

# A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-121 Summer 2018

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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 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](http://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.

- 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)
- American Funds 2010 – 2020 and 2040 – 2055 Target Date Retirement funds: Class F-3 shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Mutual Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Global Balanced Fund: Class R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Tax-Exempt Preservation Portfolio and American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund: all share classes (through at least January 1, 2019)
- American Funds Developing World Growth and Income Fund: Class F-3, R-2E and R-5E shares (through at least February 1, 2019)
- Capital World Bond Fund: Class R-5E shares (through at least March 1, 2019)

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	-3.15%	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](http://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
06/01/1978	\$100.00	3.75%	\$96	6.784

\$100 initial investment on 06/01/1978. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments from 07/01/1978 to 05/31/2018 every month starting at \$100.00 and increasing by \$10.00, every twelve months, 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	700	26	26	0	50	676
12/31/1979	1,260	140	165	0	149	1,906
12/31/1980	1,380	317	482	0	284	3,329
12/31/1981	1,500	578	1,060	0	466	5,084
12/31/1982	1,620	880	1,939	0	680	8,624
12/31/1983	1,740	1,124	3,063	0	900	11,172
12/31/1984	1,860	1,482	4,545	0	1,172	14,460
12/31/1985	1,980	1,891	6,436	0	1,463	20,490
12/31/1986	2,100	2,367	8,803	699	1,816	25,804
12/31/1987	2,220	2,633	11,436	0	2,166	28,465
12/31/1988	2,340	2,985	14,421	0	2,556	33,847
12/31/1989	2,460	3,599	18,020	0	3,004	39,738
12/31/1990	2,580	4,030	22,051	0	3,518	43,584
12/31/1991	2,700	4,450	26,500	0	4,060	55,625
12/31/1992	2,820	4,927	31,427	183	4,626	64,715
12/31/1993	2,940	5,289	36,716	2,001	5,319	76,856
12/31/1994	3,060	5,906	42,623	0	5,981	75,895
12/31/1995	3,180	6,614	49,236	0	6,705	93,069
12/31/1996	3,300	7,177	56,413	0	7,466	102,652
12/31/1997	3,420	7,670	64,083	0	8,258	115,615
12/31/1998	3,540	8,254	72,337	1,235	9,191	125,092
12/31/1999	3,660	8,956	81,293	0	10,134	131,543
12/31/2000	3,780	10,193	91,487	0	11,219	143,493
12/31/2001	3,900	10,506	101,993	0	12,320	157,575
12/31/2002	4,020	10,708	112,701	0	13,486	171,267
12/31/2003	4,140	9,859	122,560	0	14,540	196,433
12/31/2004	4,260	9,609	132,169	0	15,557	212,359
12/31/2005	4,380	10,898	143,067	0	16,686	220,587
12/31/2006	4,500	11,309	154,376	0	17,872	238,055
12/31/2007	4,620	12,979	167,355	0	19,190	250,625
12/31/2008	4,740	14,916	182,271	0	20,831	224,140
12/31/2009	4,860	11,230	193,502	0	22,258	262,647

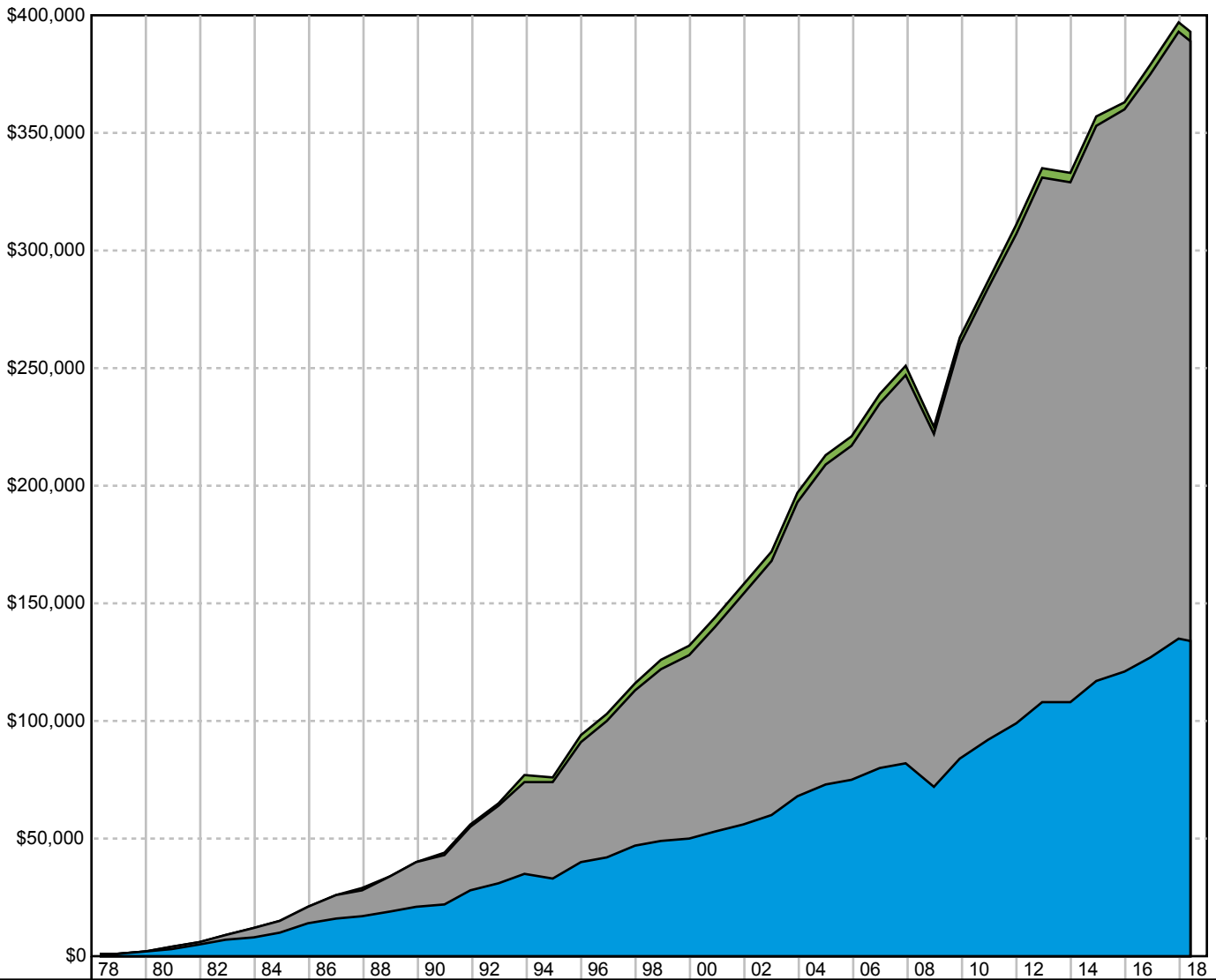
<b>Date</b>	<b>Investment(s)</b>	<b>Dividend Income</b>	<b>Total Dividend Income</b>	<b>Capital Gains</b>	<b>Shares Held</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
12/31/2010	4,980	10,577	204,079	0	23,524	286,762
12/31/2011	5,100	10,150	214,228	0	24,746	310,558
12/31/2012	5,220	8,398	222,626	0	25,797	334,075
12/31/2013	5,340	7,742	230,368	0	26,821	332,586
12/31/2014	5,460	7,406	237,774	0	27,823	356,416
12/31/2015	5,580	7,129	244,903	0	28,805	362,656
12/31/2016	5,700	6,354	251,257	0	29,727	378,129
12/31/2017	5,820	7,165	258,422	0	30,723	396,021
05/31/2018	2,450	3,403	261,825	0	31,182	392,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>141,210</b>	<b>261,825</b>	<b>261,825</b>	<b>4,119</b>	<b>31,182</b>	<b>392,263</b>

Average annual return on the investment for the period 06/01/1978 - 05/31/2018 : 5.60%

6/1/1978 - 5/31/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$392,263

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$3,653)
- From Income (Ending value: \$255,377)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$133,233)

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