

# Vanguard Strategic Small-Cap Equity Fund

Domestic stock fund

## Fund facts

Risk level	Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 01/31/22	Ticker symbol	Turnover rate	Inception date	Fund number
Low <-----> High 1 2 3 4 5	\$1,292 MM	0.26%	VSTCX	71.7%	04/24/06	0615

## Investment objective

Vanguard Strategic Small-Cap Equity Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

## Investment strategy

The fund invests in small-capitalization domestic equity securities based on the advisor's assessment of the relative return potential of the securities. The advisor selects securities that it believes offer an appropriate balance between strong growth prospects and reasonable valuations relative to their industry peers. The advisor does this by using a quantitative process to evaluate all of the securities in the fund's benchmark, the MSCI US Small Cap 1750 Index, while seeking to maintain a risk profile similar to that of the index. Under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the Fund's assets will be invested in small-cap equity securities.

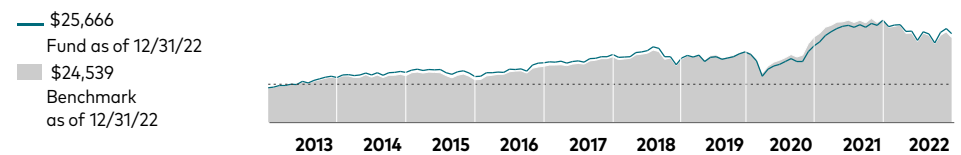
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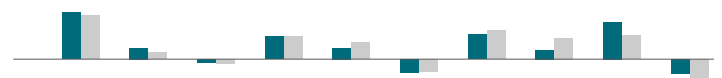
## Benchmark

MSCI US Small Cap 1750 Index

## Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2013–December 31, 2022



## Annual returns



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Fund</b>	41.91	10.09	-3.11	20.64	10.33	-11.92	22.15	8.38	33.48	-12.95
<b>Benchmark</b>	39.09	6.09	-4.06	20.41	15.16	-10.99	25.86	19.18	21.08	-17.82

## Total returns

Periods ended December 31, 2022

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
<b>Fund</b>	11.67%	-12.95%	-12.95%	7.99%	6.26%	10.56%
<b>Benchmark</b>	7.95%	-17.82%	-17.82%	5.85%	5.85%	10.06%

The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. 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 performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at [vanguard.com/performance](https://vanguard.com/performance). The performance of an index is not an exact representation of any particular investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.

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.

MSCI US Small Cap 1750 Index: Tracks the stocks of approximately 1,750 small-capitalization companies in the U.S. market.

The fund held a subscription period from April 20, 2006 (the effective date of the fund) to April 24, 2006, during which time all assets were held directly or indirectly in money market instruments. Performance measurement began April 24, 2006.

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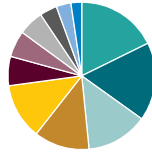
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## Ten largest holdings\*

1	EMCOR Group Inc.	
2	Affiliated Managers Group Inc.	
3	Clean Harbors Inc.	
4	Medpace Holdings Inc.	
5	nVent Electric plc	
6	Allison Transmission Holdings Inc.	
7	Titan Machinery Inc.	
8	National Fuel Gas Co.	
9	CNO Financial Group Inc.	
10	Eagle Materials Inc.	
Top 10 as % of total net assets		7.4%

\* The holdings listed exclude any temporary cash investments and equity index products.

## Sector Diversification



Industrials	17.7%	Energy	5.8
Financials	17.2	Materials	5.5
Health Care	13.5	Consumer Staples	3.8
Consumer Discretionary	12.2	Utilities	3.2
Information Tech	12.2	Communication Services	2.4
Real Estate	6.5	Other	0.0

Sector categories are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard ("GICS"), except for the "Other" category (if applicable), which includes securities that have not been provided a GICS classification as of the effective reporting period.

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### Plain talk about risk

An investment in the fund could lose money over short or even long periods. You should expect the fund's share price and total return to fluctuate within a wide range, like the fluctuations of the overall stock market. The fund's performance could be hurt by:

**Stock market risk:** The chance that stock prices overall will decline. Stock markets tend to move in cycles, with periods of rising stock prices and periods of falling stock prices.

**Investment style risk:** The chance that returns from small- and mid-capitalization stocks will trail returns from the overall stock market. Historically, small- and mid-cap stocks have been more volatile in price than the large-cap stocks that dominate the overall market, and they often perform quite differently. Small- and mid-size companies tend to have greater stock volatility because, among other things, these companies are more sensitive to changing economic conditions.

**Manager risk:** The chance that poor security selection will cause the fund to underperform relevant benchmarks or other funds with a similar investment objective.

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