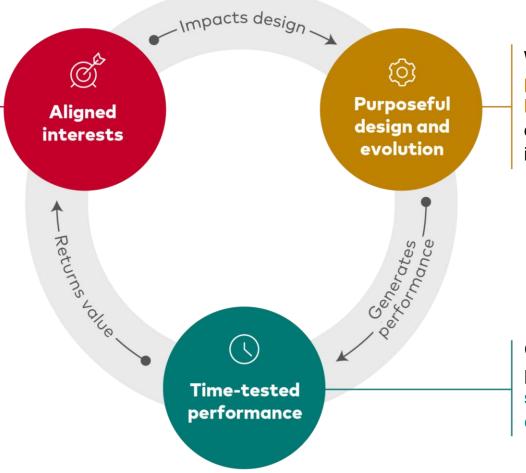
## Agenda

- Vanguard's strategic differentiators
- TDF industry and market overview
- Performance and attribution overview
- Notable updates
- Oversight and management
- Appendix: Detailed performance

## Vanguard's strategic differentiators

## Our key TDF components that power participant success

We are **focused on your best interests**, seeing your participants' hopes, goals, and dreams as our own.



We design our TDFs to help give participants the best chance for a lasting retirement income, and we constantly evaluate new ideas for improving investor outcomes.

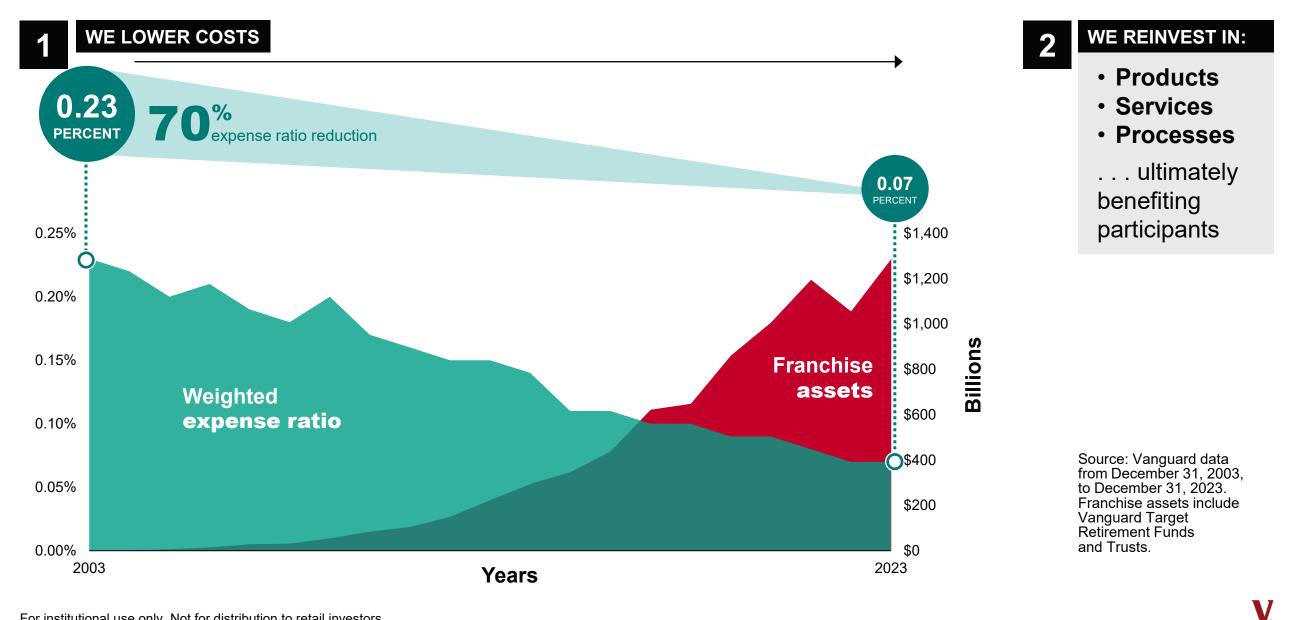
Our absolute and risk-adjusted performance has been consistently strong through multiple market cycle and up-and-down markets.



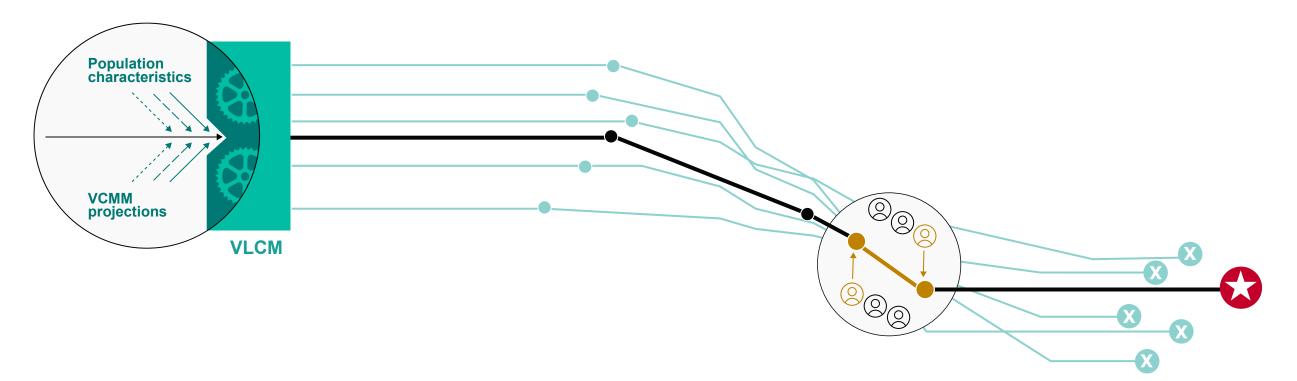
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## How we return value to you and your participants

Lowering costs is half the equation of returning value, and the other half is reinvesting in the business.



## A glide path dedicated to improving investor outcomes



#### Inputs

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- Participant population characteristics
- Vanguard Capital Markets Model<sup>®</sup> (VCMM) asset-class return projections

#### **Constantly evaluated**

Due diligence through constant analysis of existing glide path against thousands of simulated glide paths through our Vanguard Life-Cycle Investing Model (VLCM)

#### **Designed for the real world**

Practical considerations and observed participant behavior taken into account to meet the needs of real-world TDF investors

#### Outputs

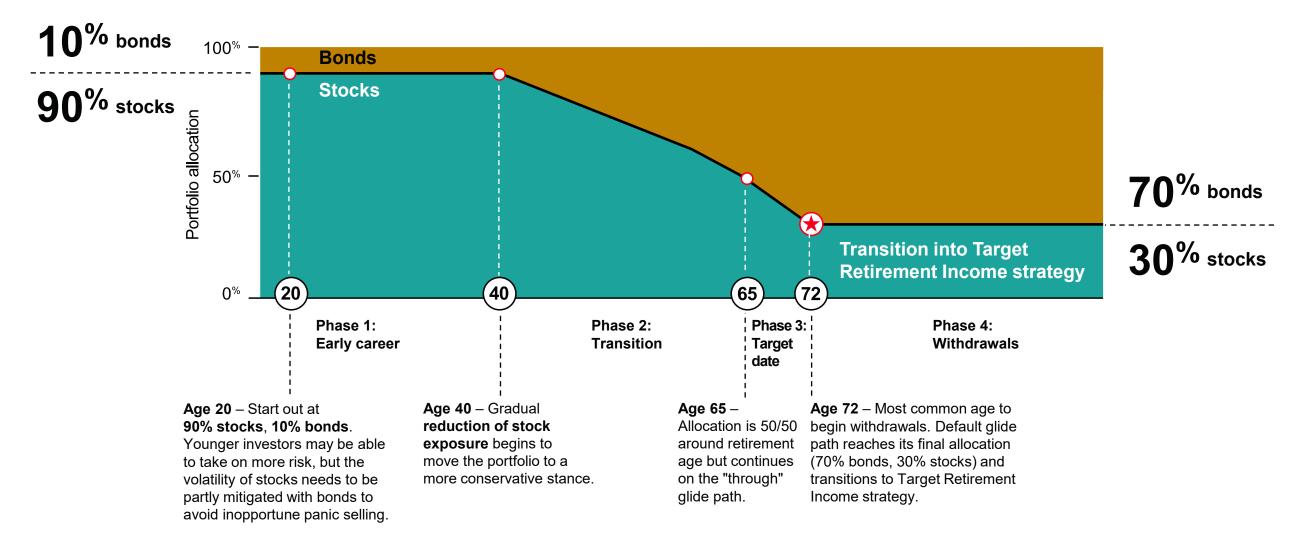
- Retirement income sufficiency
- Wealth accumulation
- Portfolio volatility
- Maximum drawdown
- Probability of positive TDF balance at ages 85 and 95



**Purposeful design and evolution** 

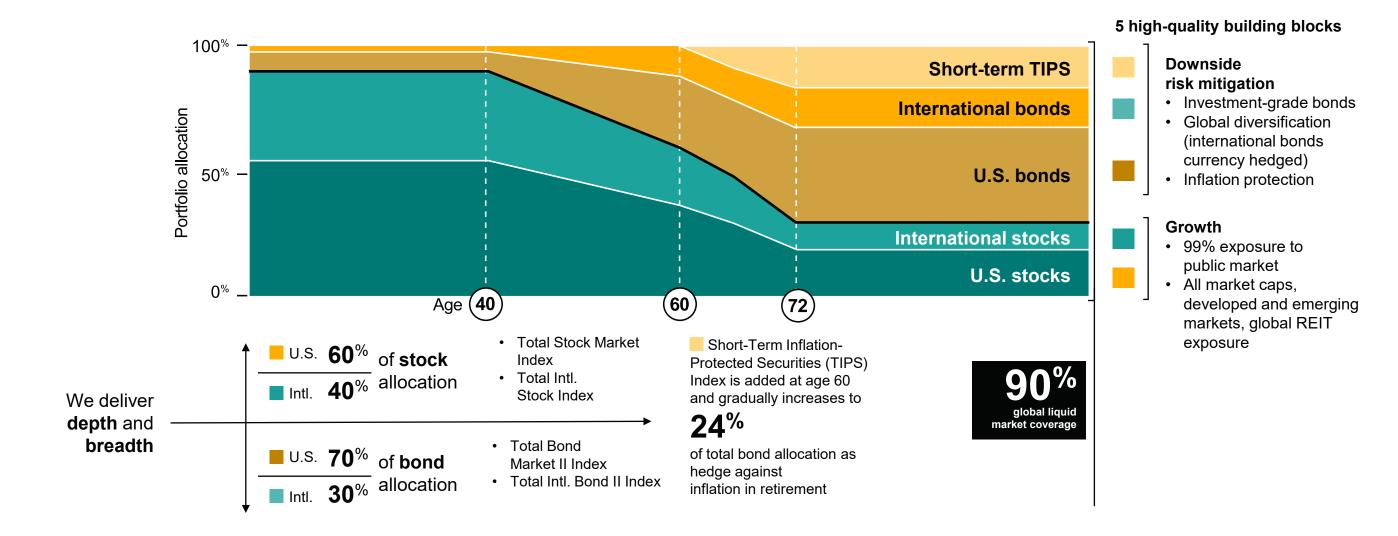
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## A strategic asset allocation using high-quality building blocks



Sources: FactSet, Fidelity, BlackRock. Stock market measured by FactSet data derived from MSCI US Broad Market Free Float and MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Indexes. Bond market measured by FactSet data derived from Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD, U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted, Global High Yield, and EM Hard Currency Aggregate indexes. Commodities market measured by FactSet data. Data as of December 31, 2023.

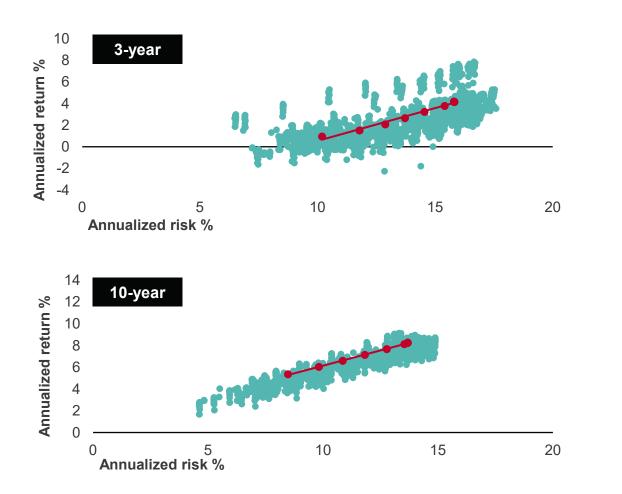
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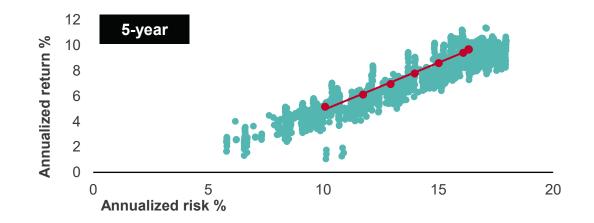
#### **Time-tested performance**

## A history of consistently strong risk-adjusted performance

Investors may be in TDFs for decades. Consistent performance across all market environments is critical.

- TDF peers in Morningstar universe
- Vanguard Target Retirement Funds





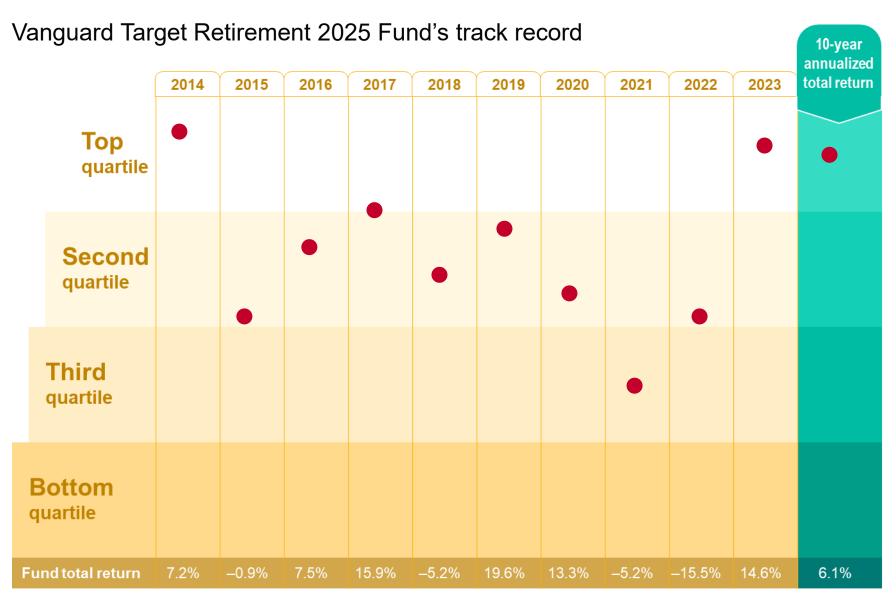
Standard deviation was used for annualized risk. Results will vary for other time periods. All funds in the Morningstar peer group with a minimum 3-, 5-, or 10-year history, respectively, were included in the comparison. There may be other material differences between products that must be considered prior to investing. Note that the competitive performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results, and that all investments are subject to risks. 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 the most recent performance, visit our website at vanguard.com/performance.

Sources: Vanguard and Morningstar, Inc., as of June 30, 2024. Vanguard Investor Shares highlighted.

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**Time-tested performance** 

## Relative consistency can lead to long-term top-quartile performance



The annual total return of Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund as ranked in its Morningstar<sup>™</sup> peer-group is indicated in the years 2014 through 2023. Only funds with a minimum 12-month history are included in the annual peer group results. The number of funds in the annual rankings range from 147 in 2014 to 209 in 2023. Only 146 funds with a minimum 10-year history are included in the 10-year annualized total return result. The Morningstar 2025 peer group was chosen because it is larger and has a longer track record than most other TDF vintage peer groups. See Appendix for Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund's 1-, 5-, and 10-year performance data as of June 30, 2024.

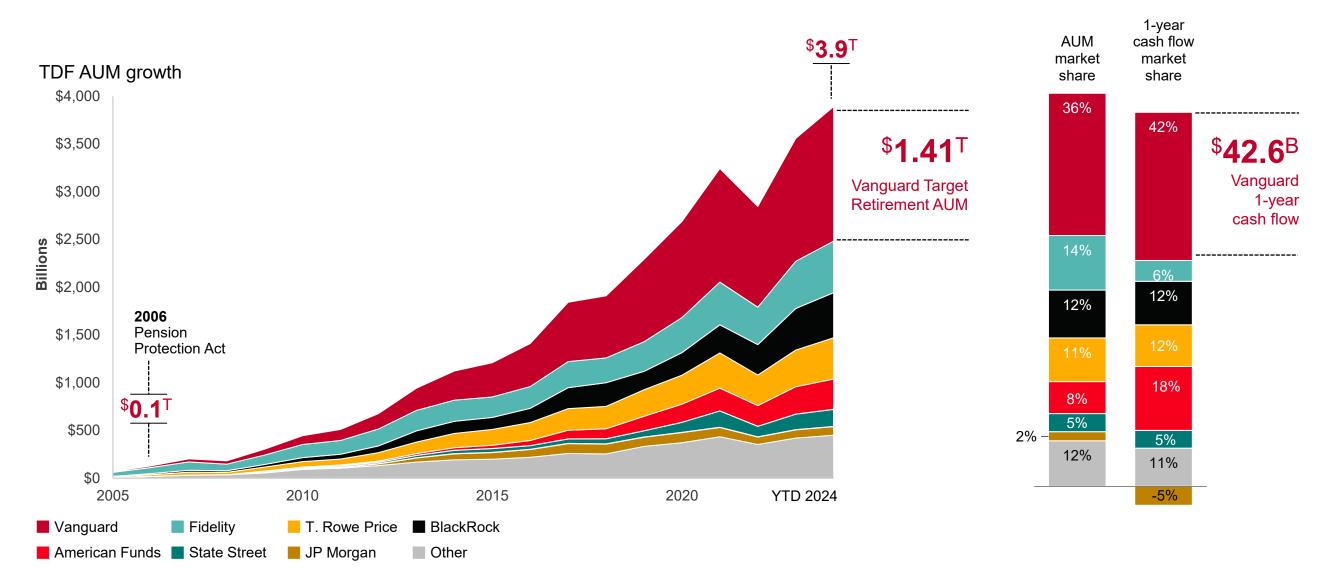
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## TDF industry and market overview

## Vanguard continues to lead the TDF industry



Sources: TDF assets are based on data from Vanguard, Morningstar, and company public filings, as of June 30, 2024.

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## **Market environment**

Ranking by returns (%)

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	3Q 2023	4Q 2023	1Q 2024	2Q 2024
CRSP	CRSP	REIT	COM	CRSP	COM	REIT	CRSP	CRSP
30.8	21.0	43.1	16.1	26.0	4.7	16.0	10.0	3.3
REIT	FTSE	COM	CASH	FTSE	CASH	CRSP	FTSE	COM
25.8	11.2	27.1	1.5	15.8	1.4	12.1	4.3	2.9
FTSE	AGG	CRSP	STPS	REIT	HYB	EMB	COM	STPS
21.8	7.5	25.7	-2.7	13.7	0.5	9.8	2.2	1.4
HYB	HYB	FTSE	HYB	HYB	STPS	FTSE	HYB	CASH
14.3	7.1	8.8	–11.2	13.4	0.4	9.8	1.5	1.4
EMB	EMB	STPS	IAGG	EMB	IAGG	HYB	CASH	HYB
14.1	5.6	5.3	-12.7	10.5	–1.3	7.2	1.4	1.1
AGG	STPS	HYB	AGG	IAGG	EMB	AGG	EMB	FTSE
8.7	5.1	5.3	-13.0	8.8	-2.9	6.8	1.2	0.9
IAGG	IAGG	CASH	FTSE	AGG	AGG	IAGG	STPS	EMB
8.1	4.7	0.1	-16.1	5.5	-3.2	6.4	0.9	0.3
COM	CASH	AGG	EMB	CASH	CRSP	STPS	IAGG	REIT
5.4	0.6	-1.5	-17.1	5.3	-3.3	2.6	0.1	0.1
STPS	COM	EMB	CRSP	STPS	FTSE	CASH	REIT	AGG
4.9	-3.5	-1.8	19.5	4.5	-3.3	1.4	0.3	0.1
CASH	REIT	IAGG	REIT	COM	REIT	COM	AGG	IAGG
2.3	-7.6	–2.1	–24.5	-7.9	-7.0	-4.6	-0.8	–0.4

#### Benchmark performance

				Average	annualize	d return
Target R	etirement Fund building blocks	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
CRSP	CRSP U.S. Total Market Index	3.25	23.17	7.91	14.07	12.11
FTSE	FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index	0.86	11.68	0.48	5.87	4.12
AGG	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	0.07	2.63	-3.02	-0.23	1.35
IAGG	Bloomberg Global Agg ex U.S. Float Adj RIC Cap Index (Hedged)	-0.39	4.69	-1.87	-0.25	2.12
STPS	Bloomberg U.S. 0–5 Year TIPS Index	1.41	5.37	2.15	3.16	2.03
Other in	dexes					
CASH	3-Month T-Bill	1.37	5.64	3.16	2.22	1.52
HYB	Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index	1.09	10.44	1.64	3.92	4.31
EMB	Bloomberg USD Emerging Markets Gov RIC Cap Index	0.33	8.32	-2.58	0.02	2.39
REIT	MSCI U.S. REIT Index	0.08	7.60	0.20	3.89	5.83
СОМ	Bloomberg Commodity Index	2.89	5.00	5.65	7.25	-1.29

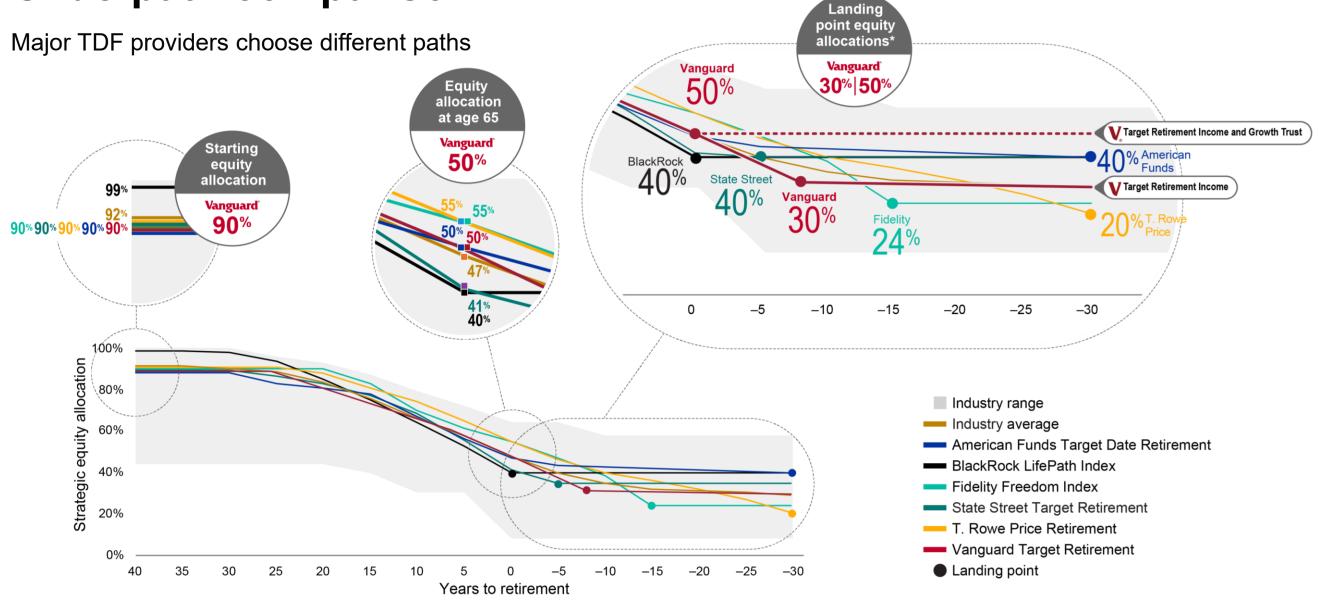
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Note: Beginning 3Q 2021, the benchmark shown for the EMB category changed from Bloomberg Emerging Markets Sovereign Index USD to Bloomberg USD Emerging Markets Gov RIC Cap Index.

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## **Glide-path comparison**



\*Vanguard Target Retirement Funds and Trusts reach a 30% equity allocation via Target Retirement Income Fund or Trust. Alternatively, participants can maintain a 50% equity allocation by switching to Vanguard Target Retirement Income and Growth Trust.

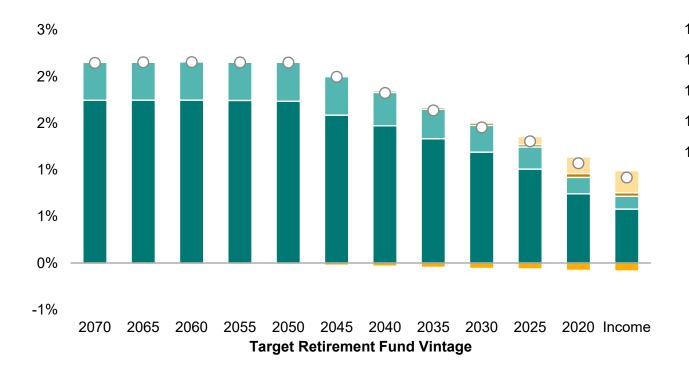
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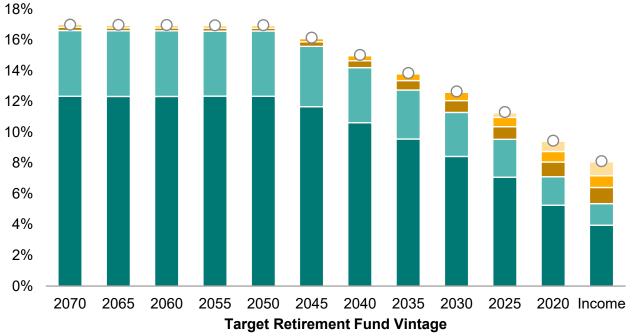
## Performance and attribution overview

## **Absolute return contribution**



#### 3-month return contribution

#### 12-month return contribution



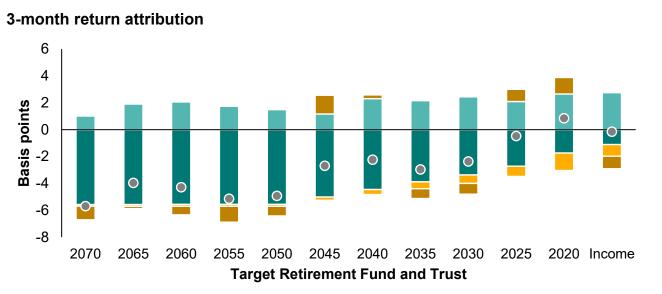
- Total Stock Market Index
- Total International Stock Index
- Total return

- Total Bond Market II Index
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- Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index

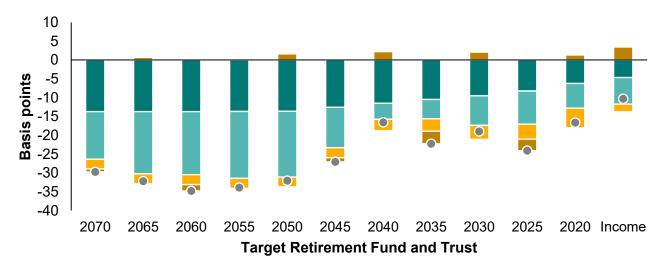
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## **Benchmark relative return attribution**



12-month return attribution



<ul> <li>Allocation impact</li> </ul>	Out/underperformance due to differences in the strategic asset allocation of the funds versus their benchmarks. These differences can be particularly notable at times of significant market volatility as portfolio managers work to balance transaction costs against a daily rebalanced benchmark.
Fair-value pricing	Out/Underperformance due to the adjustment of the prices of non-U.S. equities for changes in their fair value that occur after the close of their local market but before the net asset value is calculated for each U.S. mutual fund as of 4 p.m., Eastern time. This impact is attributed to accounting and pricing policies that are outside of portfolio management control and is generally artificial and temporary.
<ul> <li>Underlying fund tracking differences ex-FV</li> </ul>	Out/underperformance of the underlying portfolios versus their relative benchmarks. Figure is shown after controlling for fair-value pricing but is inclusive of the securities-lending impact, transaction costs associated with rebalancing the fund-of-funds portfolio, and pricing difference driven by Bloomberg (BB) indexes pricing at 4 p.m., Eastern time.*
Residual	Out/underperformance due to factors outside of those captured above.
-	Indicates the total amount of fund returns that were higher or lower than benchmark returns. Calculated as the sum of the individual impacts of each of the five above drivers of benchmark-related excess return. Effect of expense ratios not included.

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## Notable updates

# Considerations for evaluating hybrid annuity TDFs

As participants move from accumulation to decumulation, their investment needs become less homogeneous with their unique personal circumstances. One of the hottest topics in retirement income right now is guaranteed income, particularly as part of an offer that blends target-date funds (TDFs) with an annuity product. In this edition, we acknowledge the investment merit of hybrid annuity TDFs and provide considerations around usability, acceptability, implementation, and feasibility for those evaluating whether to introduce these products into their fund lineup.

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### Key takeaways



Consistent performance for target-date funds

- Absolute performance remained strong in the first quarter of 2024 with 1-year returns ranging from 7.96% (Income) to 16.65% (2070).
- Benchmark relative returns were tight for the second quarter of 2024 with vintages seeing allocation impact of +3bps (Income) to +1bps (2070).
- The quarter saw relative outperformance from peers with more aggressive, equity-heavy allocations across the glide path given equity market dynamics, resulting in active TDF series outperforming index-based YTD. However, it is worth noting that many of these top performers are relatively small funds characterized by significantly greater portfolio risk and turnover.



Putting the spotlight on our target-date team

- Aurelie Denis discusses the team's <u>rigorous</u> <u>management approach</u>, highlighting the strength of the partnership between the Equity Indexing and Multi-Asset portfolio management teams, and the importance of the strong index building blocks underscoring the lineup.
- Roger Aliaga-Diaz and Mike Roach offer a glimpse into what it's like <u>overseeing the long-</u> term strategy and day-to-day operations of our <u>TRFs</u> and discuss how they plan to continue to drive value for our clients.
- **Mike Roach** discusses the merits of the Target Retirement Fund series and its time-tested performance and design as part of Vanguard's *Investment Product Talk* series throughout business cycles and shifting market dynamics.



Commitment to purposeful evolution

- Vanguard recently released the 23rd edition of How America Saves, our flagship 401(k) report that assesses the broader industry. This datadriven publication looks at the retirement plan design of the 1,500 plans representing nearly 5 million participants record-kept by Vanguard and is one of the many factors influencing our purposeful evolution over time.
- Throughout the year, Vanguard's research will focus on fixed income exposure, inflation-hedging asset classes, and reevaluating equity weights across the glide path.
- As previously announced, Vanguard will adopt a 200 bps/175 bps threshold-based rebalancing methodology across the funds and their composite benchmarks. Read more about the enhancement by clicking <u>here</u>.

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#### Vanguard viewpoints

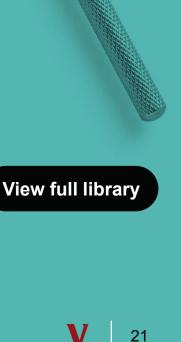
- Vanguard's approach to target- <u>date fund rebalancing</u> 2Q 2024
- <u>Adding value through</u>
   <u>a strategic approach</u>
   1Q 2024
- <u>TDF performance:</u>
   <u>A marathon, not a sprint</u>
   4Q 2023
- <u>A client-centric approach</u> to securities lending 4Q 2023
- <u>A look back on 20 years</u> of Vanguard Target <u>Retirement Funds</u> 4Q 2023
- How investor behavior factors into our TDF portfolio plan 3Q 2023

#### **Research papers**

- From theory to practice: Guaranteed income and hybrid annuity target-date funds JUNE 2024
- MAY 2024
- What to consider when selecting
   <u>an index fund manager</u>
   JANUARY 2024
- Vanguard's approach to target-date funds NOVEMBER 2022
- Good health, poor health: Implications for retirement spending and asset allocation SEPTEMBER 2022

### Current research and development topics

- Use of stable value in TDFs
- <u>TDFs or financial</u> <u>advice? How about</u> <u>both?</u>
- Optimized fixed income allocations
- Equity allocations across the glide path
- <u>Annual glide-path</u>
   <u>validation</u>
- Inflation hedging allocations in TDFs
- <u>Retirement income for</u>
   <u>TDF users</u>



# Oversight and management

### Dedicated expertise at every step of the process

From analyst to CEO, an extensive group of dedicated professionals strive to maximize participants' chances for retirement success

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Co-portfolio manager, Target Retirement Funds and Trusts

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## **Questions?**



# Thank you

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# Appendix: Detailed performance

### Vanguard Target Retirement Fund and Trust performance

Annualized (as of June 30, 2024)

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	Expense ratio	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	Inception date
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Vintage								
Fund	0.08	0.89	7.96	0.46	3.72	3.95	4.90	10/27/2003
Trust II	0.075	0.90	7.94	0.49	3.75	3.99	4.62	2/29/2008
Target Retirement Income Composite Index <sup>1</sup>		0.91	8.14	0.68	4.00	4.18		—
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	1.05	9.24	0.94	5.15	5.35	5.97	6/7/2006
Trust II	0.075	1.05	9.28	0.97	5.19	5.40	5.85	2/29/2008
Target Retirement 2020 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>		1.06	9.47	1.21	5.50	5.62		—
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	1.26	11.02	1.51	6.12	6.03	6.62	10/27/2003
Trust II	0.075	1.28	11.09	1.59	6.20	6.12	6.33	2/29/2008
Target Retirement 2025 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	_	1.28	11.31	1.86	6.54	6.35	_	—
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Vintage								
Fund	0.08	1.37	12.39	2.07	6.95	6.58	6.72	6/7/2006
Trust II	0.075	1.41	12.37	2.15	7.02	6.66	6.70	2/29/2008
Target Retirement 2030 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>		1.42	12.62	2.42	7.37	6.90		—

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### Vanguard Target Retirement Fund and Trust performance

Annualized (as of June 30, 2024)

	Expense ratio	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	Inception date	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Vintage									
Fund	0.08	1.55	13.52	2.65	7.76	7.12	7.48	10/27/2003	
Trust II	0.075	1.57	13.55	2.72	7.85	7.21	7.15	2/29/2008	
Target Retirement 2035 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	—	1.60	13.78	2.99	8.19	7.45		_	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Vintage									
Fund	0.08	1.73	14.74	3.23	8.59	7.65	7.46	6/7/2006	
Trust II	0.075	1.73	14.68	3.28	8.65	7.72	7.58	2/29/2008	
Target Retirement 2040 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	—	1.77	14.94	3.55	8.99	7.98		—	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Vintage									
Fund	0.08	1.90	15.81	3.78	9.40	8.12	8.20	10/27/2003	
Trust II	0.075	1.91	15.79	3.83	9.44	8.18	7.84	2/29/2008	
Target Retirement 2045 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>		1.95	16.11	4.10	9.79	8.45		—	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Vintage									
Fund	0.08	2.02	16.63	4.15	9.68	8.26	7.82	6/7/2006	
Trust II	0.075	2.07	16.66	4.22	9.75	8.32	7.94	2/29/2008	
Target Retirement 2050 Composite Index <sup>1</sup>	—	2.09	16.97	4.47	10.09	8.60	—	_	

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Expense ratio	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	Inception date	
0.08	2.02	16.61	4.15	9.67	8.24	10.09	8/18/2010	
0.075	2.05	16.66	4.22	9.75	8.31	10.45	8/31/2010	
—	2.09	16.97	4.47	10.09	8.60			
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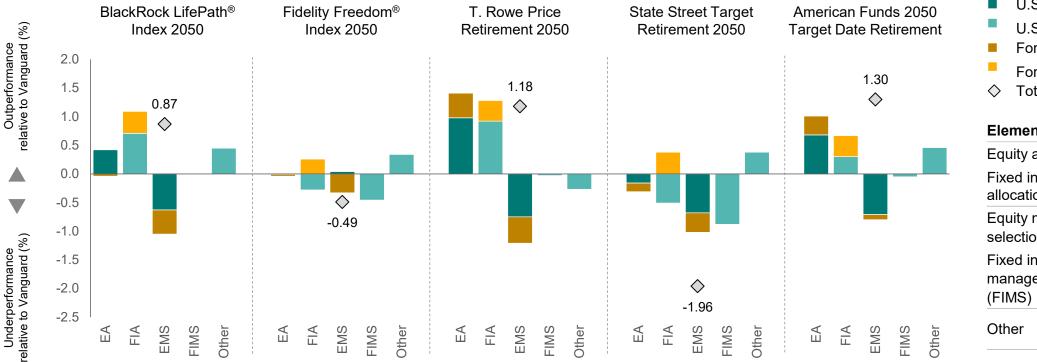
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### **12-month return attribution**

Top five industry 2050 funds relative to Vanguard (PERCENTAGE)



Outperformance relative to Vanguard was driven by a lower overall allocation to fixed income securities. Underperformance relative to Vanguard was primarily driven by an overweight to long duration Treasury securities within the U.S. fixed income portion of the portfolio.

Outperformance relative to Vanguard was driven by a higher overall allocation to equity securities, overcoming poor security selection in that same segment of the portfolio.

#### Underperformance

was driven by an overweight to long duration fixed income relative to Vanguard. Outperformance relative to Vanguard was driven by a higher overall allocation to equity securities, despite poor security selection within this segment of the portfolio.

Fle	ment Description
♦	Foreign fixed income Total relative return
	Foreign equity
	U.S. fixed income
	U.S. equity

Element	Description
Equity allocation (EA)	Vintage allocation to asset classes
Fixed income allocation (FIA)	and sub-asset allocation to U.S. vs. non-U.S.
Equity manager selection (EMS)	Benchmark construction differences
Fixed income manager selection (FIMS)	(cap and/or style tilts), securities lending, fair-value pricing, building block expense ratios
Other	Compounding effect (residual) due to nondaily holdings availability
Total excess return	The sum of the above relative performance differences between Vanguard Target Retirement Fund and competitors' similar vintage

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### 12-month return attribution

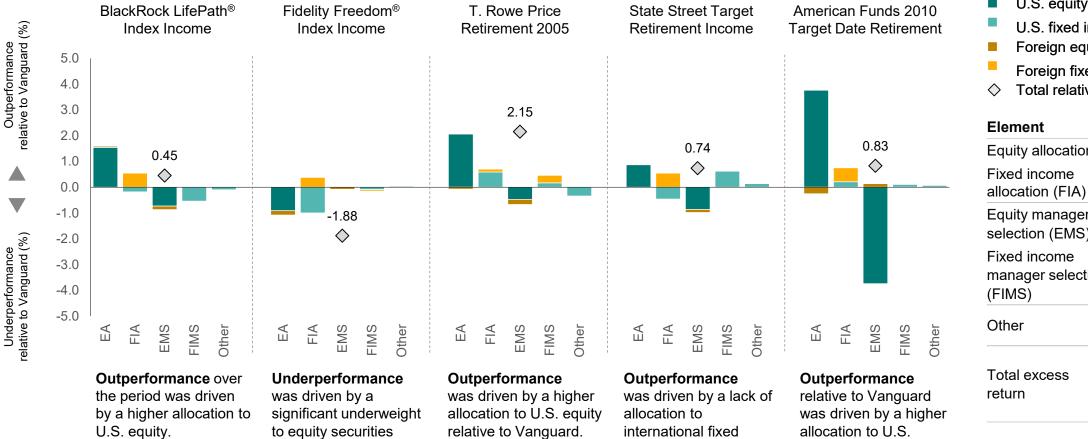
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cash equivalents.

and a large exposure to

\* The 2005 fund is used as a proxy for T. Rowe Price, and the 2010 fund is used as a proxy for American Funds, as there is no terminal income fund currently.

Top five industry income (or equivalent) funds\* relative to Vanguard (PERCENTAGE)



income, in favor of U.S.

towards short duration U.S. fixed income.

equity, and a tilt

equity, overcoming poor

security selection in this

same segment of the

portfolio.

	U.S. equity	
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Ele	ment	Description
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vs. non-U.S.

er S) ction	Benchmark construction differences (cap and/or style tilts), securities lending, fair-value pricing, building block expense ratios
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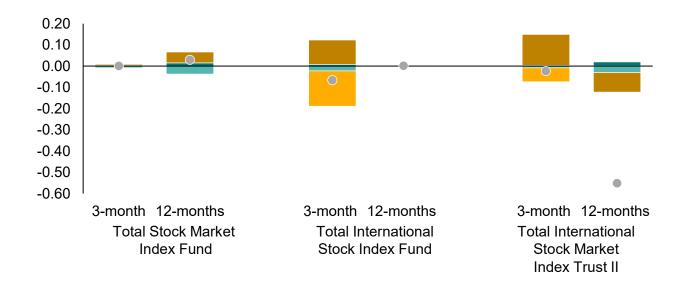
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### **Attribution for underlying funds**

Equity funds 3- and 12-month return attribution



● Excess return<sup>1</sup> ■ Expense ratio<sup>2</sup> ■ Fair-value impact ■ Securities lending impact ■ Other<sup>3</sup>

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

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<sup>1</sup> Excess return equals fund return minus benchmark return.

<sup>2</sup> Expense ratio (ER) attribution includes the impact of compounding on fund returns over time. Consequently, a fund's ER (above) may appear larger than the published ER.

<sup>3</sup> Other category may include performance impacts from the following sources: portfolio manager investment decisions, trading impact, tax withholding differences (funds with international investments only), and security pricing differences.

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Fund name	Attribution	Fund return	Benchmark return	Expense ratio impact <sup>2</sup>	Fair-value impact	Securities lending impact	Other <sup>3</sup>	Excess return <sup>1</sup>
Vanguard Total Stock Market	3-month	3.249	3.248	-0.008	0.000	0.003	0.006	0.001
Index Fund	12-month	23.197	23.168	-0.037	0.000	0.016	0.051	0.029
Vanguard Total International	3-month	0.795	0.861	-0.023	-0.166	0.008	0.115	-0.066
Stock Index Fund	12-month	24.558	24.556	-0.001	0.000	0.001	0.002	0.002
Vanguard Total International	3-month	0.838	0.861	-0.008	-0.165	0.003	0.146	-0.023
Stock Market Index Trust II*	12-month	11.130	11.681	-0.030	-0.446	0.018	-0.093	-0.551

\* Vanguard Total International Stock Market Index Trust II is a building block for the Target Retirement Trusts only.

### Attribution for underlying funds

#### Fixed income funds 3- and 12-month return attribution



Excess return<sup>1</sup> Expense ratio<sup>2</sup> Fair-value impact Pricing impact Other<sup>4</sup>

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

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On January 14, 2021, Bloomberg changed its index pricing time from 3 p.m., Eastern time, to 4 p.m., Eastern time. The time change affects the three-year figures.

<sup>1</sup> Excess return equals fund return minus benchmark return.

- <sup>2</sup> Expense ratio (ER) attribution includes the impact of compounding on fund returns over time. Consequently, a fund's ER (above) may appear larger than the published ER.
- <sup>3</sup> Pricing impact includes the difference in performance driven by Bloomberg pricing of benchmarks at 3 p.m., Eastern time, relative to Vanguard's pricing of all funds at 4 p.m., Eastern time, as well as differences in external pricing vendor inputs.
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Fund name	Attribution	Fund return	Benchmark return	Expense ratio impact <sup>2</sup>	Fair-value impact	Pricing impact <sup>3</sup>	Other⁴	Excess return <sup>1</sup>
Vanguard Total Bond Market II	3-month	0.199	0.076	-0.005	0.000	0.117	0.011	0.123
Index Fund	12-month	2.709	2.734	-0.021	0.000	0.014	-0.019	-0.025
Vanguard Total International Bond	3-month	-0.562	-0.392	-0.017	0.050	-0.187	-0.015	-0.170
Market II Index Fund	12-month	4.423	4.688	-0.073	-0.006	-0.181	-0.005	-0.265
Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-	3-month	1.427	1.407	-0.010	0.000	0.007	0.024	0.020
Protected Securities Index Fund	12-month	5.352	5.369	-0.042	0.000	-0.015	0.041	-0.017

### **Absolute performance returns**

Annualized (as of June 30, 2024)

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	Expense		Year-			_		Since	Inception
	ratio	3 months	to-date	1 year	3 years	5 years		inception	date
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	0.08	0.89	3.00	7.96	0.46	3.72	3.95	4.90	10/27/2003
Target Retirement Income Composite Index		0.91	3.10	8.15	0.68	4.00	4.18		
Lipper Target Target Consrv Funds Average		0.87	3.44	8.09	0.37	3.45	3.46		_
Fidelity Freedom Income	0.47	0.77	2.18	6.17	-0.45	2.65	3.14	4.40	10/17/1996
Fidelity Freedom Index Income Investor	0.12	0.79	2.18	6.08	-0.12	2.54	2.93	3.47	10/2/2009
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005	0.49	1.01	4.69	10.11	1.13	4.96	4.68	5.54	2/27/2004
American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire R5	0.34	0.86	3.60	8.79	1.93	5.01	4.86	4.95	2/1/2007
BlackRock LifePath Index Retire K	0.13	0.98	3.57	8.41	0.04	4.29	4.46	5.02	5/31/2011
State Street Target Retirement K	0.26	1.10	3.49	8.71	1.19	4.58		4.46	9/30/2014
JPMorgan SmartRetirement <sup>®</sup> Income R5	0.47	1.31	4.80	9.90	1.00	4.15	4.12	4.89	5/15/2006
JPMorgan SmartRetirement <sup>®</sup> Blend Income R5	0.51	1.18	4.39	9.45	0.83	4.06	4.07	4.72	7/2/2012
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Retire Income Instl	0.54	1.24	4.65	9.46	1.15	4.79	4.81	4.97	11/30/2007
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	0.08	2.02	9.05	16.63	4.15	9.68	8.26	7.82	6/7/2006
Target Retirement 2050 Composite Index		2.09	9.14	17.04	4.50	10.11	8.60		_
Lipper Target 2050 Funds Average		1.64	9.44	16.79	3.76	9.22	7.67		
Fidelity Freedom 2050	0.75	1.82	10.31	17.95	3.84	10.26	8.54	7.05	6/1/2006
Fidelity Freedom Index 2050 Investor	0.12	2.02	9.05	16.14	3.72	9.39	8.20	9.49	10/2/2009
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050	0.63	1.42	9.88	17.81	3.69	9.98	8.63	7.71	12/29/2006
American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R5	0.43	1.73	9.56	17.93	4.22	10.26	9.07	8.03	2/1/2007
JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2050 R5	0.53	2.14	10.30	17.93	4.39	9.72	8.06	7.48	7/31/2007
JPMorgan SmartRetirement <sup>®</sup> Blend 2050 R5	0.47	2.03	9.21	16.41	4.14	9.20	7.86	9.39	7/2/2012
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2050 Institutional	0.64	2.17	10.52	17.86	4.25	10.13	8.61	7.05	11/30/2007
BlackRock Lifepath Index 2050 K	0.14	2.10	9.48	17.49	4.51	10.07	8.57	8.99	5/31/2011
State Street Target Retirement 2050 K	0.18	1.28	7.52	14.66	2.45	9.00		8.28	9/30/2014
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### **Standardized performance returns**

				Annualized (as of June 30, 2024)						
	Expense ratio	3 months	Year- to-date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	Inception date	
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund Institutional Shares	0.03	10.00	10.00	29.37	9.64	14.25	12.28	8.91	7/7/1997	
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Institutional Shares	0.09	4.32	4.32	13.00	1.91	6.19	4.48	5.13	11/29/2010	
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Institutional Shares	0.035	-0.79	-0.79	1.67	-2.41	0.39	1.53	4.21	9/18/1995	
Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund Institutional Shares	0.07	0.10	0.10	5.23	-1.68	0.32	2.23	2.26	5/31/2013	
Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund Institutional Shares	0.04	0.85	0.85	3.16	2.23	3.16	2.01	1.68	10/17/2012	

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Target 2015 Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter, as well as the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Index through June 2, 2013, and the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Index through June 2, 2013, and the Bloomberg U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter.

Target 2020, 2030, 2040, and 2050 Composite Indexes: Indexes derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

Target 2025, 2035, and 2045 Composite Indexes: Indexes derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index threafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index; and for U.S. stocks, the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

Target 2055 Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

Target 2060 Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

<u>Target 2065 Composite Index</u>: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index for international stocks, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index for international bonds, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index for U.S. stocks. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

Target Income Composite Index: An index derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for emerging-markets stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex U.S. Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; as well as the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Index through June 2, 2013, and the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Index through June 2, 2013; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index; and for U.S. stocks, the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005, the MSCI U.S. Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP U.S. Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

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