Vermont Community Foundation

VCF Core Investment Pool Performance

as of September 30, 2025

VCF Core Investment Pool Performance vs. Benchmark

net of investment management fees

	Latest Quarter	Latest 1 Year	Latest 3 Years	Latest 5 Years	Latest 7 Years	Latest 10 Years
VCF Core Investment Pool	**4.1%**	**9.8%**	**14.9%**	**8.9%**	**7.0%**	**8.2%**
Benchmark	5.4%	11.5%	15.9%	9.3%	8.3%	8.8%
60% MSCI ACW/40% Bloomberg Agg	5.4%	11.4%	15.6%	7.9%	7.8%	8.0%

VCF Core Pool Benchmark is a blended index using market benchmarks weighted based on the Foundation's asset allocation strategy
**Estimated current investment fees, including third party management fees: 0.50%-0.60%*

Investment Strategy and Allocation

The VCF Core Investment Pool is designed to deliver strong, long-term financial returns while investing in companies that demonstrate responsible practices toward the environment, communities, and leadership. We combine low-cost, passively screened investments with carefully chosen active managers who focus on both financial performance and positive social impact.

Asset Class	Target	Actual Allocation	Top Managers by Class
Equity	61.5%	59.6%	Aperio, Brown Capital, Champlain, Silchester, Redwood Grove
Aggregated Fixed Income	24.5%	22.1%	Dodge & Cox, Loomis Sayles, Vanguard
Private Assets	12%	7%	At One Ventures, Consonance, Spark Capital, Union Square Ventures
Cash	2%	9%	Temporarily elevated due to merger

Current Market Performance Commentary

The S&P 500, MSCI EAFE and Emerging Market indices ended the quarter with gains of 8.1%, 4.8%, and 10.6%, Investor anxiety at the start of the quarter — driven by trade-tension headlines and concerns around global growth — gave way to stronger corporate earnings, signs of stabilizing inflation and a revived interest in generative-AI themes. Markets also benefited from a widely anticipated Federal Reserve rate cut and expectations of further monetary easing in the coming quarters.

In Q1 2025, the Core Investment Pool returned +4.1%, trailing its custom benchmark's return by 130 basis points. This result was largely the product of relative underperformance within the pool's small cap equity asset class, which lagged the benchmark during a period where lower quality/more speculative corners of the market posted outsized gains.

Asset Class	All Managers by Class
Equity	Adage, Aperio, Brown Capital, Camelot Capital, Champlain, Elephant Asset Management, Ichigo, Redwood Grove, Silchester, Theleme, Westwood
Aggregated Fixed Income	Colchester, Dodge & Cox, Loomis Sayles, Vanguard
Private Assets	Altas, At One Ventures, Consonance, Digital Alpha, GEM Realty, Eightfold, Healthy Ventures, Lakestar, Lyme Forest, Patron, Renegade, Sango, Spark Capital, Union Square Ventures
Cash	Vanguard