

VAW

Vanguard Materials ETF

Analyst Report

This ETF is one of several funds offering exposure to the U.S. materials sector, a corner of the market that may be appealing for investors looking to gain indirect exposure to commodity prices through the stocks of companies engaged in the extraction or production of natural resources. Because the materials sector often accounts for a small portion of broad-based benchmarks, VAW may be a useful tool for long-term investors looking for more balanced exposure to the U.S. equity market. It can also be handy for those looking to implement a shorter-term tilt towards the materials sector. The most appealing attributes of VAW are the depth of holdings (more than 125 individual stocks) and low fees, though there are some big allocations in a few of the larger names and XLB and FBM are both cheaper from an expense ratio perspective. This ETF is also available for commission free trading in Vanguard accounts, potentially increasing the appeal to cost-conscious investors. Those seeking more balanced materials exposure may prefer RTM, while those looking to avoid U.S. stocks completely have IRV as an option.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.89/10

ESG Rate

68.26%

Global Percentile

80.79%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	VAW	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	-6.05%	-0.75%	-6.05%
3 Month	-8.51%	5.80%	-8.97%
YTD Return	-4.79%	11.17%	-5.96%
1 Year Return	-7.34%	9.86%	-9.37%
3 Year Return	-1.30%	-2.25%	-3.31%
5 Year Return	13.72%	11.21%	11.08%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
LIN	Linde plc	17.13%
SHW	Sherwin-Williams Company	6.45%
ECL	Ecolab Inc.	4.99%
APD	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	4.86%
CRH	CRH public limited company	4.62%

Vitals

Issuer	Vanguard
Brand	Vanguard
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.09%
Inception	Jan 26, 2004
Index Tracked	MSCI US Investable Market Materials 25/50 Index

ETF Database Themes

Category	Materials
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Multi-Cap
Asset Class Style	Blend
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. Materials
Category	Sector
Focus	Materials
Niche	Broad-based
Strategy	Vanilla
Weighting Scheme	Market Cap

