

# A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123 Fall 2018

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## Important Disclosures

**Figures shown are past results and are not predictive of results in future periods. Current and future results may be lower or higher than those shown. Share prices and returns will vary, so investors may lose money. Investing for short periods makes losses more likely. For more current information and month-end results, visit [americanfunds.com](http://americanfunds.com).**

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 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 6/30/2018

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 Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)	1/1/1934	5.75% Front	6.41%	11.41%	8.58%	12.06%

#### Gross Charges and Expenses

Fund Name	Sales Charge	Max CDSC	Max Redem Fee	Total Gross Operating Expense
The Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)	5.75%	1.00%	0.00%	0.58%

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 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 Investment Company of America A (AIVSX)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Initial Investment</b>	<b>Initial Sales Charge</b>	<b>Net Amount Invested</b>	<b>Shares Purchased</b>
08/01/1998	\$500.00	5.75%	\$471	15.129

\$500 initial investment on 08/01/1998. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments of \$500.00 from 09/01/1998 to 07/31/2018 every month, on the first day of the month. The initial investment is subject to a 5.75% sales charge. Subsequent investments are subject to a sales charge of up to 5.75%. The effects of income and capital gains taxes are not demonstrated.

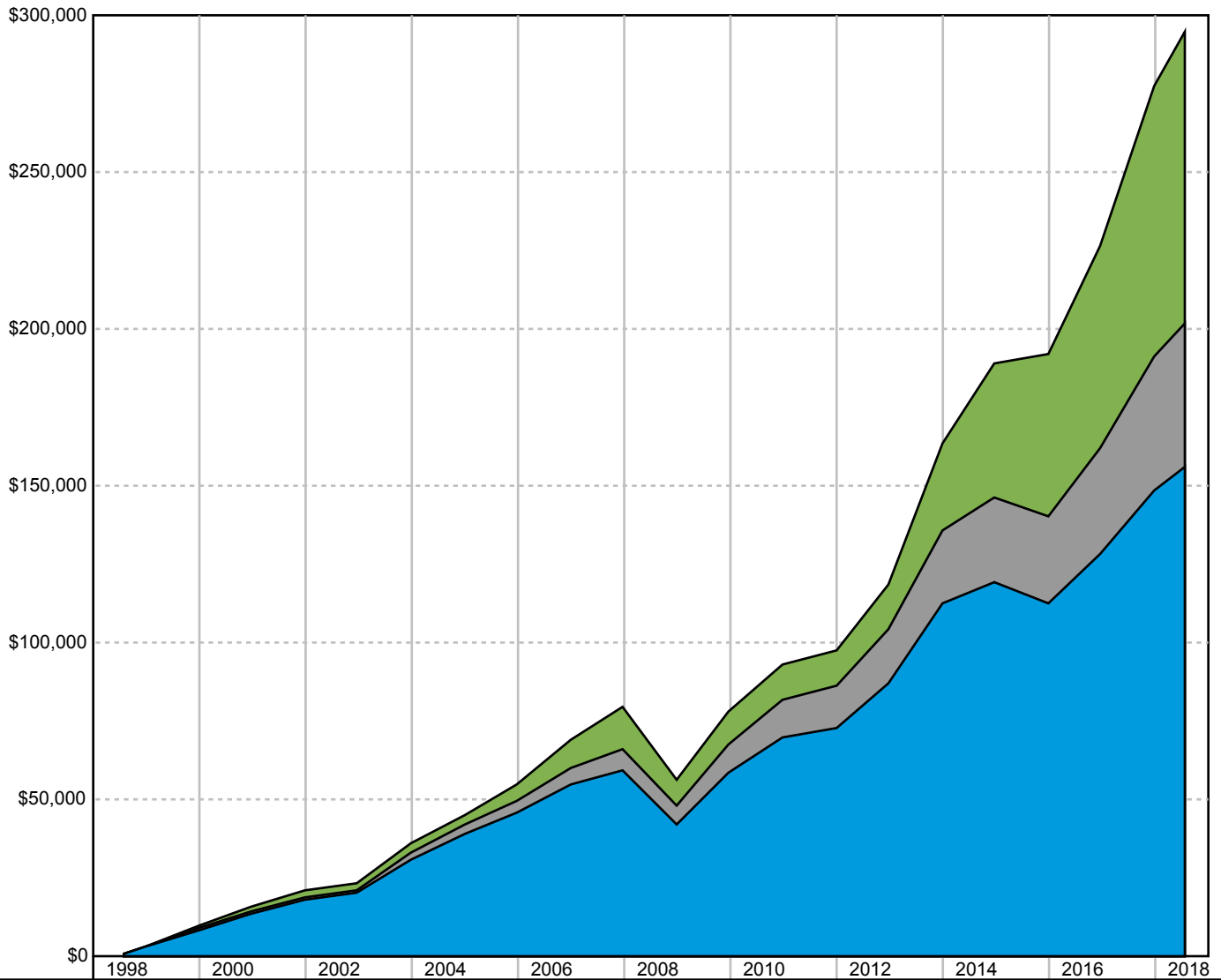
<b>Date</b>	<b>Investment(s)</b>	<b>Dividend Income</b>	<b>Total Dividend Income</b>	<b>Capital Gains</b>	<b>Shares Held</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
12/31/1998	2,500	16	16	205	86	2,666
12/31/1999	6,000	102	118	758	287	9,308
12/31/2000	6,000	209	327	920	497	15,437
12/31/2001	6,000	321	648	375	712	20,309
12/31/2002	6,000	440	1,089	413	964	22,626
12/31/2003	6,000	583	1,671	254	1,226	35,345
12/31/2004	6,000	705	2,377	511	1,462	44,942
12/31/2005	6,000	1,091	3,468	1,351	1,724	54,053
12/31/2006	6,000	1,374	4,842	3,961	2,056	68,898
12/31/2007	6,000	1,434	6,276	4,180	2,390	78,755
12/31/2008	6,000	1,722	7,998	0	2,661	55,780
12/31/2009	6,000	1,630	9,628	0	3,002	77,901
12/31/2010	6,000	1,777	11,405	0	3,293	92,735
12/31/2011	6,000	2,003	13,408	0	3,573	96,780
12/31/2012	6,000	2,699	16,107	1,603	3,912	117,997
12/31/2013	6,000	2,557	18,663	10,368	4,442	163,010
12/31/2014	6,000	3,320	21,984	15,505	5,093	188,856
12/31/2015	6,000	3,259	25,242	13,383	5,749	191,843
12/31/2016	6,000	4,045	29,288	7,783	6,241	226,120
12/31/2017	6,000	4,340	33,628	14,606	6,862	277,151
07/31/2018	3,500	2,113	35,741	3,904	7,093	294,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>35,741</b>	<b>35,741</b>	<b>80,081</b>	<b>7,093</b>	<b>294,272</b>

**Average annual return on the investment for the period 08/01/1998 - 07/31/2018 : 8.24%**

8/1/1998 - 7/31/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$294,272

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$92,769)
- From Income (Ending value: \$45,834)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$155,669)

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