

# A Hypothetical Illustration for BUS-123 Fall 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 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)**

Date	Initial Investment	Initial Sales Charge	Net Amount Invested	Shares Purchased
08/01/1978	\$100.00	5.75%	\$94	11.765

\$100 initial investment on 08/01/1978. Dividends and capital gains are reinvested. Subsequent investments from 09/01/1978 to 07/31/2018 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 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.

Date	Investment(s)	Dividend Income	Total Dividend Income	Capital Gains	Shares Held	Total Value
12/31/1978	500	5	5	0	61	454
12/31/1979	1,240	49	53	7	215	1,829
12/31/1980	1,360	122	175	45	382	3,684
12/31/1981	1,480	218	394	260	590	5,100
12/31/1982	1,600	354	747	332	857	8,733
12/31/1983	1,720	434	1,182	392	1,086	12,227
12/31/1984	1,840	551	1,733	560	1,356	14,921
12/31/1985	1,960	677	2,410	671	1,635	22,093
12/31/1986	2,080	859	3,269	4,398	2,198	28,988
12/31/1987	2,200	1,205	4,473	1,777	2,576	32,481
12/31/1988	2,320	1,532	6,005	2,131	3,025	39,146
12/31/1989	2,440	1,884	7,890	2,764	3,494	53,251
12/31/1990	2,560	2,162	10,051	820	3,866	56,129
12/31/1991	2,680	1,771	11,822	1,542	4,227	73,890
12/31/1992	2,800	2,054	13,876	1,428	4,577	81,877
12/31/1993	2,920	2,221	16,097	3,607	5,040	94,355
12/31/1994	3,040	2,492	18,589	3,173	5,513	97,411
12/31/1995	3,160	2,832	21,421	5,250	6,050	130,748
12/31/1996	3,280	3,093	24,515	6,473	6,585	159,552
12/31/1997	3,400	3,354	27,869	17,655	7,463	210,831
12/31/1998	3,520	3,900	31,769	22,704	8,466	263,051
12/31/1999	3,640	4,411	36,180	26,523	9,565	310,492
12/31/2000	3,760	5,090	41,270	20,481	10,501	326,148
12/31/2001	3,880	5,568	46,839	6,326	11,038	314,917
12/31/2002	4,000	5,844	52,682	5,205	11,625	272,947
12/31/2003	4,120	6,148	58,831	2,514	12,119	349,512
12/31/2004	4,240	6,390	65,221	4,411	12,623	388,156
12/31/2005	4,360	8,718	73,939	10,482	13,371	419,300
12/31/2006	4,480	10,042	83,980	28,221	14,649	490,881
12/31/2007	4,600	9,791	93,771	27,844	15,920	524,579
12/31/2008	4,720	10,986	104,757	0	16,503	345,897
12/31/2009	4,840	9,592	114,349	0	17,173	445,631

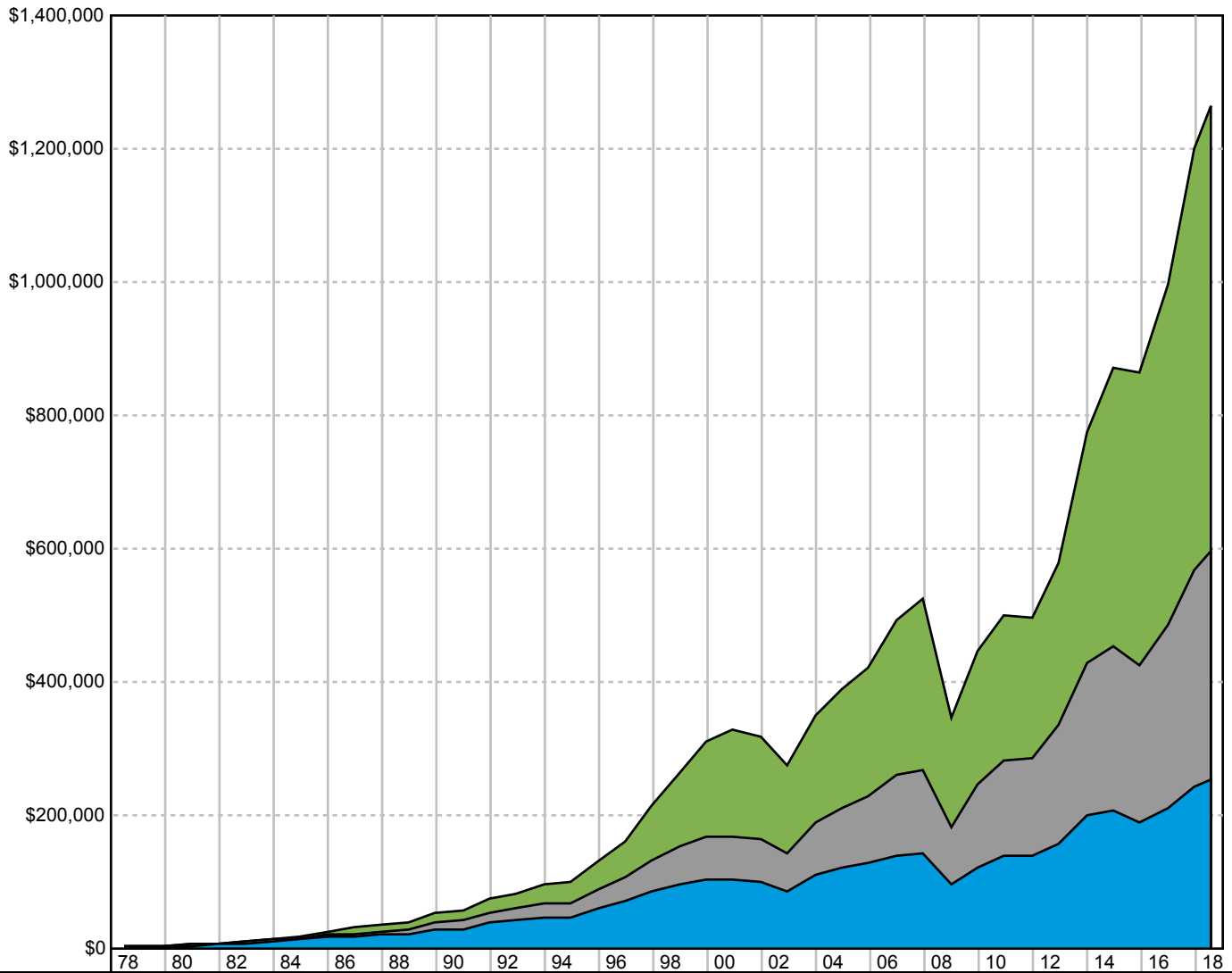
<b>Date</b>	<b>Investment(s)</b>	<b>Dividend Income</b>	<b>Total Dividend Income</b>	<b>Capital Gains</b>	<b>Shares Held</b>	<b>Total Value</b>
12/31/2010	4,960	9,765	124,114	0	17,734	499,395
12/31/2011	5,080	10,432	134,546	0	18,291	495,505
12/31/2012	5,200	13,373	147,918	7,857	19,171	578,187
12/31/2013	5,320	12,228	160,146	49,085	21,029	771,748
12/31/2014	5,440	15,422	175,568	71,486	23,483	870,732
12/31/2015	5,560	14,792	190,360	60,354	25,880	863,601
12/31/2016	5,680	17,932	208,291	34,272	27,482	995,684
12/31/2017	5,800	18,877	227,169	63,164	29,673	1,198,511
07/31/2018	3,430	9,084	236,253	16,748	30,388	1,260,818
<b>Total</b>	<b>141,210</b>	<b>236,253</b>	<b>236,253</b>	<b>510,960</b>	<b>30,388</b>	<b>1,260,818</b>

**Average annual return on the investment for the period 08/01/1978 - 07/31/2018 : 10.70%**

8/1/1978 - 7/31/2018

Total Ending Amount: \$1,260,818

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- From Capital Gains (Ending value: \$667,135)
- From Income (Ending value: \$343,296)
- From Principal (Ending value: \$250,388)

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