

VUSB

Vanguard Ultra-Short Bond ETF

Analyst Report

The Vanguard Ultra-Short Bond ETF is an actively managed fund that aims to bolster income while minimizing volatility. The fund invests in short-term fixed income securities with maturities of up to two years, and is designed for those with an investment time horizon of six to 18 months. The portfolio includes asset-backed debt, government issued bonds, and investment-grade corporates. While VUSB skews toward securities issued by high-quality borrowers, the fund also invests in some riskier medium-quality fixed income assets. Under normal market conditions, the fund aims to invest at least 80% of its portfolio in fixed income securities. Ultra-short-term debt ETFs have become a popular way to boost income as a prolonged era of near-zero interest rates drags down yields on savings vehicles like money market funds and CDs. Ultra-short debt ETFs like VUSB can help investors squeeze a little more income out of their portfolios without overloading on risk. VUSB, which debuted in April 2021, is a relatively late entrant into the ultra-short debt category, but it is managed by the same portfolio team as Vanguard's comparable mutual fund, which has been around since 2015. As one would expect from Vanguard, VUSB is competitively priced compared with rival ETFs.

ESG Themes and Scores

6.5/10

ESG Rate

49.6%

Global Percentile

59.81%

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	VUSB	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	0.52%	1.61%	0.41%
3 Month	1.37%	0.44%	1.10%
YTD Return	0.58%	0.73%	0.51%
1 Year Return	5.80%	3.04%	0.85%
3 Year Return	3.96%	-1.25%	2.41%
5 Year Return	N/A	-0.61%	0.90%

Top 5 Holdings

Symbol	Holding	% Assets
Other	U.S. Dollar	3.06%
Other	ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES	1.87%
Other	Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.568% 17-DEC-2026	0.83%
Other	United States Treasury Notes 3.625% 15-MAY-2026	0.82%
Other	U.S. Bancorp 5.727% 21-OCT-2026	0.73%

Vitals

Issuer	Vanguard
Brand	Vanguard
Structure	ETF
Expense Ratio	0.10%
Inception	Apr 05, 2021
Index Tracked	Bloomberg US Treasury Bellwethers 1-Year

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. - Broad Market, Broad-based Investment Grade Ultra-Short Term
Category	Broad Market, Broad-based
Focus	Investment Grade
Niche	Ultra-Short Term
Strategy	Active
Weighting	Proprietary

