



Diversification among sector funds makes good sense

Stock sector index performance can vary greatly from one year to the next. Diversification can help you avoid unnecessary risk.

MSCI U.S. equity sector indexes ranked by performance, December 31, 2002–December 31, 2012

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
HIGHEST RETURN	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 50.71%	ENERGY 33.20%	ENERGY 35.27%	TELECOMM. SERVICES 37.26%	ENERGY 34.42%	CONSUMER STAPLES -16.38%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 62.18%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 30.87%	UTILITIES 19.12%	FINANCIALS 26.38%
	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 38.95%	UTILITIES 23.34%	UTILITIES 15.02%	UTILITIES 21.71%	MATERIALS 26.47%	HEALTH CARE -23.36%	MATERIALS 51.80%	INDUSTRIALS 27.40%	CONSUMER STAPLES 13.82%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 24.87%
	MATERIALS 36.43%	INDUSTRIALS 19.23%	HEALTH CARE 8.47%	ENERGY 21.03%	UTILITIES 17.50%	UTILITIES -27.99%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 46.75%	MATERIALS 24.59%	HEALTH CARE 10.72%	HEALTH CARE 19.24%
	INDUSTRIALS 33.71%	TELECOMM. SERVICES 18.79%	FINANCIALS 6.28%	MATERIALS 19.80%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 15.13%	TELECOMM. SERVICES -33.16%	INDUSTRIALS 22.54%	ENERGY 21.24%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 3.83%	MATERIALS 17.45%
	FINANCIALS 32.43%	MATERIALS 16.93%	INDUSTRIALS 4.88%	FINANCIALS 19.50%	CONSUMER STAPLES 13.92%	ENERGY -36.93%	HEALTH CARE 22.24%	TELECOMM. SERVICES 17.65%	ENERGY 2.99%	INDUSTRIALS 17.17%
	UTILITIES 26.49%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 14.14%	CONSUMER STAPLES 4.53%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY 16.79%	INDUSTRIALS 13.40%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY -38.05%	ENERGY 19.44%	FINANCIALS 14.87%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 0.66%	TELECOMM. SERVICES 16.59%
	ENERGY 25.21%	FINANCIALS 13.93%	MATERIALS 3.94%	CONSUMER STAPLES 15.03%	TELECOMM. SERVICES 10.48%	INDUSTRIALS -39.90%	CONSUMER STAPLES 15.56%	CONSUMER STAPLES 14.56%	INDUSTRIALS -2.02%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 14.24%
	HEALTH CARE 20.01%	CONSUMER STAPLES 9.29%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 3.09%	INDUSTRIALS 14.73%	HEALTH CARE 7.99%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY -42.76%	FINANCIALS 14.38%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 12.99%	TELECOMM. SERVICES -2.09%	CONSUMER STAPLES 11.21%
	CONSUMER STAPLES 14.18%	HEALTH CARE 4.39%	TELECOMM. SERVICES -2.07%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 9.21%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY -11.43%	MATERIALS -46.66%	TELECOMM. SERVICES 12.56%	UTILITIES 7.20%	MATERIALS -9.30%	ENERGY 3.48%
	TELECOMM. SERVICES 8.40%	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 1.72%	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY -4.11%	HEALTH CARE 6.85%	FINANCIALS -17.34%	FINANCIALS -49.11%	UTILITIES 11.70%	HEALTH CARE 5.97%	FINANCIALS -14.24%	UTILITIES 2.07%
LOWEST RETURN										

Source: Vanguard.

Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The performance of an index is not an exact representation of any particular investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.

Vanguard stock sector ETFs

Vanguard ETF®	Ticker	Benchmark
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Consumer Staples ETF	VDC	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Consumer Staples 25/50 Index
Energy ETF	VDE	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Energy 25/50 Index
Financials ETF	VFH	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Financials 25/50 Index
Global ex-U.S. Real Estate ETF	VNQI	S&P Global ex-U.S. Property Index
Health Care ETF	VHT	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Health Care 25/50 Index
Industrials ETF	VIS	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Industrials 25/50 Index
Information Technology ETF	VGX	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Information Technology 25/50 Index
Materials ETF	VAW	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Materials 25/50 Index
REIT ETF	VNQ	MSCI US REIT Index
Telecommunication Services ETF	VOX	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Telecommunication Services 25/50 Index
Utilities ETF	VPU	MSCI US Investable Market Index/Utilities 25/50 Index

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