

VBR

Vanguard Small Cap Value ETF

Analyst Report

VBR seeks to replicate a benchmark which offers exposure small cap firms that exhibit value characteristics in the U.S. equity market. The investment thesis behind small caps is that these firms are likely to provide strong growth prospects to a portfolio and should have a much easier time growing than their large cap counterparts. However, these securities are extremely volatile and can experience large losses or gains in a very short period of time. Despite their volatility, these products should probably be in every investors' portfolio as they tend to move somewhat independently of large caps and can be a better 'pure play' on the American economy. This particular ETF, since it focuses on value securities, has certain biases in its portfolio holdings and may not offer as much of a cross section as funds such as IWM. However, VBR does a solid job of dividing up assets as the fund holds close to 1,000 securities in total and doesn't give any one security more than 0.5% of the total assets. Thanks to this extreme diversification and VBR's ultra cheap price-- the lowest in the category-- the fund could make for a quality addition to portfolios of investors who are looking for small cap exposure but are seeking lower risk assets in the space.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.16/10

ESG Rate

36.38%

Global Percentile

67.97%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	VBR	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	2.23%	1.75%	1.66%
3 Month	4.86%	7.16%	7.14%
YTD Return	12.51%	14.93%	15.62%
1 Year Return	27.37%	33.98%	30.61%
3 Year Return	16.74%	15.86%	13.77%
5 Year Return	8.16%	5.94%	4.65%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
JBL	Jabil Inc.	0.77%
FLEX	Flex Ltd	0.76%
NRG	NRG Energy, Inc.	0.75%
ATO	Atmos Energy Corporation	0.71%
TPR	Tapestry, Inc.	0.67%

Vitals

Issuer	Vanguard
Brand	Vanguard
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.05%
Inception	Jan 26, 2004
Index Tracked	CRSP US Small Value

ETF Database Themes

Category	Small Cap Value Equities
Asset Class	Equity
Asset Class Size	Small-Cap
Asset Class Style	Value
Region (General)	North America
Region (Specific)	U.S.

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Equity: U.S. - Small Cap Value
Category	Size and Style
Focus	Small Cap
Niche	Value
Strategy	Value
Weighting	Multi-Factor

