# Look Through Expense to Shareholders - Research by Wintergreen Advisers, LLC

### "Highest Cost" Examples of Look Through Expenses in the S&P 500

	Average Annual Dilution from Executive Compensation Plans	Average Annual BuyBack Used to Offset Compensation Dilution	"Look Through Expense to Shareholder" (Average Dilution [Column C] + Average Buyback to Offset Dilution [Column D])*	
GOLDMAN SACHS GP	10.1%	7.9%	18.0%	
AMERIPRISE FINAN	6.0%	6.0%	12.0%	
CITRIX SYSTEMS	5.6%	5.6%	11.2%	
REGENERON PHARM	10.7%	0.0%	10.7%	
TERADATA CORP	5.1%	5.1%	10.3%	
QUEST DIAGNOSTIC	5.1%	4.9%	10.0%	
ORACLE	4.7%	4.7%	9.4%	
INTUIT INC	4.6%	4.6%	9.2%	
TEXAS INSTRUMENT	4.5%	4.5%	9.1%	
AVERY DENNISON	4.5%	4.5%	8.9%	
ACCENTURE PLC-A	4.4%	4.4%	8.9%	
LAM RESEARCH	4.4%	4.4%	8.9%	
NORDSTROM	4.3%	4.3%	8.7%	
IBM	4.3%	4.3%	8.7%	
CBS CORP-B	4.3%	4.3%	8.6%	
Average of the "Highest Cost" Examples	5.5%	4.7%	10.2%	
Average: Proxy Vote Factored, including expenses	5.6%	4.9%	10.5%	

2015 Proxy Vote Record~				
Blackrock	State Street	Vanguard		
For	For	For		
For	For	For		
For	For	For		
For	Against	Against		
For	For	For		
For	For	For		
Against	Against	Against		
For	For	For		
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For	For	For		
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For	For	For		
For	For	For		
N/A	N/A	N/A		

If a firm cast a vote either "Against" management compensation plans or were "Mixed", the resulting dilution and offsetting buyback are not included when calculating the Look Through Expense

Look Through Expense to Shareholder				
Blackrock "Core" ETF ^^	State Street Average ETF ^^^	Vanguard Average ETF ^		
0.09% (Average Annual Expense Ratio)	0.19% (Average Annual Expense Ratio)	0.12% (Average Annua Expense Ratio)		
18.1%	18.2%	18.1%		
12.1%	12.2%	12.2%		
11.3%	11.4%	11.3%		
10.8%				
10.4%	10.5%	10.4%		
10.1%	10.2%	10.1%		
9.3%	9.4%	9.3%		
9.2%	9.3%	9.2%		
9.0%	9.1%	9.0%		
9.0%	9.1%	9.0%		
9.0%	9.1%	9.0%		
8.8%	8.9%	8.8%		
8.8%	8.9%	8.8%		
10.5%	10.5%	10.5%		

Average Look Through Expense to Shareholders, including the annual expense ratio.

### Average Look Through Expenses of the Entire S&P 500

Average Annual Dilution from Executive Compensation Plans		Average Annual BuyBack Used to Offset Compensation Dilution	"Look Through Expense to Shareholder" (Average Dilution [Column C] + Average Buyback to Offset Dilution [Column D])*	
Average: All S&P500	2.5%	1.6%	4.1%	
Average: Proxy Vote Factored, including expenses	2.5%	1.7%	4.2%	

2015 Proxy Vote Record~				
Blackrock	State Street	Vanguard		

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Look Through Expense to Shareholder			
Blackrock "Core" ETF ^^	State Street Average ETF ^^^	Vanguard Average ETF	
0.09% (Average Annual Expense Ratio)	0.19% (Average Annual Expense Ratio)	0.12% (Average Annua Expense Ratio)	
4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	

Average Look Through Expense to Shareholders, including the annual expense ratio.

## Average Look Through Expenses of the "Terrible Ten"

	Average Annual Di- lution from Executive Compensation Plans	Average Annual BuyBack Used to Offset Compensation Dilution	"Look Through Expense to Share- holder" (Average Dilution (Column C) + Average Buyback to Offset Dilution (Column D))"
AMAZON	7.9%	0.3%	8.2%
EBAY	4.0%	4.0%	8.0%
APPLE	2.2%	2.2%	4.3%
MICROSOFT	2.2%	2.2%	4.3%
STARBUCKS	2.8%	0.9%	3.7%
PRICELINE	1.4%	1.4%	2.7%
ALPHABET	2.6%	0.1%	2.7%
SALESFORCE	3.2%	0.0%	3.2%
NETFLIX	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%
FACEBOOK	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%
Average: Terrible Ten	3.0%	1.1%	4.1%
Average: Proxy Vote Factored, including expenses	3.3%	1.2%	4.5%

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Blackrock	State Street	Vanguard
For	For	For
For	For	For
For	Mix	For
For	Mix	For
For	For	For
For	For	For
For	For	Against
For	Against	Against
For	For	For
For	For	Against

If a firm cast a vote either "Against" management compensation plans or were "Mixed", the resulting dilution and offsetting buyback are not included when calculating the Look Through Expense

Look Through Expense to Shareholder				
Blackrock "Core" ETF ^^	State Street Average ETF ^^^	Vanguard Average ETF		
0.09% (Average Annual Expense Ratio)	0.19% (Average Annual Expense Ratio)	0.12% (Average Annual Expense Ratio)		
8.2%	8.3%	8.3%		
8.1%	8.2%	8.1%		
4.4%		4.4%		
4.4%		4.4%		
3.8%	3.9%	3.8%		
2.8%	2.9%	2.8%		
2.7%	2.8%			
3.3%				
2.3%	2.4%	2.3%		
1.7%	1.8%			
4.2%	4.3%	4.9%		

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#### Look Through Expenses may seriously affect your returns.

Definitions:

"Average Annual Dilution from Executive Compensation Plan" = Total Potential Dilution divided by vesting periods (number of years, typically 3-5 years).

"Look Through Expense to Shareholder" = Average Annual Dilution plus the Average Annual Buyback that was used to offset compensation dilution. Buyback and Dilution information is from each company's public filings.

\* Rounding may result in percentages that do not directly tie back to the sum of the source amounts.

	Avg Look Through Expense to Shareholder	Example of Annualized Growth Rate	10-years	gain (loss) after 10-years
"Avg" Sample	4.2%	5%	\$106,059.00	\$6,059.00
Terrible Ten	4.5%	5%	\$100,652.00	\$652.00
"Highest Cost" Example	10.5%	5%	\$53,718.00	\$(46,282.00)

Sources:

~Proxy Insight

^ Vanguard ^^ Blackrock



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