

A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-121 Spring 2018

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Regular investing does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Investors should consider their willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining. Market indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Results for the Lipper indexes do not reflect sales charges. There have been periods when the fund has lagged the index.

This illustration must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current summary prospectus or prospectus, which details charges, expenses, investment objectives and operating policies. The American Funds are distributed by American Funds Distributors, Inc.

Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflect applicable fees and expenses. Expense ratios are as of each fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. The expense ratios for American Funds Corporate Bond Fund and Class F-3 shares are estimated. When applicable, investment results reflect fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, without which results would have been lower. Please see americanfunds.com for more information. For the funds and/or share classes listed below, the investment adviser is currently reimbursing a portion of the funds' fees or expenses, without which the results would have been lower and net expense ratios higher.

- American Funds Retirement Target Date Series funds: Class F-3 shares (through at least April 7, 2018)
- American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund, American Funds Global Balanced Fund and American Funds Inflation Linked Bond Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least April 7, 2018)
- The New Economy Fund, New World Fund, American Mutual Fund, Capital World Growth and Income Fund, Capital Income Builder, The Bond Fund of America, Capital World Bond Fund and the American Funds Portfolio Series funds: Class R-5E shares (through at least April 7, 2018)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio: all share classes (through at least April 7, 2018)
- AMCAP Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least May 1, 2018)
- American Funds Corporate Bond Fund: all share classes (through at least August 1, 2018)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Fund of New York: all share classes (through at least October 1, 2018)
- American Funds Mortgage Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least November 1, 2018)
- Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America and U.S. Government Securities Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least November 1, 2018)
- American High-Income Trust and American Funds U.S. Government Money Market Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least December 1, 2018)

The investment adviser may elect at its discretion to extend, modify or terminate the reimbursements at that time. Please see each fund's most recent prospectus for details. The expense ratios for the College Target Date Series, Target Date Retirement Series and Portfolio Fund Series include the weighted average expenses of the underlying funds. Please see the fund's most recent prospectus for details.

Standardized Average Annual Total Returns for Quarter Ended 3/31/2018

Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized

Inception Max. Initial Sales

Security Name	Inception Date	Max. Initial Sales Charge/CDSC	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)	5/28/1974	3.75% Front	-3.14%	0.85%	2.58%	7.38%

Gross Charges and Expenses

Fund Name	Sales Charge	Max CDSC	Max Redem Fee	Total Gross Operating Expense
The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)	3.75%	1.00%	0.00%	0.61%

The fund does not assess redemption fees. However, shareholders redeeming shares may be subject to the fund's Purchase Blocking Policy as described in the prospectus.

The illustration included herein does not reflect the effects of taxes in some or all of the investments.

If the results shown on the following pages do not reflect deduction of an initial sales charge (i.e. they are at net asset value), please note that they would have been lower if the sales charge had been deducted.

Class A shares are subject to an up-front maximum sales charge of 5.75% for equity funds and most Portfolio Series funds, 3.75% for most fixed income funds and American Funds Tax-Advantaged Income Portfolio, and 2.50% for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short-Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America, American Funds Preservation Portfolio and American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio. The sales charge declines for accounts and aggregated investments (\$25,000 for equity and target date funds, \$100,000 for most bond funds, \$500,000 for Intermediate Bond Fund of America, Short Term Bond Fund of America, American Funds Short-Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, and Limited Term Tax-Exempt Bond Fund of America). There is no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1 million or more. A 1% contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) may be assessed if a redemption occurs within 18 months of purchase. Results on the following pages reflect deduction of the CDSC if the investment is \$1 million or more and a withdrawal is selected within 18 months of purchase. Certain withdrawals before age 59 1/2 may be subject to income tax and, if applicable, to a 10% federal penalty. For current information and month-end results, visit americanfunds.com.

The return of principal for bond funds and for funds with significant underlying bond holdings is not guaranteed. Fund shares are subject to the same interest rate, inflation and credit risks associated with the underlying bond holdings.

Investing outside the United States involves additional risks, such as currency fluctuations, periods of illiquidity and price volatility, as more fully described in the prospectus. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

Higher yielding, higher risk bonds can fluctuate in price more than investment-grade bonds, so investors should maintain a long-term perspective.

- The A/529-A share 1, 5, and 10-year return for each fund is based on the MOP value.
- The "Average annual return on the investment" is based on the initial investment and the breakpoint chosen.
- Cumulative Volume Discount Reflected Where Applicable in This Illustration.
- NOTE: Systematic Accumulation Plans cannot assure a profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

The Bond Fund of America A (ABNDX)

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
03/01/1978	\$100.00	3.75%	\$96	6.601

\$100 initial investment on 03/01/1978. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$100.00 from 04/01/1978 to 02/28/2018 every month, on the first day of the month. The initial investment is subject to a 3.75% sales charge. Subsequent investments are subject to a sales charge of up to 3.75%. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1978	1,000	47	47	0	71	970
12/31/1979	1,200	166	213	0	169	2,152
12/31/1980	1,200	335	548	0	290	3,408
12/31/1981	1,200	567	1,116	0	446	4,862
12/31/1982	1,200	817	1,933	0	619	7,849
12/31/1983	1,200	1,001	2,934	0	789	9,786
12/31/1984	1,200	1,270	4,204	0	990	12,216
12/31/1985	1,200	1,568	5,773	0	1,199	16,792
12/31/1986	1,200	1,912	7,685	559	1,451	20,612
12/31/1987	1,200	2,075	9,760	0	1,688	22,178
12/31/1988	1,200	2,295	12,056	0	1,945	25,750
12/31/1989	1,200	2,703	14,759	0	2,234	29,556
12/31/1990	1,200	2,961	17,720	0	2,559	31,706
12/31/1991	1,200	3,200	20,920	0	2,894	39,648
12/31/1992	1,200	3,477	24,396	128	3,238	45,301
12/31/1993	1,200	3,669	28,066	1,379	3,663	52,929
12/31/1994	1,200	4,032	32,098	0	4,051	51,408
12/31/1995	1,200	4,441	36,539	0	4,470	62,043
12/31/1996	1,200	4,744	41,283	0	4,903	67,419
12/31/1997	1,200	4,998	46,281	0	5,348	74,868
12/31/1998	1,200	5,307	51,588	793	5,872	79,924
12/31/1999	1,200	5,682	57,270	0	6,389	82,926
12/31/2000	1,200	6,379	63,649	0	6,979	89,267
12/31/2001	1,200	6,491	70,141	0	7,569	96,814
12/31/2002	1,200	6,537	76,677	0	8,184	103,939
12/31/2003	1,200	5,948	82,625	0	8,725	117,869
12/31/2004	1,200	5,731	88,357	0	9,236	126,065
12/31/2005	1,200	6,429	94,786	0	9,802	129,581
12/31/2006	1,200	6,603	101,389	0	10,390	138,395
12/31/2007	1,200	7,500	108,889	0	11,044	144,238
12/31/2008	1,200	8,530	117,420	0	11,861	127,621
12/31/2009	1,200	6,357	123,777	0	12,532	147,882

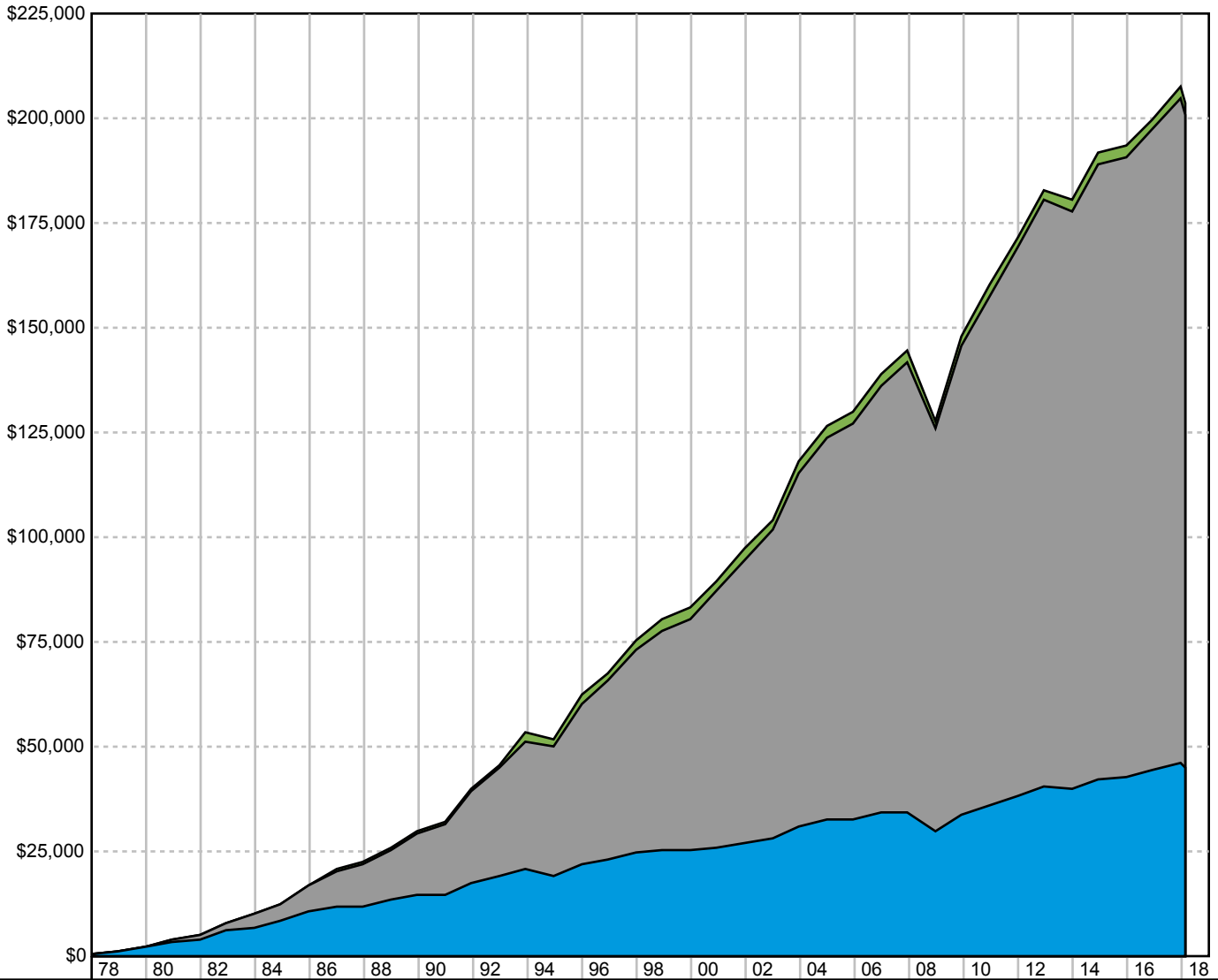
Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/2010	1,200	5,923	129,699	0	13,113	159,848
12/31/2011	1,200	5,627	135,326	0	13,661	171,444
12/31/2012	1,200	4,613	139,940	0	14,111	182,734
12/31/2013	1,200	4,213	144,152	0	14,536	180,244
12/31/2014	1,200	3,994	148,147	0	14,941	191,397
12/31/2015	1,200	3,808	151,955	0	15,329	192,997
12/31/2016	1,200	3,365	155,320	0	15,679	199,443
12/31/2017	1,200	3,761	159,081	0	16,061	207,025
02/28/2018	200	639	159,720	0	16,126	203,193
Total	48,000	159,720	159,720	2,859	16,126	203,193

Average annual return on the investment for the period 03/01/1978 - 02/28/2018 : 6.23%

3/1/1978 - 2/28/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$203,193

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$2,538)
- From Income (Ending value: \$155,660)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$44,995)

This graph must be accompanied by the underlying Hypo illustration(s).