

# VGSH

## Vanguard Short-Term Treasury ETF

### Analyst Report

This ETF offers exposure to short term government bonds, focusing on Treasury bonds that mature in one to three years. As such, interest rate exposure for this product will be towards the low end, giving VGSH safe haven appeal as an asset that avoids both credit risk and interest rate risk. VGIT offers exposure to mid-dated Treasuries while VGLT is an option for those looking to focus on the long end of the maturity curve and enhance returns. VGSH probably doesn't have much appeal as a core holding, since the overlap with broad-based funds such as BND will be significant. But this ETF can be a useful tool for tilting exposure towards Treasury bonds with a bias towards the shorter end of the maturity spectrum, decreasing the effective duration of a portfolio and minimizing overall volatility. Like most Vanguard ETFs, VGSH is among the cheapest options available; commission free trading in Vanguard accounts may increase the cost appeal to those keeping an eye on fees. Other options offering similar exposure include SHY and TUZ; the effective durations and yields on these products may vary slightly.

### ESG Themes and Scores

5.72/10

ESG Rate

33.99%

Global Percentile

87.27%

Peer Percentile

### Performance Data

|               | VGSH   | ETF Database Category Average | Factset Segment Average |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Month       | 0.77%  | 3.56%                         | 0.81%                   |
| 3 Month       | 1.30%  | 0.51%                         | 1.21%                   |
| YTD Return    | 2.72%  | 0.24%                         | 1.84%                   |
| 1 Year Return | 3.29%  | 0.20%                         | 2.25%                   |
| 3 Year Return | -0.59% | -3.29%                        | -0.34%                  |
| 5 Year Return | 1.07%  | -0.01%                        | 0.33%                   |

### Top 5 Holdings

| Symbol | Holding   | % Assets |
|--------|---|----------|
| Other  | United States Treasury Notes 2.625% 15-APR-2025 | 1.63%    |
| Other  | United States Treasury Notes 2.75% 15-MAY-2025  | 1.62%    |
| Other  | United States Treasury Notes 2.25% 15-NOV-2025  | 1.60%    |
| Other  | United States Treasury Notes 2.25% 15-NOV-2024  | 1.60%    |
| Other  | United States Treasury Notes 0.5% 28-FEB-2026   | 1.57%    |

### Vitals

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Issuer        | Vanguard   |
| Brand         | Vanguard   |
| Structure     | ETF  |
| Expense Ratio | 0.04%  |
| Inception     | Nov 19, 2009   |
| Index Tracked | Bloomberg US Treasury (1-3 Y)<br>(Inception 4/30/1996) |

### ETF Database Themes

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Category          | Government Bonds |
| Asset Class       | Bond             |
| Asset Class Size  | N/A              |
| Asset Class Style | N/A              |
| Region (General)  | North America    |
| Region (Specific) | U.S.             |

### FactSet Classifications

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Segment   | Fixed Income: U.S. - Government, Treasury Investment Grade Short-Term |
| Category  | Government, Treasury  |
| Focus     | Investment Grade  |
| Niche     | Short-Term  |
| Strategy  | Vanilla   |
| Weighting | Market Value  |

