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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL INVESTMENT SELECTION PERIOD

**DATE:** April 1, 2025

**TO:** Participant in IAFF MERP With Individual Account

**RE:** Annual Opportunity to Change Investment Selection in IAFF MERP

You have the opportunity each year during the Annual Investment Selection Period to choose the investment for your Individual Account in the IAFF Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (the "IAFF MERP"), or convert your Individual Account balance to Active Service Units. This Cover Letter briefly explains the investment of your Individual Account; please review the *Informational Bulletin For Individual Account Investment Selection* available at IAFFMERP.org for more information about the Individual Account investment options. To change your investment selection or convert your balance to Active Service Units, you must complete the Investment Selection Form (the "Selection Form") enclosed in this packet, by choosing one of the investment options and signing the Selection Form. If you are married, your spouse must also sign the Selection Form. Return the Selection Form to the IAFF MERP Trust Office (address and email above).

**Due Date for Selection Form.** The Selection Form is <u>due to the Trust Office within 30 days of the date on this Notice of Investment Selection Period.</u> Failure to return the Selection Form within the 30-day selection period and make an investment selection will result in your current investment selection remaining in place until the next annual investment selection period.<sup>1</sup>

**Effective Date of Investment Selection.** Your investment selection will be implemented effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. You will not begin accruing investment returns in your Individual Account attributable to the new investment selection until your funds are invested into the new investment selection.

**Investment of Your Individual Account**. The IAFF MERP Board of Trustees has established the following choices for the investment of your Individual Account:

1. First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund. The First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund (ticker symbol: FPIXX) generally invests in high-quality short-term debt obligations, including securities issued by the U.S. government, commercial paper, and non-convertible corporate debt securities designed to maximize current income, preserve capital, and maintain liquidity. This investment option has the lowest volatility and has the lowest expected return in the long term.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you did not return the Selection Form to the Trust Office when your account was initially invested, the default selection based on your age was implemented. Your current investment selection is available on the IAFF MERP web portal or by calling the Trust Office.

- 2. Dodge & Cox Income Fund. The Dodge & Cox Income Fund (ticker symbol: DODIX) has a higher expected return than the First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund but is a more conservative choice than the funds with a blended stock/bond make-up (see Nos. 3 and 4 below). This fund is invested 100% in a diversified allocation of fixed income investments.
- 3. Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund. The Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (ticker symbol: VTINX) is somewhat more aggressive in its allocation than the Dodge & Cox Income Fund. The Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund allocates some of its assets to stocks, which makes it more volatile than the Dodge & Cox Income Fund. However, due to the allocation of some assets to stocks, the Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund also has a higher return potential than the Dodge & Cox Income Fund. The target asset allocation of this fund is 30% equity and 70% fixed income. In contrast to the target date funds (described below) this investment does not become more conservative over time; this investment is a "static" investment fund, which means that the asset allocation targets (stated above) remain the same at all times.
- 4. Target Date Retirement Funds. There are three funds that include a mixture of stocks and bonds and automatically adjust from aggressive to conservative (from more to less stocks) as the year of your selected target date approaches, with the goal of attaining 50% equity and 50% fixed income in the target date year. For example, the Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund will become more conservative as the year 2030 approaches. Review the enclosed Informational Bulletin and fact sheets for information on these funds. You may select from the following three Target Date Funds: Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund (VTHRX), Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund (VFORX), and Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund (VFIFX).

Conversion of Individual Account Balance to Active Service Units – Active Employees Only. Active employee participants may elect to convert their entire Individual Account balance into additional Active Service Units to increase their Monthly Benefit Level in retirement. This option is NOT available to retired participants. Please Note: Conversion during the annual investment selection period does NOT earn additional Active Service, or "time" towards the 60-month contribution requirement to attain eligibility for the lifetime monthly benefit. Only at retirement (i.e., after separation from service and prior to starting benefit payments) can you earn additional Active Service through conversion of Individual Account funds.

Informational Material. The IAFF MERP Board of Trustees wants you to fully understand your options; please carefully review the *Informational Bulletin For Individual Account Investment Selection – April 2025* available at IAFFMERP.org to make an informed decision. Fact sheets on the various investment options are also available of the Trust website to aid you in making your decision. We recommend that you seek assistance from your personal accountant or investment advisor, if you have questions related to your personal circumstances. The Trust Office cannot give investment advice to participants. Trust participants with questions on the mechanics of completing and returning the Selection Form can call the Trust Office at 425.367.0743 or email at <a href="mailto:informational-number of trustographics.">informational-number of trustographics.</a>

Sincerely, Greg Markley, Chairman Board of Trustees, IAFF Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan

**Enclosure: Investment Selection Form** 



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# INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT INVESTMENT SELECTION APRIL 2025

## A. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Informational Bulletin ("Bulletin") is to explain the different investment portfolios ("Portfolio") available to you for investment of the funds credited to your Individual Account in the IAFF Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (the "IAFF MERP"). The Portfolio Selection Form is enclosed with the Notice of Annual Investment Selection Period ("Notice"), that you received from the Trust Office. The Portfolio Selection Form is due to the Trust Office within 30 days of the date listed on the Notice. See Part C of this Bulletin for details on completing and submitting the Portfolio Selection Form.

Your selection of an investment Portfolio for your Individual Account will affect the investment return and risk on your Individual Account balance and may positively or negatively affect the balance in your Individual Account. You should read this Bulletin carefully and obtain independent investment advice if you wish. You can only make investment selections once per year during the 30-day investment selection period (generally in April), so it is important to read this Bulletin and return the Portfolio Selection Form by the deadline. If you do not return the Portfolio Selection Form by the 30-day deadline, your Individual Account will remain invested in your current investment selection (see Part C2 of this Bulletin for default selections).

The Plan maintains a recordkeeping account, called the "Individual Account," for participants under various circumstances. Specifically, the Plan maintains an Individual Account for each participant for whom the following events have occurred: transfers of accrued sick and/or vacation leave (at retirement or throughout your active service); and/or other employer Lump Sum

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The purpose of this Bulletin is to explain your investment options for your Individual Account within the Plan. For more explanation of the benefits offered by the IAFF MERP and the eligibility requirements, please refer to the Summary Plan Description or the IAFF Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan available from the Trust Office.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Board of Trustees has authority to adjust the date of the annual investment selection period in order to most efficiently administer the Plan.

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Transfers, such as Option C for San Diego participants. The purpose of this Bulletin is to give you information for directing the investment of that Individual Account.<sup>3</sup>

## B. PORTFOLIOS AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT SELECTION

- 1. Choose a Portfolio Based on Your Individual Situation. You should read the descriptions below and choose a Portfolio that suits your particular health care situation after your retirement. You are entitled to choose the Portfolio in which to invest the assets that are credited to your Individual Account, but the underlying investments (e.g., individual stocks and bonds), will be chosen and adjusted from time to time by the Portfolio's fund manager. Also, in making your selection, you should be aware that the volatility for a Portfolio generally rises as the percentage of stock allocation becomes greater. You will be given the opportunity to change your Portfolio selection annually.
- 2. Target Date Funds. Target Date Funds will gradually transition from more aggressive to conservative asset allocations as the Target Date approaches, without any action on your part. The progression from more aggressive to conservative asset allocation is called the glidepath. You do not need to change your Portfolio as your retirement date (or other date of need for benefits) approaches, because the fund manager will adjust the Target Date Fund asset allocation with the Target Date in mind. You only need to select a new Portfolio if your life situation changes making the Target Date inappropriate for you (e.g., your expected retirement date changes or your expected medical needs change). A glidepath chart is provided on the IAFF MERP website; the glidepath is the same for all of the target date fund Portfolios in that each target date fund Portfolio attains approximately 50% equites in the target date year. The Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund is a static fund that does not change its allocation over time. Approximately 7 years after the target date is reached for a dated Target Date Fund, the fund manager will transfer all assets to the Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund.

# a) First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund

The First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund (ticker symbol: FPIXX) invests in high-quality short-term debt obligations, including securities issued by the U.S. government, commercial paper, and non-convertible corporate debt securities designed to maximize current income, preserve capital, and maintain liquidity. This is a very conservative Portfolio and should not be expected to earn any significant investment returns. The investment returns on this Portfolio may not exceed the administrative maintenance fee and it is intended for participants who have minimal risk tolerance and/or who will be spending the funds in the near future. The annual investment cost for this Portfolio is

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> You may also receive regular monthly benefits from the pooled account of the Plan, depending on how long contributions were made to the Plan on your behalf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> When a retiree's or survivor's Individual Account balance drops to \$1,000 or less, the Trust Office will stop allocating investment returns to the Individual Account.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The investments within each investment Portfolio will be managed by the fund manager (e.g., Vanguard).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Please consult with your investment advisor to determine which Portfolio is right for you based upon your current retirement plans and/or healthcare needs.

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disclosed as the expense ratio on the fact sheet for the First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund (available on the IAFF MERP website).<sup>7</sup> The fund fees are charged against returns by the fund manager prior to reporting the returns.

# b) Dodge & Cox Income Fund

The Dodge & Cox Income Fund (ticker symbol: DODIX) will be invested 100% in a diversified allocation of fixed income investments. Generally, this Portfolio is a somewhat more aggressive investment than the First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund but is generally less aggressive than the Portfolios with allocations to stocks. This Portfolio is designed for participants with a modest risk tolerance or those who will be spending the funds and exhausting their Individual Account within the next few years. This Portfolio is intended to offer a potentially higher yield than the First American Institutional Prime Obligations Fund but can experience moderate changes in value from period to period and can experience negative returns on occasion. The annual investment cost for the Dodge & Cox Income Fund is disclosed as the expense ratio on the fact sheet for the Dodge & Cox Income Fund (available on the IAFF MERP website). The fund fees are charged against returns by the fund manager prior to reporting the returns.

# c) Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund

The Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (ticker symbol: VTINX) is an investment that is somewhat more aggressive in its allocation than the Dodge & Cox Income Fund. The Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund allocates some assets to stocks, which makes it more aggressive and more volatile than the Dodge & Cox Income Fund (DODIX). However, due to the allocation of some assets to stocks, the Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund also has a higher return potential than the DODIX. The objective of this Portfolio is to provide current income and some capital appreciation. The approximate asset allocation, which remains fairly static, is 30% equity and 70% fixed income. You can see the allocation of underlying funds to stocks and bonds in the fact sheet posted on the IAFF MERP website. This Portfolio is intended for participants who intend to begin using the funds in their Individual Account soon and exhaust their Individual Account within 4-10 years. If you will retire soon, but do not expect to use the funds in your Individual Account upon retirement (e.g., because of medical coverage from a spouse, etc.), then you might choose an investment selection with a longer time horizon, such as the Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund. The annual investment cost for the Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund is disclosed as the expense ratio on the fact sheet for the Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (available on the IAFF MERP website). 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The actual investment cost could change throughout the year as the investment manager adjusts the portfolio composition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The actual investment cost could change throughout the year as Dodge & Cox adjusts the portfolio composition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The asset allocation is continually rebalanced as new monies are added to the fund.

<sup>10</sup> The actual investment cost could change throughout the year as Vanguard adjusts the portfolio composition.

# d) Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund

The Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund (ticker symbol: VTHRX) is a target date fund that is somewhat more aggressive in its allocation than the Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund. Because it is a target date fund, the allocation of assets will change over time. The fund manager will periodically adjust the asset allocation to become more conservative as the target date year 2030 nears, with the intent to attain 50% equity and 50% fixed income in the target date year. You can see the allocation of underlying funds to stocks and bonds in the fact sheet posted on the IAFF MERP website. This Portfolio is for participants who intend to retire in or around the year 2030, begin using the funds in their Individual Account at that time and/or exhaust their Individual Account within 10 years of the target date. If you will retire earlier than 2030 but do not expect to use the funds in your Individual Account upon retirement (e.g., because of medical coverage from a spouse, etc.), you may choose this Portfolio based upon the date that you expect to start using the funds (or exhaust your account) rather than your retirement date. The annual investment cost for the Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund is disclosed as the expense ratio on the fact sheet for the Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund (available on the IAFF MERP website). 11

# e) Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund

The Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund (ticker symbol: VFORX) is a target date fund that is somewhat more aggressive in its allocation than the Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund. Because it is a target date fund, the allocation of assets will change over time. The fund manager will periodically adjust the asset allocation to become more conservative as the target date year 2040 nears, with the intent to attain 50% equity and 50% fixed income in the target date year. You can see the allocation of underlying funds to stocks and bonds in the fact sheet posted on the IAFF MERP website. This Portfolio is for participants who intend to retire in or around the year 2040, begin using the funds in their Individual Account at that time and/or exhaust their Individual Account within 10 years of the target date. If you will retire earlier than 2040 but do not expect to use the funds in your Individual Account upon retirement (e.g., because of medical coverage from a spouse, etc.), you may choose this Portfolio based upon the date that you expect to start using the funds (or exhaust your account) rather than your retirement date. The annual investment cost for the Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund is disclosed as the expense ratio on the fact sheet for the Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund (available on the IAFF MERP website).<sup>12</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The annual cost estimate is based on the costs from the prior plan year. The actual investment cost could change throughout the year as Vanguard adjusts the portfolio composition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The annual cost estimate is based on the costs from the prior plan year or the fund prospectus. The actual investment cost could change throughout the year as Vanguard adjusts the portfolio composition.

# f) Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund

The Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund (ticker symbol: VFIFX) is a target date fund that is somewhat more aggressive in its allocation than the Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund. Because it is a target date fund, the allocation of assets will change over time. The fund manager will periodically adjust the asset allocation to become more conservative, with less equities, as the target date year 2050 nears, with the intent to attain 50% equity and 50% fixed income in the target date year. You can see the allocation of underlying funds to stocks and bonds in the fact sheet posted on the IAFF MERP website.

This Portfolio is intended for new hires and participants who intend to retire in or around the year 2050, begin using the funds in their Individual Account at that time and/or exhaust their Individual Account within 10 years of the target date. If you will retire earlier than 2050 but do not expect to use the funds in your Individual Account upon retirement (e.g., because of medical coverage from a spouse, etc.), you may choose this Portfolio based upon the date that you expect to start using the funds (or exhaust your account) rather than your retirement date. This is the most aggressive investment Portfolio offered at this time. If you expect to retire after 2050, you will have the option to move the funds in your Individual Account to a Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund in approximately 10 years.<sup>13</sup> The annual investment cost for the Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund is disclosed as the expense ratio on the fact sheet for the Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund (available on the IAFF MERP website).<sup>14</sup>

Fact sheets that describe each of the investment Portfolios outlined above are posted on the IAFF MERP website. Each of these investment Portfolios is a publicly traded investment and you can use the ticker symbols listed to further research these funds. A glidepath chart is also provided on the IAFF MERP website; the glidepath is the same for all of the target date funds listed above and attains approximately 50% equites in the target date year.

## C. MAKING YOUR INVESTMENT SELECTION

You received the Notice of Annual Investment Selection Period (the "Notice") because you have an annual opportunity to direct the investment of the balance of your Individual Account in IAFF MERP into one of the above-mentioned investment options. You will not have another opportunity to select an investment option until the IAFF MERP's next annual investment selection period, which is expected to occur in April each year. The Portfolio Selection Form is due to the Trust Office within 30 days of the date on the Notice of Annual Investment Selection Period. Please return the Portfolio Selection Form to the Trust Office at the following address, email, or via the IAFF MERP website:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The IAFF MERP's investment advisor will advise the Trustees on the best timing to add a new Portfolio (Target Date 2060) for new hires.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The actual investment cost could change throughout the year as Vanguard adjusts the portfolio composition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The Board of Trustees has authority to adjust the date of the annual investment selection period in order to most efficiently administer the Plan.

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In selecting the Portfolio for investment of your Individual Account, you should consider the application of the Portfolio's characteristics to your individual situation. For example, you may consider such items as your expected retirement date, the date you expect to start using the funds in your Individual Account to reimburse medical expenses, the date you expect to exhaust the funds in your Individual Account, your risk tolerance, and other assets and income available to you for payment of medical expenses. We also suggest you seek the advice of your personal investment advisor or accountant.

- 1. Effective Date of Investment Selection. New investment selections made during the annual investment selection period will become effective July 1. In order for your investment selection to be implemented on July 1, the Trust Office must receive your Portfolio Selection Form within 30 days of the date on the Notice of Annual Investment Selection Period. Failure to return the Selection Form within the 30-day selection period and make an investment selection will result in your current investment selection remaining in place. You will not begin accruing investment returns in your Individual Account attributable to the investment you select until your funds are invested into that option on approximately July 1.
- **2. Default Selections.** If you did not return the Portfolio Selection Form to the Trust Office when your account was initially invested, the default selection based on your age was implemented. Your current investment selection is available on the IAFF MERP web portal or by calling the Trust Office.
- Accounts. All plan participants share the costs of operating the IAFF MERP (e.g., auditing, claims administration, insurance, legal advice, etc.) The Pooled Account generally pays all operating expenses. However, Account Beneficiaries with an Individual Account who are not currently participating in the Pooled Account (either through current monthly contributions or monthly benefits) are required to pay an administrative maintenance fee deducted from the Individual Account balance to pay for their proportionate share of the operating expenses of the IAFF MERP. Based upon the estimated costs to operate the IAFF MERP, the Trustees have set the administrative maintenance fee for Account Beneficiaries, who do not have any participation in the Pooled Account, at \$8 per month, effective August 1, 2023. Other Account Beneficiaries with an Individual Account, who are also currently participating in the Pooled Account, are required to pay an administrative maintenance fee that reflects the extra costs of administering Individual Accounts. These Account Beneficiaries, who are also currently participating in the Pooled Account, will be assessed an administrative maintenance fee of \$3 per month for the costs of maintaining the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> If you did not make an initial investment selection, your Individual Account was invested in accordance with the default selection that applies to you based upon your age. See Section C2, below.

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Individual Account, effective August 1, 2023.<sup>17</sup> The Trust Office will show the administrative maintenance fee as a line item in the Individual Account transactions on the IAFF MERP web portal.<sup>18</sup>

# D. ALTERNATIVE TO INVESTMENT SELECTION: CONVERTING YOUR INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT BALANCE TO ACTIVE SERVICE UNITS DURING THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT SELECTION PERIOD (<u>ACTIVE EMPLOYEE PARTICIPANTS ONLY</u>)

Instead of selecting one of the above Individual Account investment options, if you are an active employee participant, you can convert your Individual Account balance to Active Service Units to increase your Monthly Benefit Level at retirement.<sup>19</sup> You must make this conversion election within 30 days of the date on the Notice of Investment Selection Period. This is an irrevocable election; the funds cannot be transferred back to your Individual Account after the conversion election is submitted.

Individual Account funds will be converted to Active Service Units, but this conversion does NOT earn additional Active Service or "time" towards the 60-month contribution requirement to attain the lifetime monthly benefit. Your Individual Account funds are converted using the Lump Sum Transfer Conversion Table in Appendix C to the IAFF MERP Plan document. In certain circumstances (i.e., based on your age at the time of conversion) Active Service Units may be more expensive when purchased through conversion than when earned through monthly payroll contributions. This higher rate is due to the timing of conversion closer to retirement, which does not allow the funds to grow in investment in the Pooled Account prior to drawing benefits. For specific age-based Active Service Unit values, refer to *Appendix C – Lump Sum Transfer Conversion Table* available on the IAFF MERP website.

NOTE: THIS INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN IS NOT INTENDED AS INVESTMENT ADVICE. PLEASE CONSULT A QUALIFIED INVESTMENT ADVISOR FOR INVESTMENT ADVICE IN MAKING YOUR INVESTMENT DECISIONS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> This is because participants in the Pooled Account pay their portion of the IAFF MERP operating expenses through payment of operating expenses from the Pooled Account. However, there are extra administrative expenses needed to operate Individual Accounts that participants in the Pooled Account, who do not have an Individual Account, are not required to subsidize.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The Trustees have the authority to adjust the administrative maintenance fee up or down at any time based upon the actual operating expenses of the IAFF MERP. The Trustees also have the authority to determine whether to charge the administrative maintenance fee monthly, quarterly or annually.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> A particular Monthly Benefit Level after retirement is not guaranteed; the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjust the Unit Multiplier up or down at any time for some specified groups or for all current and/or future Beneficiaries.

# First American Money Market Funds

# Institutional Prime Obligations Fund - V Class

Investment Strategy: Seeks to provide maximum current income and daily liquidity by purchasing highquality short-term debt securities such as commercial paper, repurchase agreements, variable rate demand notes and bank instruments.

## **Net Annualized Monthly Average Yields**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
See FirstAmericanFunds.com for additional historical performance information.												
2022	0.01%	0.01%	0.06%	0.19%	0.58%	0.95%	1.46%	2.12%	2.41%	2.91%	3.65%	4.03%
2023	4.26%	4.45%	4.56%	4.70%	4.91%	4.98%	5.02%	5.19%	5.18%	5.20%	5.22%	5.21%
2024	5.18%	5.16%	5.19%	5.18%	5.17%	5.15%	5.14%	5.14%	4.94%	4.64%	4.51%	4.35%

Performance quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Investment return will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. For current month-end performance information, call 800.677.3863. Performance assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Investment performance reflects fee waivers. Without waivers, returns and yields would be reduced.

Portfolio Characteristics	Ticker	CUSIP		Ratings		
Total Net Assets (all classes) \$1 billion		FPIXX	31846V435		Moody's	Aaa-mf
Weighted Average Maturity (WAM) 2 days		<b>Cutoff Times</b>			S&P Global	AAAm
Inception Date 03/31/2006		Purchases and Redemptions	2:00	p.m. CT	For more information and ratings methodology, please visit moodys.com and spqlobal.com.	
Expense Ratio Gross	0.34%	Current Yield	Sub. U	nsub.	moodys.com and sp	giobai.com.
Net <sup>1</sup>	0.30%	7-Day Yield	4.26%	4.21%		

†Subsidized (Sub.) yields reflect fee waivers in effect. Without such waivers, yields would be reduced. Unsubsidized (Unsub.) yields do not reflect fee waivers in effect.

<sup>1</sup>The advisor has contractually agreed to waive fees and reimburse fund expenses through December 31, 2025, so that the total annual fund operating expenses do not exceed as stated. These waivers and reimbursements may be terminated any time after December 31, 2025 by the advisor. Prior to that time, waivers and reimbursements may not be terminated without approval of the fund's board.

**Moody's Aaa-mf Rating:** Money market funds with this rating are judged to be of an investment quality similar to Aaa-rated fixed-income obligations; that is, they are judged to be of the highest quality.

**Portfolio Maturity:** Maturities of the portfolio's securities are determined using provisions of SEC Rule 2a-7, which allow the fund to consider certain floating- and variable-rate securities as having maturities shorter than their stated maturity dates.

**S&P Global AAAm Rating:** S&P Global evaluates a number of factors, including credit quality, market price, exposure, and management.

**Weighted Average Maturity (WAM)** is the time to maturity of all the securities held in the fund, weighted by each security's percentage of total investments. WAM measures a fund's sensitivity to interest rate changes.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. This material must be preceded or accompanied by a current prospectus. It contains more information that investors should carefully consider about each fund, including risks, charges and expenses: call 800.677.3863 or visit www.FirstAmericanFunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

<u>For Institutional Prime Obligations</u> - You could lose money by investing in the fund. Because the share price of the fund will fluctuate, when you sell your shares they may be worth more or less than what you originally paid for them. The fund may impose a fee upon sale of your shares. An investment in the fund is not a deposit of U.S. Bank National Association and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund's sponsor is not required to reimburse the fund for losses, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the fund at any time, including during periods of market stress.

Portfolio Maturity				
Overnight	93%			
2-7 days	7%			
8-29 days	0%			
30-60 days	0%			
61-120 days	0%			
121+ days	0%			
Portfolio Allocation* (% of Market Value)				
Asset Backed Commercial Paper	5.0%			
Non-Negotiable Time Deposits	8.4%			

U.S. Treasury Repurchase Agreements	59.3%	
Variable Rate Demand Notes	2.3%	

\*Portfolio allocations may change and are not recommendations to buy or sell.

#### Portfolio Managers

Other Repurchase Agreements

### James Palmer, CFA

37 years of financial industry experience

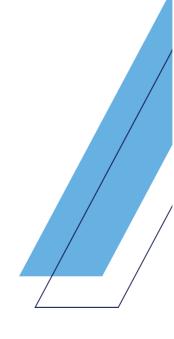
#### Jeffrey Plotnik

31 years of financial industry experience

### Michael Welle, CFA

32 years of financial industry experience

Contact us at 800.677.3863 or www.FirstAmericanFunds.com.





**Income Fund** 

**CLASS I SHARES** 

TICKER DODIX

2024

December 31

**Open to All Investors** 

Established in 1930, Dodge & Cox is one of the largest independently owned investment firms in the world. We manage money for individuals and institutions using a single value-oriented investment philosophy across a focused set of strategies.



Fund Inception January 3, 1989



**Diversified Portfolio** 



Seeks a Durable and Competitive Yield<sup>1</sup>



Moderate Interest Rate Exposure<sup>2</sup>

#### **Details**

Expense Ratio	0.41%
Total Net Assets (billions)	\$89.8
CUSIP	256210105
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly
30-Day SEC Yield4	4.51%
Portfolio Turnover <sup>5</sup>	14%
(1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024)	

## No sales charges or distribution fees

### **Risk Metrics (5 Years)**

Tracking Error <sup>6</sup>	1.83
Standard Deviation <sup>7</sup>	6.67
Sharpe Ratio <sup>8</sup>	-0.15

# **Investment Committee**

Managed by the U.S. Fixed Income Investment Committee, whose members' average tenure at Dodge & Cox is 24 years.

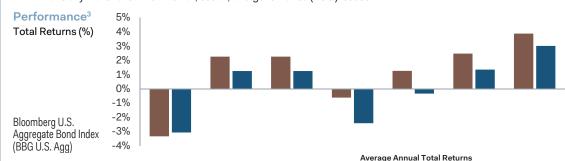
#### **Investment Objective**

Dodge & Cox Income Fund seeks a high and stable rate of current income, consistent with long-term preservation of capital. A secondary focus is to take advantage of opportunities to realize capital appreciation.

#### **Investment Approach**

The Fund offers investors a highly selective, diversified, and actively managed core fixed income fund comprised of carefully-researched investments with attractive long-term risk/return prospects. Generally, we:

- Build a diversified portfolio of primarily investment-grade debt securities, including government and government-related obligations, mortgage- and asset-backed securities, corporate and municipal bonds, and other debt securities.
- Opportunistically pursue areas the benchmark may not cover, such as below investment-grade debt, debt of non-U.S. issuers, and other structured products.
- Select individual securities based on fundamental research and consider a variety of factors, including yield, credit quality, liquidity, covenants, call risk, duration, structure, and capital appreciation potential, as well as financially material environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues.

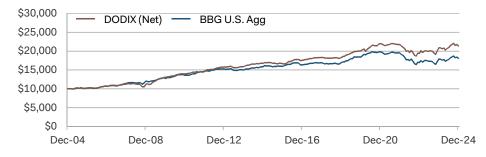


	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years
DODIX (Net)	-3.33	2.26	2.26	-0.62	1.26	2.47	3.87
BBG U.S. Agg	-3.06	1.25	1.25	-2.41	-0.33	1.35	3.01
BBG 0.0. Agg	0.00	1.20	1.20		, 5.00	1.00	0.01

Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment return and share price will fluctuate with market conditions, and investors may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Mutual fund performance changes over time and may be significantly lower than stated above. Performance is updated and published monthly. Visit the Fund's website at <a href="dodgeandcox.com">dodgeandcox.com</a> or call 800-621-3979 for current month-end performance figures.

## Hypothetical Growth of \$10,0003

For an investment made on December 31, 2004





Dana Emery Chair and CEO (41 yrs at Dodge & Cox )



Jim Dignan Fixed Income Analyst (25 yrs)



Lucy Johns Director of Fixed Income (22 yrs)



Adam Rubinson Fixed Income Analyst (22 yrs)



Tony Brekke Fixed Income Analyst (21 yrs)



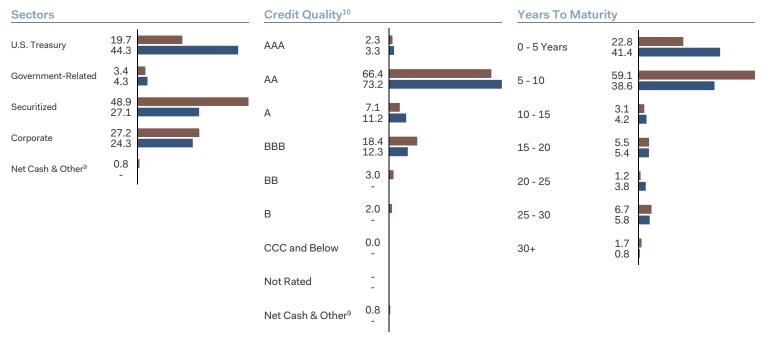
Nils Reuter Trader, Fixed Income Analyst (21 yrs)



Mike Kiedel Fixed Income Analyst (16 yrs)

#### Portfolio Breakdown (% of Fund)

■ Fund ■ BBG U.S. Agg



Ten Largest Credit Issuers (% of Fund) <sup>11</sup>	Fund	Portfolio Characteristics	Fund	BBG U.S. Agg
Petroleos Mexicanos	1.9	Yield to Worst <sup>12</sup>	5.3%	4.9%
Charter Communications, Inc.	1.8	Effective Duration (years) <sup>13</sup>	6.3	6.1
Prosus NV	1.5	Effective Maturity (years)	9.7	8.4
Imperial Brands PLC	1.4	Number of Credit Issuers	59	1,005
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.4			
HSBC Holdings PLC	1.3			
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC	1.3			
TC Energy Corp.	1.2			
Bank of America Corp.	1.0			
Wells Fargo & Co.	1.0			

#### **Risks**

The Fund invests in individual bonds and other securities whose yields and market values fluctuate, so that your investment may be worth more or less than its original cost. The Fund's performance could be hurt by interest rate risk, credit risk, below investment-grade securities risk, mortgage- and asset-backed securities risk, to-be-announced transaction risk, non-U.S. investment risk, liquidity risk, derivatives risk, call risk, sovereign and government-related debt risk, manager risk, market risk, and hybrid securities risk. Please read the prospectus for specific details regarding the Fund's risk profile.

- Based on yield to maturity, which is the total rate of return anticipated for a bond if it is held to maturity, assuming all interest payments are made on schedule and the original principal amount is repaid.
- Based on effective duration, which is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity to interest rate changes, being within the range of three to seven years.
- All returns are stated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted. The Fund's total returns include the reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions, but have not been adjusted for any income taxes payable by shareholders on these distributions or on Fund share redemptions. Index returns include dividend and/or interest income but, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect fees or expenses.

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  SEC Yield is an annualization of the Fund's net investment income for the trailing 30-day period. Dividends paid by the Fund may be higher or lower than implied by the SEC Yield.

  Portfolio Turnover is calculated as the lesser of the portfolio purchases or sales divided by the average portfolio value for the period.

  Tracking Error is a measure of risk. It is defined as the Standard Deviation of the portfolio's excess return vs. the benchmark expressed in percent.

  Standard Deviation measures the volatility of the Fund's returns. Higher Standard Deviation represents higher volatility.

  Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure that calculates excess performance with respect to the risk-free rate per unit of volatility over the time frame.

  Net Cash & Other includes cash, short-term investments, unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, receivables, and payables.

  The credit quality distributions shown for the Fund and the Index are based on the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch ratings, which is the methodology used by Bloomberg in constructing its indices. A rating of AAA is the highest possible credit rating while a rating in the C's or D's is the lowest if a sequitive is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings is used. Please note the Fund another the F AAA is the highest possible credit rating, while a rating in the C's or D's is the lowest. If a security is rated by only two agencies, the lower of the two ratings is used. Please note the Fund applies the highest of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch ratings to determine compliance with the quality requirements stated in its prospectus. On that basis, the Fund held 1.6% in securities rated below investment grade. For consistency purposes, we use the S&P and Fitch rating categories. The credit quality of the investments in the portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the Fund or its shares.
- The Fund's portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice. The mention of specific securities is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security and is not indicative of Dodge & Cox's current or future trading activity.
- Yield to Worst is a measure of the lowest possible yield that can be received on a bond that fully operates within the terms of its contract without defaulting. The distribution of this information must be preceded or accompanied by the prospectus.
- 13 Effective Duration is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity to interest rate changes.

Figures represented by a dash are zero or have no associated data while figures represented by a zero may be rounded to zero.

Market values for debt securities include accrued interest.

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# Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### **Fund facts**

Risk level				Total net	Expense ratio	Ticker	Turnover	Inception	Fund
Low ←		$\longrightarrow$	High	assets	as of 01/31/24	symbol	rate	date	number
1 2	3	4	5	\$34,981 MM	0.08%*	VTINX	4.3%	10/27/03	0308

#### Investment objective

Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund seeks to provide current income and some capital appreciation.

#### **Investment strategy**

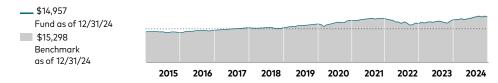
The fund invests in other Vanguard mutual funds according to an asset allocation strategy designed for investors currently in retirement. The underlying funds are: Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Bond II Index Fund, and Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund.

The fund's indirect bond holdings are a diversified mix of short-, intermediate-, and long-term U.S. government, U.S. agency, and investment-grade U.S. corporate bonds; inflation-protected public obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury; mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and government, agency, corporate, and securitized investment-grade foreign bonds issued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar (but hedged by Vanguard to minimize foreign currency exposure). The fund's indirect stock holdings are a diversified mix of U.S. and foreign large-, mid-, and small-capitalization stocks.

#### Benchmark

Target Retirement Income Compos. Ix

#### Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2015—December 31, 2024



#### **Annual returns**



## Total returns

Periods ended December 31, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	-1.57%	6.58%	6.58%	0.98%	3.58%	4.19%
Benchmark	-1.53%	6.74%	6.74%	1.17%	3.86%	4.42%

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Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

<sup>\*</sup> The acquired fund fees and expenses based on the fees and expenses of the underlying funds.

Target Retirement Income Compos. Ix: Derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for emerging-market stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter, as well as the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Index through June 2, 2013, and the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Index through June 2, 2013; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index Hedged beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005, the MSCI US Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP US Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

# Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### Allocation of underlying funds<sup>†</sup>



	Total Bond Market II Index	37.2%		
	Total Stock Market Index Plus	17.5		
ī	STerm Inf Pro Sec Idx Fund	17.3		
†Fund holdings are subject to change.				

Total Intl Bnd II	16.3
Total Intl Stock Idx Fund	11.7

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#### Plain talk about risk

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#### Note on frequent trading restrictions

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# Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### **Fund facts**

Risk level		Total net	Expense ratio	Ticker	Turnover	Inception	Fund
Low ←	─────────────────────────────────────	assets	as of 01/31/24	symbol	rate	date	number
1 2	3 4 5	\$96,773 MM	0.08%*	VTHRX	6.6%	06/07/06	0695

#### **Investment objective**

Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation and current income consistent with its current asset allocation.

#### **Investment strategy**

The fund invests in other Vanguard mutual funds according to an asset allocation strategy designed for investors planning to retire and leave the workforce in or within a few years of 2030 (the target year). The fund's asset allocation will become more conservative over time, meaning that the percentage of assets allocated to stocks will decrease while the percentage of assets allocated to bonds and other fixed income investments will increase. Within seven years after 2030, the fund's asset allocation should become similar to that of the Target Retirement Income Fund. The underlying funds are: Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Bond II Index Fund, and Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund.

The fund's indirect bond holdings are a diversified mix of short-, intermediate-, and long-term U.S. government, U.S. agency, and investment-grade U.S. corporate bonds; inflation-protected public obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury; mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and government, agency, corporate, and securitized investment-grade foreign bonds issued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar (but hedged by Vanguard to minimize foreign currency exposure). The fund's indirect stock holdings are a diversified mix of U.S. and foreign large-, mid-, and small-capitalization stocks.

#### Benchmark

Target Retirement 2030 Composite Ix

#### Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2015—December 31, 2024



#### Annual returns



#### **Total returns**

Periods ended December 31, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	-1.69%	10.64%	10.64%	2.44%	6.44%	6.92%
Benchmark	-1.66%	10.82%	10.82%	2.79%	6.87%	7.24%

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<sup>\*</sup> The acquired fund fees and expenses based on the fees and expenses of the underlying funds.

Target Retirement 2030 Composite Ix: Derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for emerging-market stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index Hedged beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI US Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP US Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

# Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### Allocation of underlying funds<sup>†</sup>



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# Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### **Fund facts**

Risk level			Total net	Expense ratio	Ticker	Turnover	Inception	Fund
Low ←	$\longrightarrow$	High	assets	as of 01/31/24	symbol	rate	date	number
1 2	3 4	5	\$91,597 MM	0.08%*	VFORX	2.4%	06/07/06	0696

#### **Investment objective**

Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation and current income consistent with its current asset allocation.

#### **Investment strategy**

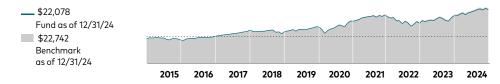
The fund invests in other Vanguard mutual funds according to an asset allocation strategy designed for investors planning to retire and leave the workforce in or within a few years of 2040 (the target year). The fund's asset allocation will become more conservative over time, meaning that the percentage of assets allocated to stocks will decrease while the percentage of assets allocated to bonds and other fixed income investments will increase. Within seven years after 2040, the fund's asset allocation should become similar to that of the Target Retirement Income Fund. The underlying funds are: Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Bond II Index Fund, and Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund.

The fund's indirect bond holdings are a diversified mix of short-, intermediate-, and long-term U.S. government, U.S. agency, and investment-grade U.S. corporate bonds; inflation-protected public obligations issued by the U.S. Treasury; mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; and government, agency, corporate, and securitized investment-grade foreign bonds issued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar (but hedged by Vanguard to minimize foreign currency exposure). The fund's indirect stock holdings are a diversified mix of U.S. and foreign large-, mid-, and small-capitalization stocks.

#### Benchmark

Target Retirement 2040 Composite Ix

#### Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2015—December 31, 2024



#### **Annual returns**



#### **Total returns**

Periods ended December 31, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	-1.50%	12.88%	12.88%	3.51%	7.97%	8.08%
Benchmark	-1.58%	12.99%	12.99%	3.81%	8.37%	8.40%

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Target Retirement 2040 Composite Ix: Derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for emerging-market stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index Hedged beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI US Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP US Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

# Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### Allocation of underlying funds<sup>†</sup>



	Total Stock Market Index Plus	46.5%			
	Total Intl Stock Idx Fund	29.0			
*Fund holdings are subject to change.					

Total Bond Market II Index 17.1
Total Intl Bnd II 7.4

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# Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### **Fund facts**

Risk level			Total net	Expense ratio	Ticker	Turnover	Inception	Fund
Low ←	$\longrightarrow$	High	assets	as of 01/31/24	symbol	rate	date	number
1 2	3 4	5	\$76,732 MM	0.08%*	VFIFX	0.7%	06/07/06	0699

#### **Investment objective**

Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund seeks to provide capital appreciation and current income consistent with its current asset allocation.

#### **Investment strategy**

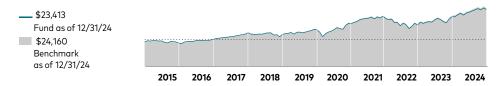
The fund invests in other Vanguard mutual funds according to an asset allocation strategy designed for investors planning to retire and leave the workforce in or within a few years of 2050 (the target year). The fund's asset allocation will become more conservative over time, meaning that the percentage of assets allocated to stocks will decrease while the percentage of assets allocated to bonds and other fixed income investments will increase. Within seven years after 2050, the fund's asset allocation should become similar to that of the Target Retirement Income Fund. The underlying funds are: Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, Vanguard Total International Bond II Index Fund, and Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund.

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#### Benchmark

Target Retirement 2050 Composite Ix

#### Growth of a \$10,000 investment: January 31, 2015—December 31, 2024



#### **Annual returns**



#### **Total returns**

Periods ended December 31, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
Fund	-1.48%	14.64%	14.64%	4.37%	9.03%	8.72%
Benchmark	-1.50%	14.92%	14.92%	4.72%	9.45%	9.05%

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Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

<sup>\*</sup> The acquired fund fees and expenses based on the fees and expenses of the underlying funds.

Target Retirement 2050 Composite Ix: Derived by applying the fund's target asset allocation to the results of the following benchmarks: for international stocks of developed markets, the MSCI EAFE Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for emerging-market stocks, the Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010, the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013, and the FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter; for U.S. bonds, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009, and the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter; for international bonds, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Capped Index Hedged beginning June 3, 2013; and for U.S. stocks, the MSCI US Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013, and the CRSP US Total Market Index thereafter. International stock benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.

# Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund

Balanced fund (stocks and bonds)

#### Allocation of underlying funds<sup>†</sup>



Total Stock Market Index Plus	55.2%
Total Intl Stock Idx Fund	34.8

Total Bond Market II Index 6.9 Total Intl Bnd II 3.1

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The fund is subject to the risks of its underlying funds. As the underlying funds invest in stocks and bonds the fund is subject to several stock and bond market risks, any of which could cause an investor to lose money. However, based on the fund's current allocation between stocks and the less volatile asset class of bonds, the fund's overall level of risk should be higher than those funds that invest the majority of their assets in bonds, but lower than those investing entirely in stocks. As the fund's allocation among underlying funds gradually changes, the fund's overall level of risk also will decline. In addition to the risks inherent in the asset classes of the underlying funds, the fund also is subject to asset allocation risk, which is the chance that the selection of underlying funds and the allocation of fund assets will cause the fund to underperform other funds with a similar investment objective. Investments in Target Retirement Funds are subject to the risks of their underlying funds. The year in the fund name refers to the approximate year 2050 when an investor in the fund would retire and leave the workforce. The fund will gradually shift its emphasis from more aggressive investments to more conservative ones based on its target date. An investment in the Target Retirement 2050 Fund is not guaranteed at any time, including on or after the target date. For further details on all risks, please refer to the fund's prospectus.

#### Note on frequent trading restrictions

Frequent trading policies may apply to those funds offered as investment options within your plan. Please log on to vanguard.com for your employer plans or contact Participant Services at 800-523-1188 for additional information.

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Visit vanguard.com to obtain a prospectus or, if available, a summary prospectus. Investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other important information about a fund are contained in the prospectus; read and consider it carefully before investing.

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The following selection indicates my choice of for the allocation of my Individual Account funds:

□ sele	Transfer Entire Individual Account Balance – I understand that my Individual Account will be transferred to the portfolio selected below and that the next opportunity I will have to change my Investment Selection will be during the next Annual Investment Selection Period – generally in April. (See reverse for more details.)								
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		can Institutional pations Fund	100% money mkt			FPIXX			
	Dodge & Co	ox Income Fund		100% bonds		DODIX			
	Vanguard T	arget Retirement In	come Fund	70% bonds 30% s	tocks	VTINX			
	Vanguard T	arget Retirement 20	030 Fund	Target	Date 2030	VTHRX			
	Vanguard T	arget Retirement 20	040 Fund	Tar	get Date 2040	VFORX			
	Vanguard T	arget Retirement 20	050 Fund		Target Date 2050	VFIFX			
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L	Upload through Member Portal: <a href="https://iaff-merp.simon365.com/">https://iaff-merp.simon365.com/</a>								
By my signature below, I acknowledge I have reviewed the <i>Informational Bulletin For Individual Account Investment Selection – April 2025</i> (available on the IAFF MERP website) which provides detailed information regarding my options and I have reviewed all information above and on the reverse side of this Form.									
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## For Participants electing to transfer Individual Account funds to a different Investment Portfolio:

- ❖ By my signature on reverse side of this Form, I acknowledge I have reviewed the bulletin entitled *Informational Bulletin For Individual Account Investment Selection April 2025* which provides detailed information regarding my options.
- ❖ I understand that all funds in my current Individual Account will be reallocated to the portfolio selected on the reverse side of this Form, and the next opportunity I will have to change my investment selection will be during the next Annual Investment Selection Period generally in April.
- ❖ I understand the effective date of my selection will be July 1, and I will not begin accruing investment returns in my new portfolio until my funds are actually transferred.
- ❖ I understand that none of the Investment Portfolios, including the Money Market Portfolio, are covered by FDIC Insurance.
- ❖ I understand all Portfolios may experience fluctuations in investment returns and principal value. The investment may be worth more or less than its original cost when sold.
- ❖ I understand no guarantee is made regarding future performance of these investments.

# Only for **Active Participants e**lecting to convert Individual Account funds to Active Service Units (Retired participants may **NOT** convert Individual Account balance to Active Service Units):

- ❖ By my signature on reverse side of this Form, I acknowledge I have reviewed the bulletin entitled *Informational Bulletin For Individual Account Investment Selection April 2025*, which provides detailed information regarding this conversion option and my investment selection options.
- ❖ I understand that during this Annual Investment Selection Period, I am eligible now to convert all of my Individual Account balance into additional Active Service Units in order to earn a higher Monthly Benefit Level in retirement.
- ❖ I understand that I must convert my entire Individual Account balance.
- ❖ I understand that all funds in my Individual Account will be converted to Active Service Units, but this conversion does NOT earn additional Active Service or "time" towards the 60-month contribution requirement to attain eligibility for the lifetime monthly benefit.
- ❖ I understand that the next opportunity to convert funds in my Individual Account will be during the next Annual Investment Selection Period generally in April, or at retirement, whichever comes first.
- I understand that I must deliver this Form to the Trust Office within 30 days of the Mailing Date on page one of the enclosed cover letter.
- I understand that in certain circumstances (i.e., based on my age at the time of conversion) Active Service Units may be more expensive when purchased through conversion than when earned through monthly payroll contributions. This higher rate is due to the timing of conversion closer to retirement, which does not allow the funds to grow in investment in the Pooled Account prior to drawing benefits.
- ❖ I understand funds are converted using the Lump Sum Transfer Conversion Table in Appendix C to the IAFF MERP Plan document. A particular Monthly Benefit Level after retirement is not guaranteed; the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjust the Unit Multiplier up or down at any time for some specified groups or for all current and/or future Beneficiaries.
- ❖ I understand that my election to convert my Individual Account balance to Active Service Units is irrevocable and cannot be reversed after this signed Selection Form is received by the Trust Office (i.e., if I elect to convert my entire Individual Account balance into Active Service Units, the Trust Office cannot return the funds to my Individual Account).

All documents referenced herein are available on the IAFF MERP website: https://iaffmerp.org/for-participants/forms-documents/ > Individual Account Management, or from the Trust Office upon request.