

Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund (VTSMX) +9 Fund Authority Score

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Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund (VTSMX) achieves a +9 Fund Authority Score. The diversified investment fund strategy of the Vanguard Total Stock Market Index mutual Fund. According to the Vanguard website, the investment strategy of the Vanguard Total Stock Market Index mutual fund is to use a "passive management—or indexing—investment approach designed to track the performance of the MSCI® US Broad Market Index, which represents 99.5% or more of the total market capitalization of all of the U.S. common stocks regularly traded on the New York and American Stock Exchanges, and the Nasdaq over-the-counter market. The fund typically holds the largest 1,200–1,300 stocks in its target index (covering nearly 95% of the index’s total market capitalization) and a representative sample of the remaining stocks." The Fund Authority Score for the Vanguard Total Stock Market Index mutual Fund. The table below presents the Fund Authority Score and other information for the Vanguard Total Stock Market Index mutual fund. [Fund Authority Scores rate mutual funds and exchange traded funds \(ETFs\)](#) on the most important economic factors that influence individual investors' net long term diversified investment fund performance. *The Skilled Investor* developed the Fund Authority Score system to provide individual investors with concise and objective summaries of mutual funds and ETFs for comparisons within investment asset classes. Using an integer scale ranging from -10 to +10, Fund Authority Scores measure five factors:

- 1) annualized management and investment sales expenses (40% weighting),
 - 2) annual trading costs implied by investment fund portfolio turnover (30% weighting),
 - 3) inferior and superior historical performance (20% weighting),
 - 4) minimum fund maturity (5% weighting), and
 - 5) minimum fund size for operating efficiency (5% weighting).
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Fund Authority Summary for the

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FUND AUTHORITY SCORE (scale of -10 to +10) 9

FUND AUTHORITY SCORING COMPONENTS

A) Management expenses and sales loads (-4 to +4)

-- Annual expense ratio with 12b-1 fees 0.19%

-- Front-end sales load with 5 year amortization 0.00%

---- Total annual direct costs 0.19% 4

B) Fund portfolio transactions costs (-3 to +3)

-- Annual turnover as a trading cost proxy 3.8% 3

C) Penalize very inferior historical performance and credit average and superior historical performance (-2 to +2)

-- Total of the 3 year Morningstar + Lipper ratings 7 1

D) Is this fund sufficiently mature? (0 or +1) 1

E) Very small fund efficiency penalty (-1 or 0) 0

INVESTMENT FUND OVERVIEW

- Type of investment fund index mutual fund
- Active versus passive management passive index fund
- Total net assets \$38.7 Billion
- Type of investment portfolio securities stocks - equities
- Geographic focus United States
- Market capitalization of portfolio securities large
- Strategy skew (value/growth/neither) neither
- Target performance benchmark index MSCI US Broad Market Index
- Year of inception 1992
- Trading symbol VTSMX
- Share class evaluated Investor Shares
- Minimum initial deposit for individual investor \$3000

TOP 10 INVESTMENT SECURITIES HOLDINGS ExxonMobil Corp.

General Electric Co.

Microsoft Corp.

AT&T Inc.

Procter & Gamble Co.

Bank of America Corp.

Citigroup Inc.

Cisco Systems Inc.

Chevron Corp.

Johnson & Johnson

----- Top 10 Investment Portfolio Holdings (%) 16.10%

Fund family website www.vanguard.com

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SEC EDGAR filings and/or fund website accessed November 20, 2007

NOTES:-- Most mutual funds and ETFs change their fees and trading strategies relatively little over time. Because investment expenses, trading/turnover costs, fund maturity, and operating efficiency account for 80% of the Fund Authority Score rating system, Fund Authority Scores tend to remain relatively stable over time for such consistent investment funds.-- The date in the table above indicates when fund information was accessed from SEC EDGAR filings and/or the fund company website. Normally, data used to develop Fund Authority Scores rely upon reporting periods ending the previous calendar quarter or half year.

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